

Neel-Schaffer's Richard Sullivan earns DBIA certification



NASHVILLE, Tenn. (June 8, 2018) – Neel-Schaffer, Inc., is pleased to announce that Richard Sullivan, PE, Assoc. DBIA, has completed the Design-Build Institute of America's certification exam and has earned Associate DBIA certification from the DBIA's Design-Build Certification Board.

Sullivan manages Neel-Schaffer's Tennessee operations and is a member of the firm's 11-member Design-Build Advisory Group. He is based in the firm's Nashville office and has over 20 years of experience, including 15 with the Tennessee Department of Transportation. Neel-Schaffer was recently selected by TDOT to serve as the "Owner's Representative" for a major Design-Build project in Chattanooga to modify the I-75 / I-24 interchange.

Sullivan is the second Neel-Schaffer employee to receive DBIA certification in the last month, joining South Carolina Operations Manager Matt Lifsey, PE, DBIA, who has completed the DBIA's comprehensive education and certification testing program and is now nationally certified as a Design-Build Professional.

"This is great news for our firm as we develop our Design-Build program," said Joey Hudnall, PE, Neel-Schaffer's Chief Operations Officer. "The Design-Build delivery process is very important for many of our clients across the Southeast, and having Matt and Richard earn certification from the Design-Build Institute of America is a great indication of how important this process is to us."

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."

Sullivan is a registered Professional Engineer in Tennessee and Kentucky. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Tennessee Technical 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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