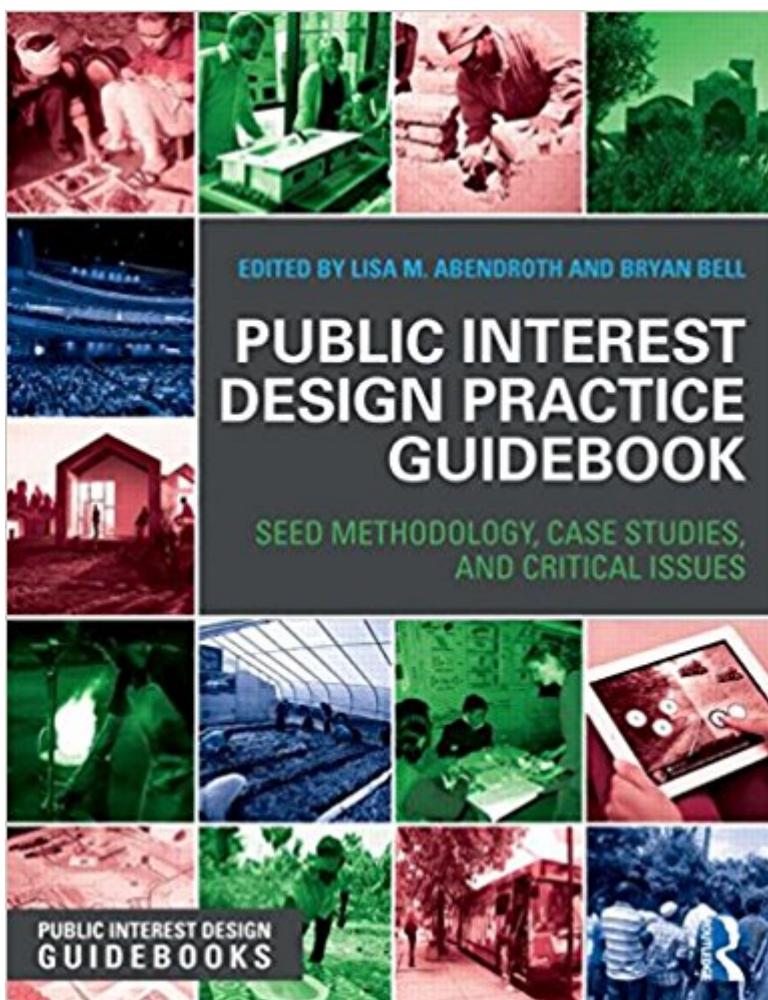


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# Public Interest Design Practice Guidebook: SEED Methodology, Case Studies, And Critical Issues (Public Interest Design Guidebooks)



## Synopsis

Public Interest Design Practice Guidebook: Seed Methodology, Case Studies, and Critical Issues is the first book to demonstrate that public interest design has emerged as a distinct profession. It provides clear professional standards of practice following SEED (Social Economic Environmental Design) methodology, the first step-by-step process supporting public interest designers. The book features an Issues Index composed of ninety critical social, economic, and environmental issues, illustrated with thirty case study projects representing eighteen countries and four continents, all cross-referenced, to show you how every human issue is a design issue. Contributions from Thomas Fisher, Heather Fleming and David Kaisel, Michael Cohen, Michael P. Murphy Jr. and Alan Ricks, and over twenty others cover topics such as professional responsibility, public interest design business development, design evaluation, and capacity building through scaling, along with many more. Themes including public participation, issue-based design, and assessment are referenced throughout the book and provide benchmarks toward an informed practice. This comprehensive manual also contains a glossary, an appendix of engagement methods, a case study locator atlas, and a reading list. Whether you are working in the field of architecture, urban planning, industrial design, landscape architecture, or communication design, this book empowers you to create community-centered environments, products, and systems.

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Awesome book - great message!

Public Interest Design Practice Guidebook: SEED Methodology, Case Studies, and Critical Issues introduces the standards and rigor that are needed to build Public Interest Design into a practice that has a major global impact. Included are the fundamentals, a step-by-step methodology and other tools. Groundbreaking is the documentation to lay out the case that "every issue is a design issue" which is supported by an index that covers 90 critical issues addressed by design. This is the third publication by Bryan Bell, and like his first two, this sets a new

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If you believe that design solutions are most profound when they build off the expertise and priorities of those most affected by them - then you will appreciate this book. If you are a designer or educator who wants to better understand the practice of *Public Interest Design* - or a community member who wants to understand what to ask for when working with design professionals - this book is for you. If you have the desire to work with communities who do not often get a say in the way their physical environment is shaped - but you don't know where to begin - start here.

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