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Dear Dan,

With **just two weeks to go until our Congress meeting** opens in Dallas, I want to make you aware of a few more details for your planning purposes, particularly if you still intend to come but have yet to complete your registration. The **“Early Bird” registration option** was extended an extra week compared to last year, but it **is expiring this Wednesday, October 9**. So please register now to avoid the extra \$200 fee for late registration that comes into play after Wednesday.

Last week I outlined the content of the BIM training session coming up on October 22 in Dallas, but there are three other sessions available that day as well that we want you to be aware of as you make your decisions on traveling to Congress:

Intro to Lean

Gain an understanding of the fundamental concepts, principles, key practices and basic vocabulary of Lean project delivery.

Intro to The Last Planner System

Last Planner® is a system widely used in design and construction throughout the United States and is a trademarked application of the Lean Construction Institute. Learn about the five crucial planning conversations in the Last Planner System®, as well as the basics of collaborative planning.

Target Value Design

Learn how Target Value Design is used throughout project definition, design, detailing, and construction to increase value and eliminate waste, assuring that a facility meets the operational needs and values of its users, and is delivered within the allowable budget.

Register today!

Alternate housing option: There may still be some **overflow rooms at the Dallas Marriott City Center**, 650 North Pearl Street, Dallas, TX, 75201, (214) 979-9000 at a rate of \$189 per night if you need them. This would be an option to use for the entire week, or just to deal with the any unavailability at the Fairmont. The Marriott is fairly close, so commuting over in the morning is not a major task. Mention the Lean Construction Institute to get the conference rate.

Interested in the Congress but just can't get there in person due to personal or professional schedule conflicts? Try out our new live streaming/on demand access option to view Congress presentations live - or anytime thereafter - from your desktop. Enjoy the content without the travel hurdles and expense!

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Beyond the latest news about Congress:

I also note that there is a great piece in the September 30 edition of ENR's "Viewpoint" section. In it, Eric Lamb, P.E., executive VP with LCI member company DPR, talks about **“How to Slay a Monster,” in this case, some of the more traditional scheduling practices**. He contrasts schedules with an exhaustive level of detail with another option: "There is a better way to create a smooth, more reliable, workflow that maximizes

productivity and minimizes waste. Production planning, which creates short-interval schedules for up to four weeks at a time and plans around milestones, is an effective way to right-plan projects...According to the Lean Construction Institute, the use of Last Planner System®, a production planning system designed to produce predictable workflow and rapid learning, has increased geometrically.”

Eric cites a Stanford University/CIFE study of some major DPR projects, which found that, “...project teams can make better use of dollars by creating and managing milestones at the strategic level as well as using production planning to schedule detailed production in short intervals with Last Planner System® methodology.” Finally, Eric cites a specific project exemplifying the major benefits of Lean scheduling techniques: the Temecula Valley Hospital project, with 6-months schedule reduction, \$3M in overall project savings, and an “...astounding \$1.1M per bed, far below the best-cost range for full-service California hospitals.” In typical Lean Construction fashion, he winds up with key take-aways: “We learned we can deliver projects much faster if the right people are involved with planning at the right level of detail at the right time—all it requires is a change in the way we plan and how we communicate it.” Thanks Eric, we could not have said it better ourselves!

Sincerely,



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ConsensusDocs Workshop, December 11

More Details: <http://leanconstruction.org/calendar/35/166-ConsensusDocs-Workshop/>

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