### **Integrated Lean Project Delivery: Case Studies**

# **How** and **Why** does Integrated Lean succeed?

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### *The construction industry lost productivity from 1964-2003...*



...while all other non-farm industries more than doubled







# **Did You Know?**

In a traditional process, the majority of design activities...



...occur when they are too late to optimize cost savings







### INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY (IPD)

The contractual project delivery method that creates shared risk/reward structures, fiscal transparency, and release of liability.

### LEAN

Tools and processes intended to maximize value by reducing wasted time, wasted movement, and wasted human potential.

### **INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY + LEAN**

For many owners and teams, the choice to use Lean tools and processes is seen as an integral decision in choosing to pursue IPD. Lean and IPD are complementary.







### **Research Included...**









# **Literature - Foundational Research**

Citations in literature review

### INNOVATIVE PROJECT DELIVERY...

### +Shared risk/reward +Early involvement of all parties

IPD (Molenaar et al. 2014, AIA 2012, Kent and Becerik-Gerber 2010, Cohen 2010) Other project delivery modes (Esmaelli et al. 2013, Korkmaz et al 2010, Chan et al. 2001)

### +Project stakeholders' level of experience

Molenaar et al. 2015, Esmaelli et al. 2013; AIA 2012; Kent and Becerik-Gerber 2010; Korkmaz et al. 2010, Chan et al. 2001

### +Team tools and processes (ex. BIM, Lean)

Cheng 2015; Molenaar et al. 2015; Esmaelli et al. 2013; AIA 2012; Cho and Ballard 2011; Kent and Becerik-Gerber 2010; Cohen 2010

### ...HELP PRODUCE BETTER TEAM AND PROJECT OUTCOMES







- 1) Integrated delivery is superior to other more conventional delivery types
- 2) Lean tools and processes increase the likelihood of success







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# **How** and **Why** does Integrated Lean succeed?







## **Distribution of Cases**









# **Research Methodology**

Interviews	Survey
	responses

OWNER.

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^ BUILDERS

NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS (PEOPLE INTERVIEWED)	ARCHITECTS	ENGINEERS, CONSULTANTS	BUILDERS	OWNER, OWNER CONSULTANTS	TOTAL
AKRON	2 (5)	2 (3)	2 (7)	1 (5)	7 (20)
*^ AUTODESK	1 (2)		2 (2)	3 (4)	6 (8)
SUTTER LOS GATOS	1 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	5 (6)
^ MOSAIC	1 (2)	2 (3)	5(8)	1 (1)	9 (14)
QUAIL RUN	1 (2)	1 (3)	(3)	1(2)	3 (10)
*ROCKY MOUNTAIN	1 (3)	1 (2)	1 (3)	2 (3)	5 (11)
ST. ANTHONY	1 (1)		1 (1)	3 (4)	5 (6)
SUTTER SUNNYVALE	1 (2)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)	5 (6)
*^ T. ROWE PRICE	1 (2)	2 (3)	3(5)	2 (3)	8 (13)
WEKIVA SPRINGS	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	1 (1)	4 (4)
TOTAL	12 (23)	11 (17)	18(36)	4 (6)	60 (104)

RESPONSES		CONSULTANTS		OWNER CONSULTANTS	
AKRON	3	1	13	2	19
AUTODESK	3	4	12	2	21
SUTTER LOS GATOS	1	1	2	1	5
MOSAIC	2	3	6	1	12
QUAIL RUN	2		5	3	10
*ROCKY MOUNTAIN	4	5	8	7	24
*ST. ANTHONY	8	6	6	2	22
SUTTER SUNNYVALE		3	3	1	7
*T. ROWE PRICE	2	4	4	3	13
WEKIVA SPRINGS	1	4	6	1	12
TOTAL	26	31	65	23	145

NUMBER OF SURVEY ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS.

#### NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS OF PROJECT PARTICIPANTS BY ROLE

\* for this project, owner category includes owner and owner consultants ^ for this project, the builders category includes general contractors and trade partners

#### NUMBER OF COMPLETED SURVEYS BY PROJECT PARTICIPANTS BY ROLE

\* for this project, owner category includes owner and owner consultants ^ for all projects, the builders category includes general contractors and trade partners







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TOTAL

### **Research Methodology**

### 200+

Documents Reviewed

# Documents ntation in each of these Lean, other tools and metrics

• Samples of A3s and, pull plans

- Samples of customized tools, screen shots
- Protocols on how tools were used, including dashboards
- Metrics, including key- performance indicators and other metrics tracked
- RFI logs
- Risk registries

#### BIM

- Execution plan
- Sample snap shots of models

#### Workspace environment

• Plans and photographs of shared workspaces

#### Project personnel

- Project directories
- Personnel lists
- Organizational charts

### All teams provided documentation in each of these categories, though the specific artifacts varied:

#### Commercial and legal

- Request for proposal (RFP)
- Request for qualifications (RFQ) and criteria for selection
- IPD agreement and contract exhibits, such as risk/ reward distribution, milestone payouts
- Budget and other financial documents

#### Decision-making

- Protocols for decisions
- Sample documents related to major decisions by the core team
- Sample communication of decisions to the larger team
- Documentation of goals
- Protocols for meetings
- Meeting schedules and agendas
- Sample meeting minutes







### **Research Team**

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#### **RESEARCH SPONSORS**



#### Integrated Project Delivery Alliance (IPDA)

www.ipda.ca

IPDA explores and supports emergent practices demonstrating enhanced industry outcomes and provides a forum for the exchange of knowledge.



#### Lean Construction Institute (LCI)

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LCI operates as a catalyst to transform the industry though Lean project delivery using an operating system centered on a common language, fundamental principles, and basic practices.

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# **Research Report**

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# How and Why: IPD creates **need** to collaborate Lean provides the **means**

### +All projects in the study\* were highly successful

regardless of project type, scope, geographic location, previous experience with IPD or Lean

### +IPD establishes the terms for collaboration

financial incentives, baseline costs plus overhead, metrics of success

### +Lean tools and processes facilitate collaboration

creates alignment around cost, schedule and other goals

\*projects self-selected to respond to our request for participation and may not be representative of all IPD projects. However teams were candid about the challenges they faced and their lessons learned







# 5 Myths...

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- Delivery matters less than choosing the right people behaviors can't be dictated by a contract
- IPD contracts are too complicated, Lean tools are too rigid
- IPD only works on large complex healthcare projects Teams new to IPD and Lean are at a disadvantage
- Owners aren't getting best value or Owners are getting value but the team is not making profit
- IPD and IPD-lite are essentially the same; financial incentives and release of liability are no big deal







# Myth #5...



• Delivery matters less than choosing the right people – behaviors can't be dictated by a contract

### "A team" behaviors can be fostered through:

- + attending to the risk/reward proportions within the teams
- + on-boarding processes
- + coaching, mentoring
- + culture of accountability
- + clear off-boarding processes







Team selection of the "right people" was seen as a critical element of success.

Owners' processes included relying heavily on previous relationships, request for proposals, structured proposal evaluations, developing new processes, Lean processes (CBA), and consideration for the local building community.







## **Proportion of Team: Risk Reward/Contract**











# Myth #4...

BUSTED • IPD contracts are too complicated, Lean tools are too rigid

- + In the projects studied, teams used a wide variety of Lean tools and processes to varying degrees of "purity"
- + Most projects used customized IPD contracts but some templates are beginning to emerge
- + Investing time to understand the contract and design the project-specific Lean approach is part of an effective on-boarding process







### **Degree of Lean and Other Tools & Processes**

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- Done but only somewhat helpful or mixed comments about effectiveness
- O Did it but not seen as particularly effective by most of the team
- 🛑 Did not have it







"The sessions were very effective because, more important than hammering out the terms of the deal, it got everybody on the same page."







# Variation in Execution of Signatory Agreement









# Myth #3...

• IPD only works on large complex healthcare projects – Teams new to IPD and Lean are at a disadvantage

- + There is no evidence that IPD is any less effective on small straightforward projects compared to large complex projects
- Perception that there is a "right size" project for IPD has so far not been substantiated
- Teams new to IPD and/or Lean experience had equally positive outcomes compared to teams with a mix of experience and teams with predominately experienced participants







# **Tools/Processes Proficiency Unrelated to Experience**

		Validation	Co-Location	Lean Tools and Processes						BIM
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# Myth #2...



 Owners aren't getting best value – or – Owners are getting value but the team is not making profit

- + In all cases, target costs and schedules were aggressive
- + In most cases, validation studies confirmed those goals were feasible
- 100% of the owners believed the projects met or exceeded expectations for budget and schedule, even though not all projects met the initially established targets
- Many owners were able to "value-add" or "add-back" scope that had been considered out of reach during validation







# **Consistent Value for Owner**



2 months savings on 24 month schedule 6 months late on 6 month schedule 4 months savings on 16 month schedule 1 month late on 8 month schedule 00000000 0 months savings on 12.5 month schedule 2 months savings on 18 month schedule 0 months savings on 12 month schedule 2.5 months savings on 30.5 month schedule 0 months savings on 8 month schedule 0 months savings on 6 month schedule One month construction schedule One month schedule savings Over schedule by one month







# Myth #2...



 Owners aren't getting best value – or – Owners are getting value but the team is not making profit

- + Profit on the project teams varied: ranging from double market rates to slightly below
- + Significant majority of the team members believed their investments in the project were worthwhile
- + Significant majority of participants are seeking additional IPD and Lean experiences and would recommend it to others
- + Contingency and value-add scope additions makes financial picture hard to have precise understanding







# **Profit for Teams: Return on Investment**









### Who Has Skin in the Game?









"They did a very good job of documenting and relaying how financial incentives were tied to project goals in real time. Everyone had a sense of what was going on, and we could make informed decisions how to move next if there was a particular problem or area of concern regarding the finances or schedule."







### Team's connection to owner decision-makers











# Myth #1...

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• IPD and IPD-lite are essentially the same; financial incentives and release of liability are no big deal

- Many teams noted a significant increase in collaborative behavior (and fun!) between those parties in the risk/reward pool compared to those that were not
- + "Team First" or "Project First" behavior was cited as critically important to success by every team
- These projects demonstrated remarkable RESILIENCE in face of significant challenge that would likely have derailed a project delivered with typical methods







*"If it weren't for the IPD agreement, I guarantee you we would all be in litigation right now instead of completing this project."* 

*"If it weren't for Lean and IPD, we wouldn't be in this building right now, on schedule and on budget."* 







# **Conclusions and Future Research Needed**

- Documenting positive case studies adds to the body of evidence on the effectiveness of Lean and IPD. But we also know that teams with more positive outcomes are more willing to participate in research
- Rigorous comparison begins to illuminate the mechanisms and motivation that are key to success
- Future research goals:
  - Develop rules of thumb for number, proportion and diversity of participants in the risk/reward pool
  - Define and validate the methods for on-boarding and team building
  - Better understand differing motivation for designers who have different financial stake and different business structures than constructors
  - Develop shared measures and metrics of success that can drive improvement industry-wide







### **SET TARGETS**

+Establish business case and define goals

### **BUILD THE TEAM**

+Contract key stakeholders early to align and validate targets/goals

### LEARN AS A TEAM

+Train and provide on-going coaching/support for key lean methods

### SUPPORT THE TEAM

+Contracts should support a good team culture and adoption of lean practices







Our major finding was a striking uniformity of success for all the teams in this study, regardless of project type, scope, geographic location, or previous experience with IPD and Lean.

The second finding was that the powerful complementary strength of IPD and Lean supports success.







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# **THANK YOU**

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