



The **International Group for Lean Construction** is meeting this week in Lima, Peru. Our own **Greg Howell** and **Will Lichtig** are there to present to Industry Day. Their enrollment exceeds 460 people and may well top 500. This is a remarkable achievement for IGLC and especially for the host of this year's event, **Jorge Luis Izquierdo**, one of our real lean champions. This turnout underscores that the exploding interest in lean design and construction principles is not just present here, but has a truly international appeal. We're expecting on the spot reporting from Greg (likely next week) about his experiences.

We are starting to understand how the evolution to implementation of lean principles in our industry is working. The first stage is an introduction to the principles-the "aha" moments that excite people about a different approach to project design and delivery. That's what Greg and Will are delivering this week in Lima. We have been introducing all kinds of groups to these concepts over the years. The next stage is helping those groups get equipped to undertake a project using these principles. That's the theme of this fall's **Lean Summit** co-hosted by LCI and the **Construction Users Roundtable (CURT)**. Now that CURT members have experienced the "aha" moment, it is time to get to work implementing the principles. We're equipping their teams on **September 14** in **Buffalo**. We've fashioned a sports team metaphor that envisions the initial introduction to the game that creates interest, then developing the team and equipment to participate followed by participating at the "A" level and moving your team through AA, AAA and then the major leagues.

The experience of Owners in developing teams to implement the principles-playing the game at a competitive level-is the theme of our **13th Annual Congress** to be held October 4-7 in Pasadena. We're calling the Conference **Innovation, Improvement and Integration** to represent the way that lean is being introduced and used by Owners across the country and across our industry-private developers, non-profits (like hospital systems) and governmental entities. Registration is now open (see below). Make your reservations early as our hotel block usually sells out a month or so before the Congress. We'll be announcing specific presentations from those submitted in response to our Call for Presentations in mid-August. You still have time to cobble together a team and a presentation. Thanks to **Eric Ahlstrom-Amgen**, **Dave Hagan-Bernards Construction**, **Mark Konchar-Balfour Beatty**, **Will Lichtig-Boldt** and **Romano Nickerson-Boulder Associates** for agreeing to join me, Greg and **Victor Sanvido** in reviewing the presentations and making those selections.

In the meantime, support your local Community of Practice and note their activities below. The CoPs are the foundation upon which we founded our "major leagues" so take advantage of the learning available within our community.