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**Leaders Honored for their  
Outstanding Contributions to the Design-Build Industry**

*- Leading industry experts bring vision and sense of urgency  
to a new era of alternate delivery solutions -*

[The Water Design-Build Council](#) (WDBC) announced today that Mark Alpert, P.E. and Pete Tunnicliffe P.E., DEE were honored with prestigious achievement awards by the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA).

Mark Alpert, P.E., senior vice president-design-build at CH2M HILL and WDBC Board member, has been given the 2009 Brunelleschi Lifetime Achievement Award.

For over 35 years, Alpert has been a pioneer in the development of integrated project delivery for water and wastewater projects. Even before the term “design-build” was commonly recognized, Alpert was focusing on cost-effective design and construction, which led to the formalization of design-build and other alternate project delivery methods.

Alpert has directly influenced the successful development and delivery of more than 75 design-build projects for CH2M HILL. Among Alpert’s many accomplishments, he has held numerous positions in industry organizations. He has been an active member of the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) since 1995 and has served on the Board of the Water Design-Build Council since its inception in 2006.

"It has taken many years to formalize the design-build philosophy," noted Alpert. We are glad that municipal leaders and public works directors are reaping the benefits of design-build. Again and again, projects are being delivered in significantly less time, with excellent results."

Pete Tunncliffe, P.E., DEE, senior vice president at CDM and president of the Water Design-Build Council, was also honored at the DBIA Awards Ceremony with a Design-Build Distinguished Leadership Award. The award is given to individuals who have demonstrated leadership in the advancement of design-build best practices and of design-build as the project delivery method of choice.

With over 35 years of experience in the design-build industry, Tunncliffe currently heads CDM's design-build project development group. Prior to his current assignment, Tunncliffe created and led CDM's design-build and construction subsidiary, growing it to one of the *ENR* magazine's Top 400 Contractors in the U.S. Along with Alpert, Tunncliffe is a founding member of the Water Design-Build Council.

"Communities across the country are facing severe issues with aging water infrastructure, water quality, and water scarcity," remarked Tunncliffe. "We believe that in many cases, design-build could be the answer. Not only is it a smart solution to quickly and effectively implement these projects, design-build also boosts local economies by expeditiously providing much-needed job opportunities."

### **About the Water Design-Build Council**

The Water Design-Build Council is a not-for-profit organization seeking to advance the development and rehabilitation of the nation's municipal water and wastewater systems through the use of the design-build method of project delivery. This process integrates both the design and construction phases to optimize innovation, speed, quality control, and single-point accountability. The WDBC's mission is to promote the best design-build practices to facilitate productive and collaborative relationships between service providers and local governments.

For more information about the Water Design-Build Council, please visit [www.waterdesignbuild.org](http://www.waterdesignbuild.org).