



Lean Construction Institute

Building Knowledge in Design and Construction

As you read this, we'll be preparing for or toasting the Target Value Design Conference in Cincinnati. This will be the most recent conference on this important topic and sadly, much great content will be spread between very few people. Let me know what you think we might do to improve in terms of letting people know about these significant offerings—especially, what would motivate you to go to Cincinnati for such a program?

We still have a chance with other programs going forward. We're a little more than three weeks away from our second annual **CURT/LCI Summit**. This program is designed to respond to the comments we've received in the last year about LCI programs: it will include a substantial number of owners (consumers of lean construction services), it will include the stories of how owners have coped with transitions (both success and challenges) and it will include the experiences of the teams that have helped those owners realize their lean vision. While the agenda is not yet final, there will be representatives of the **UHS Temecula** team in Buffalo to tell their story, including **Tara Laski**, Regional Project Manager for **UHS** and our Board member **George Zettel**.

Al Schwarzkopf, Merck & Co., Inc., Senior Project Manager, and also chair of the CURT Lean Committee will report along with **Bob Schulz, Dow Chemical**, Global Construction Technology Manager, **Charles G. Hardy, GSA**, Regional Recovery Executive and **Mary Beth Jermyn, Praxair**, Director, will discuss the connection between lean manufacturing and lean construction and how companies can bridge those gaps.

Chuck Hardy and his **GSA team** will then report on the **3 White River North** project, followed by **Greg Herrin** from corporate sponsor **Messer** discussing how to engage a "reluctant owner." Board member **Will Lichtig** will lead an interactive late afternoon session on how to use the information developed in the conference to assist in implementing lean on projects.

This important conference takes place **September 14 in Amherst, New York** (outside of Buffalo). Hotel rooms are almost sold out so please make your reservations soon. See link below for more information.

We have almost finalized presentations for the **Congress**. We'll be notifying presenters soon (a little later than we thought but the response was terrific). Although we're still 45 days out, **we've almost sold out our hotel block** already. We can get additional rooms if demand is there but we need to know that. Let **Donna Pemberton** know if the block is sold out and she can help you obtain a room (in the short term, and while rooms last). Pre-sales for the Congress indicate this will be the largest event in LCI history so please make plans early. Once again, in response to your suggestions, we have lined up an owner-centric Congress that will prove to be as rewarding as it is historic. More details about the specific program next week.

Thanks again for all you do to support our community. We are based on learning and continuous improvement, neither of which we could do without your support.