



# Lean Construction Institute

Building Knowledge in Design and Construction

## Trying to Keep Up

LCI Annual Meeting: Still time to register: [LCI Annual Meeting](#)

## Workforce Institute IPD Training Program

Information on this FREE training program is available on [IPD Training](#) under Career Enhancement.

Brian O'Kelly and I gave presented the second running of the 100 Level Introduction to Lean Construction and IPD for the Work Force Institute in San Jose last Thursday. I would give it a 7.5 out of 10 for presentation. Brian was great and I was suffering from near terminal jet lag having just returned from 2 weeks in St. Petersburg Russia. Then Todd Henderson raised the score with his presentation on Choosing By Advantages (CBA). Then on Friday, Michael Bade and Howard Ashcraft hit back-to-back homers in first 200 level course on IPD Management; Michael Bade on managing IPD at UCSF, and Howard Ashcraft on Contractual and Legal Issues. Before the sessions, I asked both Michael and Howard about how they became involved in Lean Construction. Michael's story begins with his 12-year stint managing projects in Japan. On return to the US he finds an industry we all know too well, seeks help at the University of California and meets Glenn Ballard. Howard, very much a lawyer, finds his way because of his interest in the leading edge of computers for communication and representation. Each of these leading edge thinkers find their way to Lean Construction because they have an outside perspective and are open to exploration.

Once again, Melody Spradlin from Dome Construction and Jason Cameron from the Workforce Institute made it work. The next series of course will be the 300 Series with 3 four hour-long sessions beginning on October 17: [IPD Training: Pull Planning, TVD & CBA](#) .

## More than Interesting Links

Start with this TED Lecture on how decisions are made. This doesn't challenge CBA rather it gives me hope for democracy: <http://bit.ly/TED-Shirky>

More on Health Care: [Health Care Safety](#)

Dan Anderson is working on similar issues. Keep up with his blog: [Dan Anderson](#)

ENR article on TVD: [ENR on TVD](#). And Jan Tuchman, ENR's editor will be giving the Annual Vecellio Lecture at Virginia Tech: [Tuckman Vecellio Lecture](#). This is both an important honor and lecture. Attend if you can.



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