



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION



Build Your Future with DCBIA: Membership Benefits

The District of Columbia Building Industry Association (DCBIA) champions real estate development in Washington, DC. We build real estate leaders and cultivate a thriving community through insightful programs and curated networking connections. And, our effective advocacy and promotion of sound policy are vital to ensuring our city thrives as the engine of the Washington, DC region.

The Vertical Imperative: It Takes All Disciplines to Build DC:

DCBIA creates a collaborative environment by bringing together all stakeholders in the real estate development cycle, from zoning attorneys and developers to architects, engineers, general contractors, lenders, and community organizations. This inclusive approach allows us to address the diverse needs of our dynamic industry and drive successful projects across the District.

“We build real estate leaders and cultivate a thriving community.”

Strong Policy Advocacy: DCBIA is the only association solely focused on real estate development actively in all neighborhoods that make up our great city. We deal daily with the economic and physical realities of building sustainable projects and communities and leverage our diverse membership and expertise to influence public policy and create a thriving economic landscape for all.

By joining DCBIA, you become part of a powerful network of real estate professionals dedicated to building the future of Washington, D.C.

EXCLUSIVE NETWORKING & INSIGHTFUL PROGRAMMING

Success in DC's real estate development industry hinges on staying informed and building strong connections. DCBIA supports your success by offering a robust lineup of informative programs and sought-after networking events. Our programs and events cover timely and relevant topics such as mastering operating agreements, office-to-residential conversion tours, and quality assurance and control in construction. A standout event is our signature Capital Markets CEO Forum, held each March, which provides exclusive market insights from top industry leaders. DCBIA's signature networking events—including New Year Cheer Rooftop Networking, and Back to Business in the fall—connect you with high-level peers and decision-makers. Members have unique opportunities to engage with influential local government officials from the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Department of Buildings, Department of Energy and Environment, and other key agencies vital to real estate development. Whether you're looking to gain insider knowledge on local trends or build relationships that propel your career forward, DCBIA's programs and receptions offer unparalleled value.

DCBIA 39TH ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: THE MUST-ATTEND EVENT IN DC

Get ready for the most anticipated night in DC real estate development! DCBIA's Achievement Awards is where the industry comes to celebrate, network, and shine while recognizing high achievement in major development projects. Enjoy an evening of glamour and excitement at the iconic National Building Museum, complete with exquisite food and unparalleled networking opportunities. This black-tie affair is renowned for its unique, interactive format – even the awards presentations feel like a conversation! Don't miss this chance to connect with the who's who of DC real estate. Thursday, May 15, 2025.

A DAY OF GOLF, NETWORKING, AND ADVANCING THE INDUSTRY

DCBIA Golf Classic at the renowned Woodmont Country Club! This exclusive event offers a premium golf experience with a focus on camaraderie, competition, and efficient play. Challenge your skills on the championship course, enjoy a relaxed pace of play, and network with industry leaders, including owners, developers, and top consultants. After your round, unwind in the scenic, climate-controlled terrace pavilion for awards, food, and drinks. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a premier golf experience while supporting DCBIA's mission to lead, build and partner to create a thriving community for all. Monday, July 14, 2025.



DCBIA COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS: WHERE LEADERS ARE BUILT, COLLABORATE AND DRIVE CHANGE

DCBIA's committees are where the DC real estate industry collaborates to shape the future of development. We go beyond discussion to drive real action. Your insights and expertise are shared directly with elected officials and agency leaders, giving you a powerful voice in shaping policy. Through unparalleled networking opportunities at our events and during working group meetings, you'll forge relationships with key decision-makers, collaborating to create positive change. From recommending innovative zoning solutions to championing sustainable practices, DCBIA committees are where your expertise translates into real-world impact.

Key Committees

Capital Markets Committee

Focuses on roundtable discussions about current and future capital markets, financial trends, and project financing. Includes an annual CEO forum.

Commercial, Office, and Retail (COR) Committee

Examines local and global trends, and facilitates presentations and walking tours to promote commercial, office, and retail leasing.

Construction & Development Committee

Hosts discussions on construction and development trends and evaluates relevant federal and local legislative proposals.

Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion (DEI) Committee

Works to address and reduce racial disparities in the real estate industry, promote inclusive best practices, and mentor diverse professionals.

Housing Committee

Focuses on proposals to enhance housing production, management, financing, and regulation in DC.

Membership Committee

Recruits and retains members, promotes engagement, and enhances the value of DCBIA membership.

Public Policy & Regulation Committee

Monitors legislation affecting DC development and contributes testimony to DC Council. This committee shapes strategies on regulations and policies.

Young Leaders Committee

Supports professional growth through networking, educational events, and community service projects for members under 35.

Shape DC's Future: Connect with DC Agency Leaders

DC Agency Working Groups

Collaborate with DC Government agencies to address industry concerns and provide feedback on regulations, including Department of Buildings, Department of Energy & Environment, District Department of Transportation, Office of Planning and more.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Working Group

Played a significant role in shaping the DC Comprehensive Plan, ensuring it aligns with the city's development goals. A new cycle and opportunities to get involved begins in early 2025.

Community Engagement

DCBIA Community Services Corporation (CSC)

DCBIA also operates a 501(c)(3) entity dedicated to community improvement projects. Each year, the DCBIA Community Services Corporation leads the "Community Improvement Day," where members design and build essential public amenities like outdoor classrooms, exercise stations, grill areas, urban farming and other outdoor park renovations, fostering positive change and showcasing the industry's commitment to giving back.

Grow Your Business with DCBIA

Enhance your networking and business development through DCBIA's robust online directory. Connect with nearly 400 leading firms, including developers, lenders, attorneys, and architects, to identify potential clients and partners. Find top talent by sharing your job announcements with us for distribution to our network. Promote your company news by submitting press releases for potential inclusion in our communications. Plus, gain access to exclusive member events designed to foster collaboration and business development, providing valuable opportunities to connect with industry leaders and stay informed. Email info@dcbia.org today.

NAVIGATE THE MARKET WITH DCBIA:

STRATEGIC SPONSORSHIP FOR LONG-TERM GROWTH

Want to go beyond just membership? As a leader in the DC real estate development community, you understand the importance of staying ahead of the curve. DCBIA's 2025 sponsorship packages offer unparalleled access to the industry's most influential events, programs, and decision-makers. Maximize your ROI and gain a competitive edge by locking in today's rates before potential increases due to rising market costs. Our annual sponsorships offer exceptional value with year-long visibility, networking, and thought leadership opportunities. Choose from highly sought-after events, including our Annual Achievement Awards, Golf Classic, Capital Markets CEO Forum, and more.

The answer is always to build.