

Neel-Schaffer's Matt Lifsey earns DBIA certification



COLUMBIA, S.C. (May 21, 2018) – Neel-Schaffer, Inc., is pleased to announce that Matt Lifsey, PE, DBIA, has completed the Design-Build Institute of America's comprehensive education and certification testing program and is now nationally certified as a Design-Build Professional.

Lifsey manages Neel-Schaffer's South Carolina operations and leads the firm's 11-member Design-Build Advisory Group. He is a Vice President in the firm and has 28 years of experience, including 24 with the South Carolina Department of Transportation, where he helped develop the SCDOT's Design-Build division in 2014.

"This is a big step for our firm as we develop our Design-Build program," said Joey Hudnall, PE, Neel-Schaffer's Chief Operations Officer. "We understand the importance of the Design-Build delivery process for our many clients across the Southeast, and we are always looking for ways to be more efficient and innovative in the Design-Build delivery process."

Lifsey's experience at SCDOT, combined with his work for Neel-Schaffer, gives him a unique understanding of best practices in various phases of Design-Build project delivery, including from the owner's perspective as well as the private sector's perspective.

According to the Design-Build Institute of America, DBIA certification "is the nation's only measurable standard of an individual's knowledge of the Design-Build Done Right principles vital to successful project delivery."

Lifsey is a registered Professional Engineer in South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Clemson University.

About Neel-Schaffer Inc.

Neel-Schaffer is a multi-disciplined engineering and planning firm with offices throughout the Southeast. Founded in 1983, the firm has more than 500 professional and technical employees, and in 2018 it was ranked 198th on *Engineering News-Record's* list of the nation's Top 500 Design Firms.

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