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**The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee
Releases EJCDC® D-001, Commentary on
the 2016 edition of the EJCDC Design Build Documents**

ALEXANDRIA, Va., September 18, 2017— The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC®) today released *the Commentary on the 2016 edition of the EJCDC® Design-Build Family of Documents*.

In 1995, EJCDC issued its first design-build documents in response to a need expressed by the construction industry for a coordinated set of standard documents for use on projects in which a single entity (design-builder) would take responsibility for both design and construction. The documents were prepared with the intent of providing fair, unbiased, practical, and balanced provisions for all parties. EJCDC revised and updated the Design-Build Family of Documents in 2002, 2009 and 2016.

The 2016 update of the Design-Build family reshaped the documents, based on advances in design-build contracting practices, changes in the industry, analysis of risk allocations, case law developments. In addition, comments received from users, including owners, engineers, and constructors, seminar attendees, insurers, and attorneys were taken into consideration in the update.

The EJCDC Design-Build Family (D-Series) is comprised of 18 documents, including the Commentary. The 2016 edition of *EJCDC® D-001, Commentary on the Design Build Documents* provides guidelines for use in establishing and administering a contract between a project owner and a design-builder, and for related subcontracts with design professionals, constructors, and advisors.

The 18 documents comprising the 2016 edition of EJCDC's Design-Build family includes ten completely-new documents, plus seven existing documents that were revised, as well as the 2015 EJCDC D-580 Teaming Agreement to Pursue Joint Business Opportunity for Design-Build Project. The addition of completely new documents brings the family to the leading-edge of twenty-first century business practices.

EJCDC® D-001, Commentary on the Design Build Documents contains:

- A summary of the content and use of each of the D-Series documents
- Discussion of key preliminary steps on a design-build project
- An introduction to D-512, EJCDC's new Agreement between Owner and Design-Builder for Progressive Design-Build, and
- Commentary regarding noteworthy provisions of the 2016 Standard General Conditions and Supplementary Conditions of the Owner.

A brief description of the use of each of the Design-Build documents is included in the Commentary's *Exhibit A, Descriptions of the EJCDC Design-Build Documents*.

Other content includes:

- Defined Terms
- Project Participants
- Design Professional Services; Construction
- Design-Builder Entities
- Contractual Relationships
- Preparing for a Design-Build Project
- Selecting the Design-Builder Prerequisites to Using the Design-Build Delivery Method
- Conceptual Documents
- Alternative Designs
- Budget Parameters
- Insurance and Bonds
- Owner's Consultant
- Request for Qualifications; Request for Proposals
- Outline of Suggested Approach

As a supporting document that is key to the most effective use of the Design-Build Family of Documents, *D-001, the Commentary on the 2016 edition of the EJCDC® Design-Build Family of Documents* is being offered as a free download from the EJCDC online store.

Since 1975, EJCDC has developed and updated fair and objective standard documents that represent the latest and best thinking in contractual relations for engineering design and construction projects. EJCDC documents are prepared by a committee of project stakeholders that include owners, contractors, funding entities, attorneys, professional liability insurers, and sureties. They are written with the intention to represent and distribute risk fairly and equitably among all parties to engineer-led construction projects.

EJCDC® documents are specifically written for public and private infrastructure and engineered facilities projects in the United States. The documents can readily be customized to suit each project's unique goals and regulatory requirements.

The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC®) is a joint venture of major organizations of professional engineers:

- the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE);
- the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE); and
- the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).

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