

DFMA: From Concept to Reality

[A BIMForum Symposium on Design for Manufacturing and Assembly](#)

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Call for Presentations - Open until COB April 17, 2026

BIMForum invites proposals for presentations at **DfMA: From Concept to Reality**, a focused industry conference examining how Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (DfMA) is being implemented across the building lifecycle.

As industrialized construction, off-site fabrication, and manufacturing-informed workflows expand, DfMA is increasingly central to improving predictability, productivity, and performance. Yet implementation remains inconsistent and often disconnected from procurement, information standards, and contractual frameworks.

This conference seeks practical, experience-based presentations that advance industry understanding of how DfMA works in real projects.

What We're Looking For

We are seeking case studies, implementation frameworks, and research-informed insights that address:

Early Design & Feasibility

When and how DfMA decisions are initiated
Owner strategy and procurement alignment
Feasibility analysis and business case development

Design Development & Documentation

Transition from design intent to fabrication-ready information
Coordination between designers and fabricators
Information requirements supporting manufacturing

Fabrication & Manufacturing

Off-site production workflows
Model-based fabrication and digital integration
Supply chain coordination and risk management

Assembly & Site Integration

Field logistics and sequencing
Tolerance management and quality control
Commissioning and operational handoff

We welcome presentations that candidly address challenges, lessons learned, and measurable outcomes — not only successes.

Preferred Proposal Characteristics

Strong submissions will be Grounded in actual projects – completed or currently under way

Panels representing multiple stakeholders (e.g., owner + designer + contractor + fabricator) are encouraged.

Ties to sustainability / carbon reduction encouraged

Intended Outcomes

This conference aims to:

Establish a shared vocabulary around DfMA implementation

Identify repeatable, scalable practices

Clarify intersections between DfMA, digital delivery, and standards

Inform broader industry coordination efforts

Who Should Submit

Owners and developers

Architects and engineers

Contractors and construction managers

Fabricators and manufacturers

BIM and digital delivery leaders

Researchers and industry collaborators

Please submit proposals [here](#) by **COB April 17, 2026**

