

# Design / Build

ROLES OF THE OWNER / ENGINEER / CONSTRUCTOR



#### **Discussion Subjects**

- What are the Roles and Limitations of a Design / Build Team?
- How should Design / Build Teams be selected?
- What makes a successful Design / Build Project and who should provide the leadership for this team?



# **Definition of Design / Build**

- A Single Source entity that an Owner can hold responsible for the Design, Procurement and Construction for their project.
  - It is not the contract, but the approach. The contract itself can be in a myriad of forms from Time and Material to Lump Sum with performance guarantees.



# **Issues Facing Us Today**

- HARD
- SOFT



#### **Hard Issues**

- Engineer & Constructor to Owner
  - Does the Owner know what he really wants?
  - Does the Owner know when he really wants it?
  - Can the Owner make decisions in a timely fashion?
  - $\ Is \ the \ project \ approved \ and \ funded?$
  - Does the Owner have experience at building? Has he done this before?



#### **Hard Issues**

- Owner to Engineer
  - Does Engineer have the technical competence?
  - Does the Engineer have the Process knowledge?
  - Does the Engineer have this project complexity experience?
  - Does the Engineer have all Code Knowledge?
  - Does this Engineer design to budget and schedule?



#### **Hard Issues**

- Owner to Constructor
  - Does the Constructor have the Resource availability?
  - Does the Constructor have the construction technique experience?
  - Do they complete projects on schedule?
  - What is their safety record?
  - Do they build in a quality manner?



# Owner's Role

- Communicate
- Educate
- Provide
- Consummate Team Builder





# **Engineer's Role**

- Student
- Innovator
- Inventor
- Speculator
- Professionally Responsible





#### **Constructor's Role**

- Builder
- Interpreter
- Liaison
- Guarantor
- Last on the Totem Pole



# **Owners Limitations**

- Usually people constrained
- Usually experience constrained
- Unclear direction on cost or schedule
- Hampered by approval levels
- Doesn't have operational involvement



# **Engineer's Limitations**

- Can't read minds
- He/She are engineers
- Professionally liable = conservative



#### **Constructor's Limitations**

- Moving fast causes rework
- Multiple direction points who to satisfy
- Has only 24 hours and 7 days per week



#### Where Are We Now

- Definition
- Hard Issues
- Roles and Limitations



Have You Noticed A Common Thread or Denominator Throughout the Limitations?





#### **Roles**

 Owner
 Engineer
 Constructor

 Communicator
 Student
 Builder

 Provider
 Innovator
 Interpreter

 Educator
 Inventor
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 Team Builder
 Speculator
 Last on Totem

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# Single Largest Contributor to Success

THE SOFT ISSUES



# **How Do We Know?**

**CLIENT SURVEYS** 



# What Have We Seen? **ACADEMICS NEGATIVISM There Is Only One Leader** THE OWNER **Ideas For The Future CONTINUOUS INTERACTIVE PLANNING SUCCESS RECOGNITION**

# **Summary**

- Roles and Limitations are known
- Past focus has been on hard issues
- Future focus must be on soft issues
- Continuous InterActive Planning coupled with emphasis on success will create more favorable results

