

## Our Evolution

The DBA was established in 2003, under the name Florida Builders Association, with the support of industry leaders Gil and Michael Dezer (of Trump Dezer Development), Donald J. Trump (of Trump Organization), Jorge M. Perez (of The Related Group of Florida) and Veronica R. Mendieta (of VM Group). By June 2005, our expanding international membership and our extensive agenda of activities, led to a name change: Developers and Builders Alliance (DBA), which better reflected our member's expectations as well as our growing industry associations.

The new millennium brought unprecedented opportunities our way with freehold markets opening up worldwide. In January of 2006, the organization's focus shifted to the creation of a global platform that would integrate resources, products and services, as well as the development of programs that could support the exchange of information and the expertise of its international affiliates. Through our cooperative efforts we were able to further extend our reach to decision makers, business leaders and government officials from around the world to promote our common interests. In a short span of time, we became one of the largest development and construction organizations uniting top universal investors, developers, government authorities, contractors, and all related industry professionals.

In November 2007 we launched the Professional Vendor-Partner Rewards Program. This innovative program was a unique resource exchange system connecting DBA members with accredited professional partners.

In 2008, with consideration to the slow market in the USA (due to the recession), DBA started relationships with organizations across-the-board acting as a media partner by promoting industry events with the intention of keeping the DBA name in the forefront and building trust in our brand during this transition period. We have worked with organizations as varied as Cityscape, SIMA, International Exhibition Services, Messe Frankfurt, World Cities Summit, EIRE, ULI, Terrapinn, USBGC, FIABCI, IMN's, Marcusevans, Experia Events, IBC Brazil, Informa Group Latin America, IIRME, Future Cities Asia, Green Pearl Events, and Infrastructure Arabia. We have also been involved with IPI Show, World Eco Construct, Asian Hedge Fund Awards, Saudi TRANSTEC, IPIS, KAAL and REIW, 3rd International Exhibition for Infrastructure and Industrial Projects, Outdoor Design and Build Show and Exhibitions Indian Group.

Some of our more recent involvement includes The Big 5 Saudi, Elevators & Access Control Show, MCI Middle East Concrete, Smart Cities Asia and India, Ecocity World Summit, REDIM Dubai, Asian Utility and Intersolar, Middle East Concrete & PMV Live, Middle East Transport Infrastructure & Logistics Expo, Interior Design Oman, and Municipalika Smart & Sustainable Cities.

Late in 2009, the DBA aligned its objectives with the current global trend by partnering with CERTIFIED GREEN PARTNERS® (CGP) to offer all trade participants several strategies to position themselves as a powerful certified green company in taking their organizations to the next level.

Since our inception, our hard work and effort have not gone unnoticed. We are driven by strategic insight and are dedicated to the achievement of our member's objectives. Continuing our ambitious stance, we are on an aggressive expansion path that will engage all U.S. states nationwide while remaining our work internationally as well.