

## **Susan O'Connell**

With over 35 years of experience leading multi-disciplinary teams in the planning, programming, and design of large, complex public projects, Susan is at the forefront of design-build delivery. In addition to her service as a Higher Education Principal at AC Martin, she also oversees AC Martin's Planning projects and Special Services group. With her desire to grow Design Build Done Right she currently serves on both DBIA regional and national boards and chairs the national Design Professional Advisory Committee for DBIA. Her passion is rooted in developing Design-Build partnerships that accomplish targeted project goals and exceed their clients' expectations. Susan's repeated success in building consensus and enthusiasm in large, complex teams exemplifies her prowess with design-build delivery innovation. Her approach starts with her ability to listen to and understand key concerns, distill a wide range of input, criteria and information, and identify a common ground so that, through a collaborative process, an innovative design solution is discovered and embraced. Susan's strength lies in her ability to imagine projects through her clients' eyes and collaborate with design teams and builders to take architectural concepts through to a successful project that fulfills the client's vision. Susan received her Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Southern California and her Master of Architecture degree from Columbia University.

## **Monica Amalfitano**

With a career spanning more than three decades, Monica Amalfitano brings a unique blend of engineering expertise, owner-side leadership, and design-build advocacy to her role as a Design Executive at Swinerton Builders. Formerly the Director/Campus Engineer at CSULB, she oversaw more than \$600M in planning and construction and championed progressive design-build delivery, sustainability, and cross-functional team alignment. Monica serves on the DBIA Western Region Board and the DBIA National Conference Planning Committee and is a frequent speaker on collaborative delivery and innovation in the built environment.

## **Travis Fritson**

As an Associate and Project Manager at Glumac, Travis brings a collaborative and forward-thinking approach to every design-build project. With a degree in Architectural Engineering and a deep appreciation for integrated delivery, he thrives on creating sustainable MEP systems that are not only efficient but also enhance the architectural vision. Travis believes the best outcomes emerge from strong partnerships—where creativity, technical excellence, positivity, and trust converge. His experience spans complex projects that demand innovation and adaptability, and he is passionate about advancing designbuild as a model for success. If you've attended industry events, you've likely spotted Travis sporting one of his signature bowties—a

nod to his belief that professionalism can have personality. Outside of work, Travis channels his creativity into music, enjoying time playing guitar and singing to whomever will listen.

### **Lamia Porter**

Lamia Porter is a Senior Estimator with 10 years of experience specializing in Higher Education Progressive Design-Build projects. She partners closely with Engineers, Designers, and Owners throughout the design and preconstruction phases to establish accurate budgets, maintain cost alignment, and support informed design related decision making. Lamia is passionate about integrating Virtual Design and Construction (VDC) tools into the estimating process to enhance cost clarity, improve collaboration, and drive project certainty. Her approach emphasizes transparency, innovation, and delivering projects under budget and on schedule. Lamia has a degree in General Engineering with Civil Engineering Option and is a DBIA certified professional.