# Lean and Prefabrication-A Process Paradigm Shift

**Amy Marks** 

CEO

XSite Modular Consulting

October 17, 2017

CAPTURE AND LEVERAGE THE LEAN ADVANTAGE



# LEAN & PREFABRICATION-A PROCESS PARADIGM SHIFT

- Industry thought leader on off-site and prefabrication
- Alumna of Harvard Business School and a graduate of the UF
- Chair of the upcoming Advancing Prefabrication Conference January
- Trainer for Mechanical Contractors Association of America (MCAA)
- Singapore's Panel of Experts on Construction and Productivity
- Founder of LinkedIn's Modern Methods of Construction (MMC
- CoreClarity trainer
- Amy and her team have worked on six of the seven continents implementing prefabrication



**AMY MARKS** 

CEO & Co-Founder



# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Learn off-site language, definitions and execution strategies
- International trends in prefabrication; Design for Manufacturing and Assembly (DfMA), "pieces and parts" vs. volumetric modular
- Review proven off-site implementation process and how it enhances or challenges current lean process
- Review Element-Centric Target Value Design vs. Trade-Centric Target Value Design
- Pitfalls, best practices and metrics for off-site



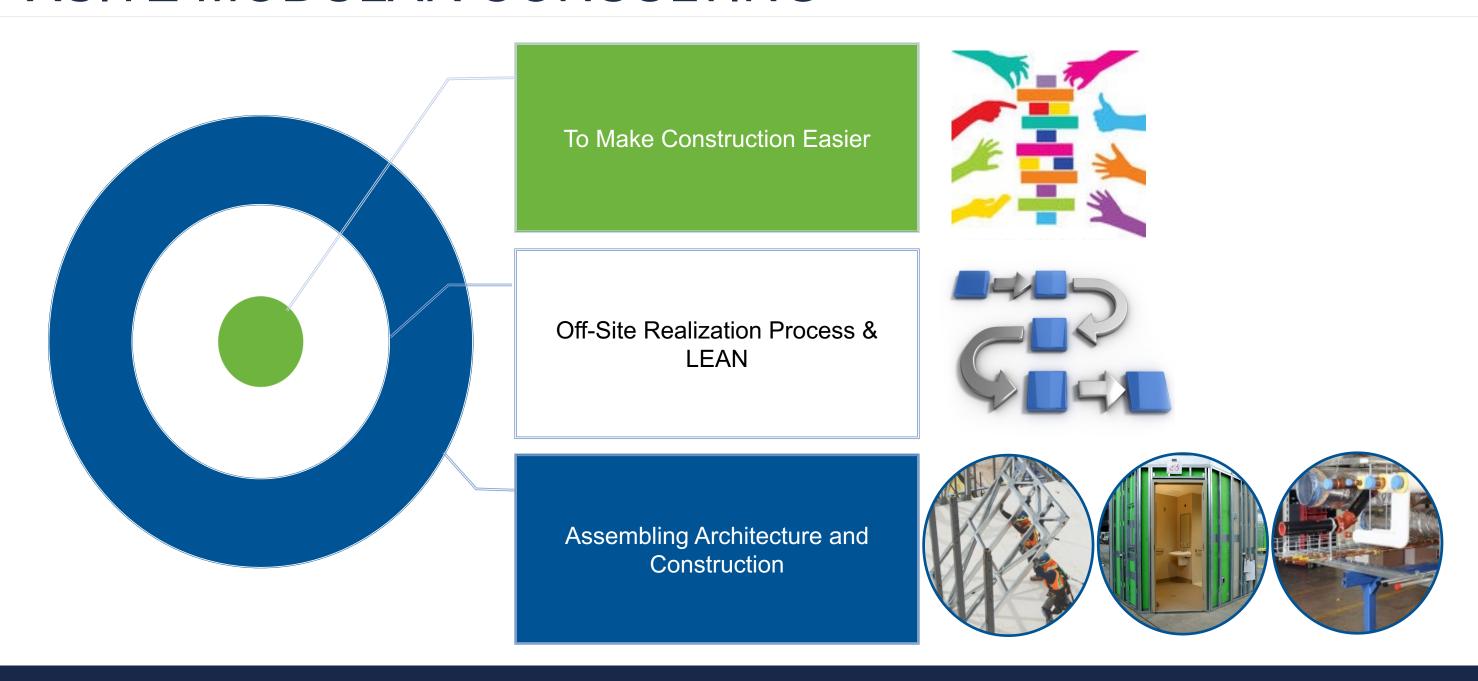
Training



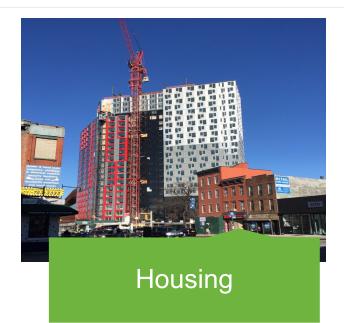
Resources



# XSITE MODULAR CONSULTING

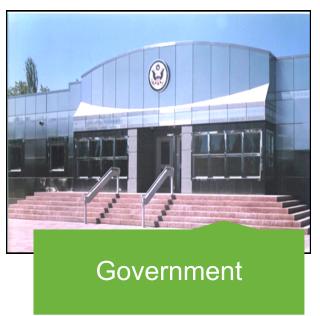


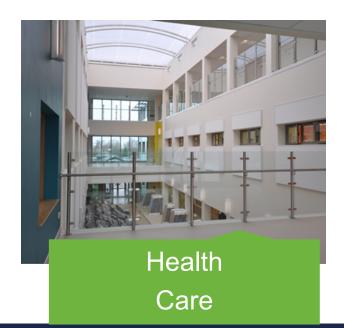
# XSITE EXPERIENCE

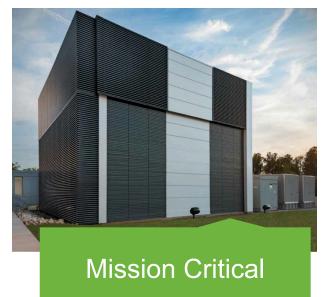


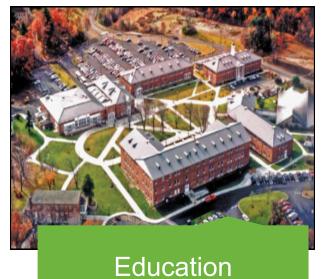












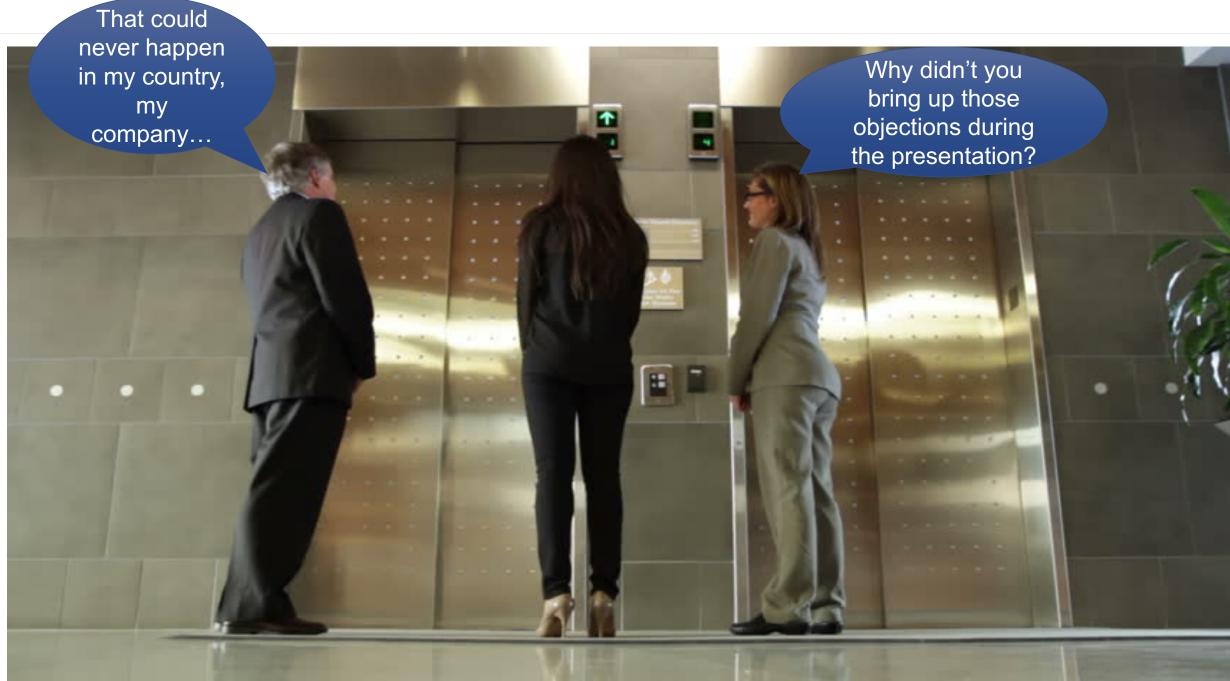


tion Hospitality

© LEAN CONSTRUCTION INSTITUTE

5



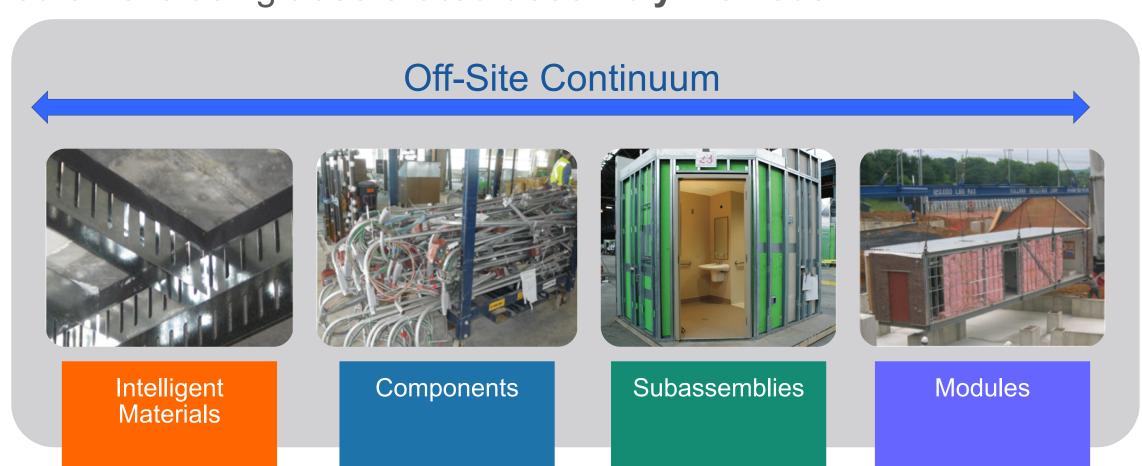


# SECTION ONE – WHAT IS OFF-SITE?



# **OFF-SITE CONTINUUM**

**Off-Site** is a broad term that encompasses the creation of **building elements** in a **controlled environment** that are transported to their final destination preferably installed on-site using **accelerated assembly** methods.



Built Environment



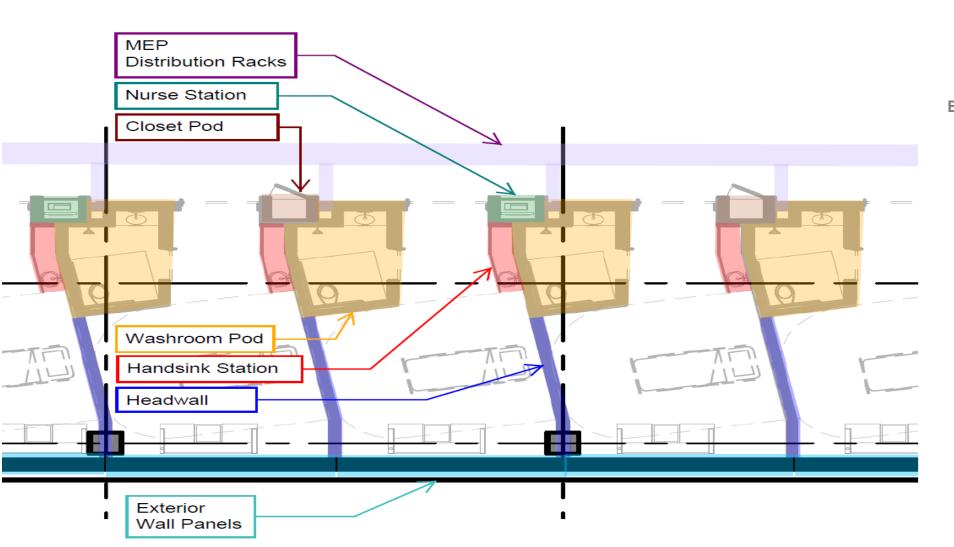
**Training** 

# TYPICAL OFF-SITE - CELLULAR

#### Simple components that are often repeated

#### **Examples include:**

- patient bathrooms
- headwalls
- MEP distribution racks
- smart walls
- closets







Training



# TYPICAL OFF-SITE - TECHNICAL

Complex areas with multiple trades operating in a confined area

#### **Examples include:**

- boiler / chiller plants
- mechanical penthouses
- chemical processing skids
- large, complex racks
- elevators







**Training** 

# PREFABRICATION BENEFITS

- Less congested site, less manpower to manage on-site
- Safer construction site
- Cost certainty
- Schedule certainty, potentially shorter schedule
- Reduced site disruption
- Best-in-class quality





Act | Safety



11

# PREFABRICATION LONG-TERM BENEFITS

- Build more with less resources
- Cross-project learning = shorter learning loop
- "Standing on the shoulders" of proven designs
- Continuous improvement due to decoupled elements
- Ability to tap into a larger, global supply chain
- Investments today reap future returns









## BENEFITS – THE BOTTOM LINE

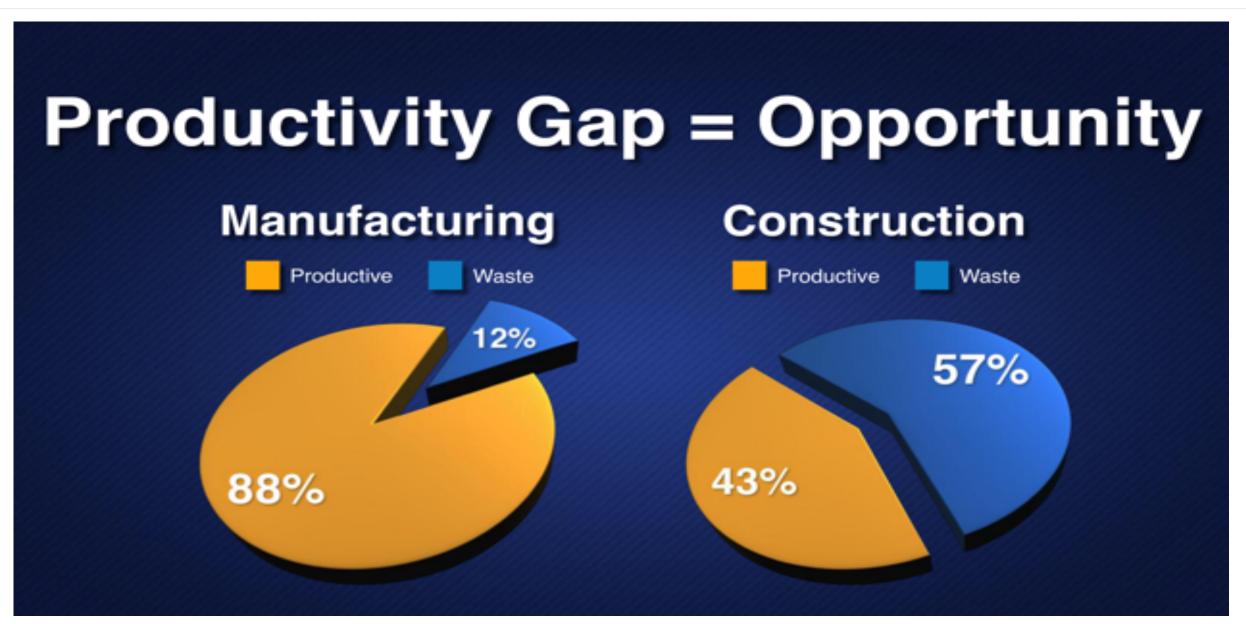
EASIER leads to ...

BETTER & FASTER

Result = MORE VALUE

(potentially cheaper, maybe not)

# IT'S ABOUT PRODUCTIVITY



Construction Industry Institute

# **CONSTRUCTION AND R&D**



#### The construction industry is among the least digitized.

McKinsey Global Institute industry digitization index; 2015 or latest available data

Relatively low digitization Relatively high

Digital leaders within relatively undigitized sectors

<sup>1</sup>Based on a set of metrics to assess digitization of assets (8 metrics), usage (11 metrics), and labor (8 metrics). <sup>2</sup>Information and communications technology.

Source: AppBrain; Bluewolf; Computer Economics; eMarketer; Gartner; IDC Research; LiveChat; US Bureau of Economic Analysis; US Bureau of Labor Statistics; US Census Bureau; McKinsey Global Institute analysis

# SECTION TWO – OFF-SITE IS A PROCESS





# **OFF-SITE PROCESS**

 Off-Site is a process, <u>not a decision</u>, with tools and experts just like pull planning or any other Lean method



- Better when it's not a stand-alone method
- It can enhance or enable (modify) the other lean methods





# **OFF-SITE PROCESS**



Is everyone rowing in the same direction?

# THE PROCESS

# Off-Site Realization Process (OSR)



Enables and optimizes the use of off-site prefabricated elements

# STEP ONE - ALIGN



# ALIGNMENT

#### **Step One** of the process involves:

- Educating the project team
- Defining value
- Identifying enablers and constraints
- Developing an initial off-site plan







**Training** 



Collaboration



Process and Flow

# **ALIGNMENT**

Consistency
Performance
Lifecycle
User Experience

Onsite Issues

Quality
Schedule

Competition

Re-Use

Risk Quality

Productivity





Subcontractor

# SYSTEMS APPROACH

A methodology that analyzes performance and interaction of individual systems and how that system affects whole building design and overall performance.

Using a structured process, analyze and select solutions (off-site and conventional) which increase value and reduce waste.









# SYSTEMS APPROACH

#### You need to know...

- How building systems interact
- Each systems expected performance
- Sequence of construction
- Contracting and procurement process
- Understanding of available supply chain
- Structured Process to integrate off-site elements







# SYSTEMS APPROACH

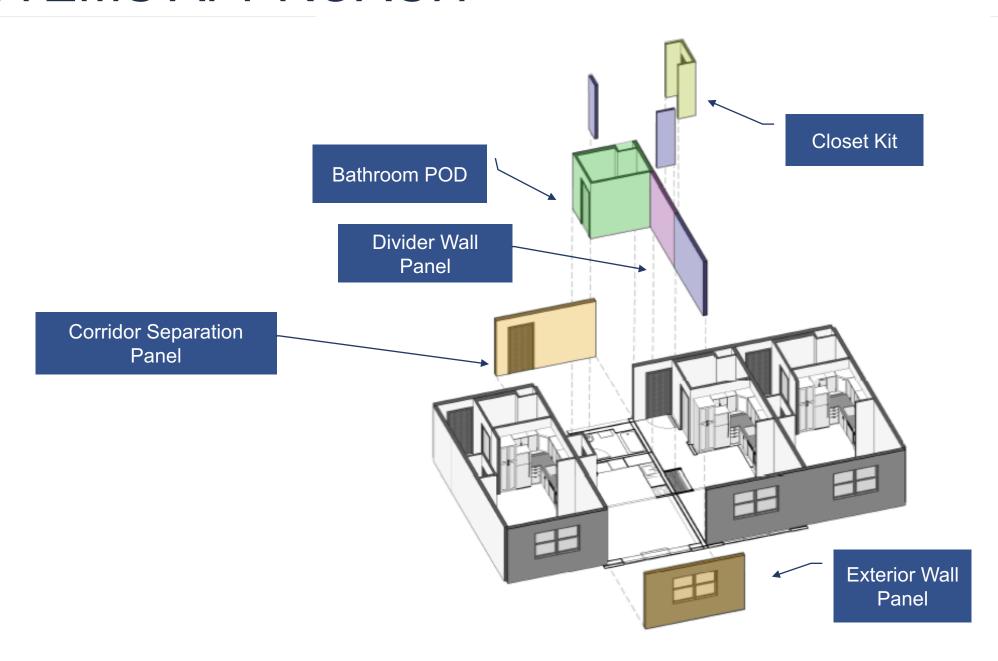
- Do we need it?
- How much do we want to decouple it?
- How can it be produced off-site?
- What can we concurrently build?
- Does this assist in turning the project site into an assembly location vs. a construction site?







# SYSTEMS APPROACH







Optimize the Whole



# STEP TWO - PLAN





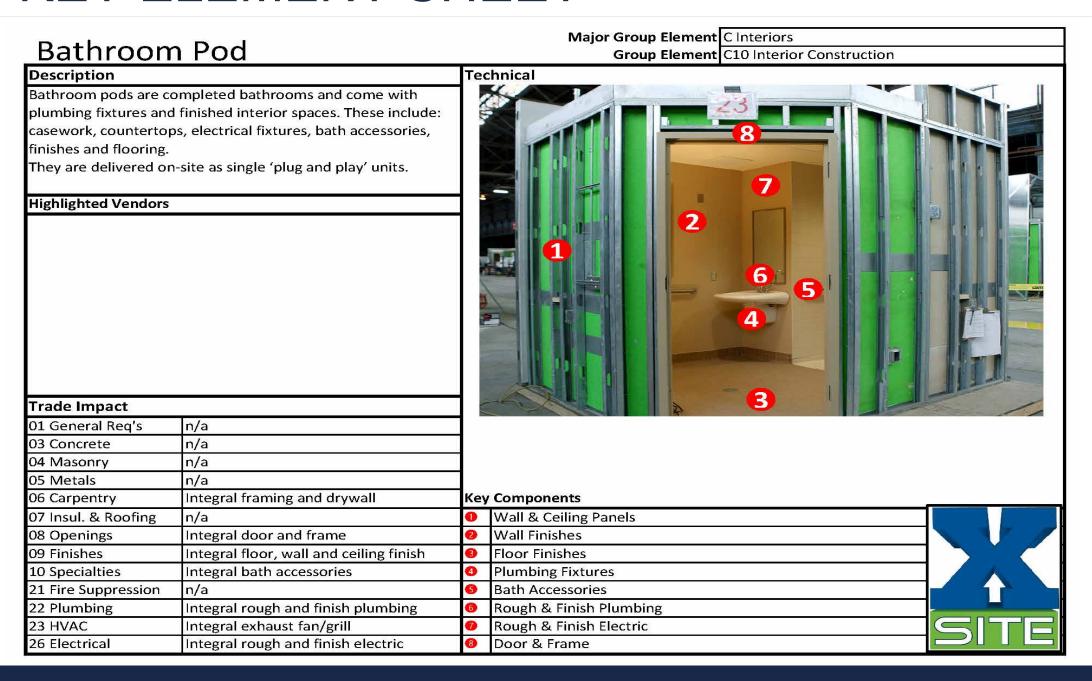


#### Step Two is Plan

- Dissection Plan Identify, Prioritize,
   Categorize the Off-Site Elements
- Score the Elements
- Organize the Teams

#	Total Score	Category (1, 2, 3)	Group	Execution Strategy	
1	9	1	MEP Modules	OSM	Electrical rooms ve
2	9	1	MEP Modules	OSM	IT rooms vertically
3	9	1	MEP Modules	OSM	<b>CUP Building fully</b>
4	11	2	MEP Racks	SCOSC	Electrical undergro
5	10	2	MEP Racks	OSM	Prefabricated boil- generator)
6	10	3	MEP Racks	SCOSC	Prefabricated elec
7	10	3	MEP Racks	OSM	Prefabricated wiri
8	8	1	MEP Racks	SCOSC	Main corridor distr
9	8	1	Operating Rooms	OSM	Simulation ceiling
10	8	1	Operating Rooms	OSM	Operating room ce
11	10	2	Pods	OSM	Non-patient room
12	10	2	Pods	OSM	Enhanced washroo
13	10	2	Pods	OSM	Patient washroom
14	9	2	Pods	OSM	Nurse Server close
15	8	2	Pods	OSM	Nurse charting star
16	12	1	Shell	OSM	Exterior panelized
17	11	1	Shell	OSM	Integrated conduit
18	11	2	Shell	OSM	Precast stair landir
19	10	1	Shell	OSM	Elevator rooftop o
20	8	1	Shell	OSM	Hung exit corridor
21	9	2	Wall Panels	OSM	Handwash / eyewa
22	8	2	Wall Panels	OSM	Stretcher room he
23	8	2	Wall Panels	OSM	ER headwalls (MI)

# TOOLS – KEY ELEMENT SHEET





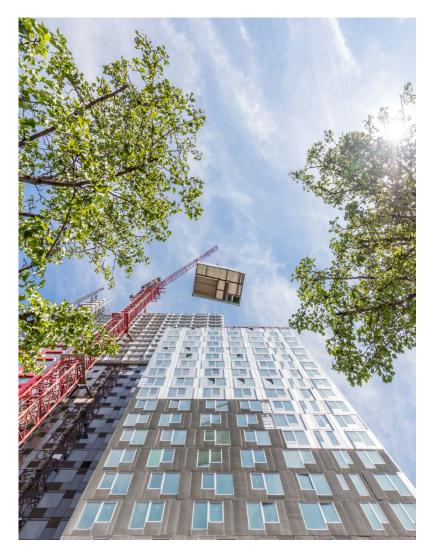
# STEP THREE - IDENTIFY



# **IDENTIFY**

### **Step Three** is Identify

- Decide Execution Strategy
- Identify Suppliers
- Contact Suppliers
- Prequalify Suppliers



B2-PACIFIC PARK, BROOKLYN, NYC

# STEP FOUR – SELECT



# SELECT

#### **Step Four** is Select

- Detail the Design Requirements
- Target Value Design (TVD)
- Request for Proposals
- Supply Chain Engagement
- Analyze Proposals



PROTOTYPE INSPECTION



Tools



Collaboration



Process and Flow

# STEP FIVE - INTEGRATE



# INTEGRATE

#### **Step Five** is Integrate

- Onboard the Selected Supplier
- Integrated Design Sessions
- Refine On-Site Construction Sequence and Installation Schedule





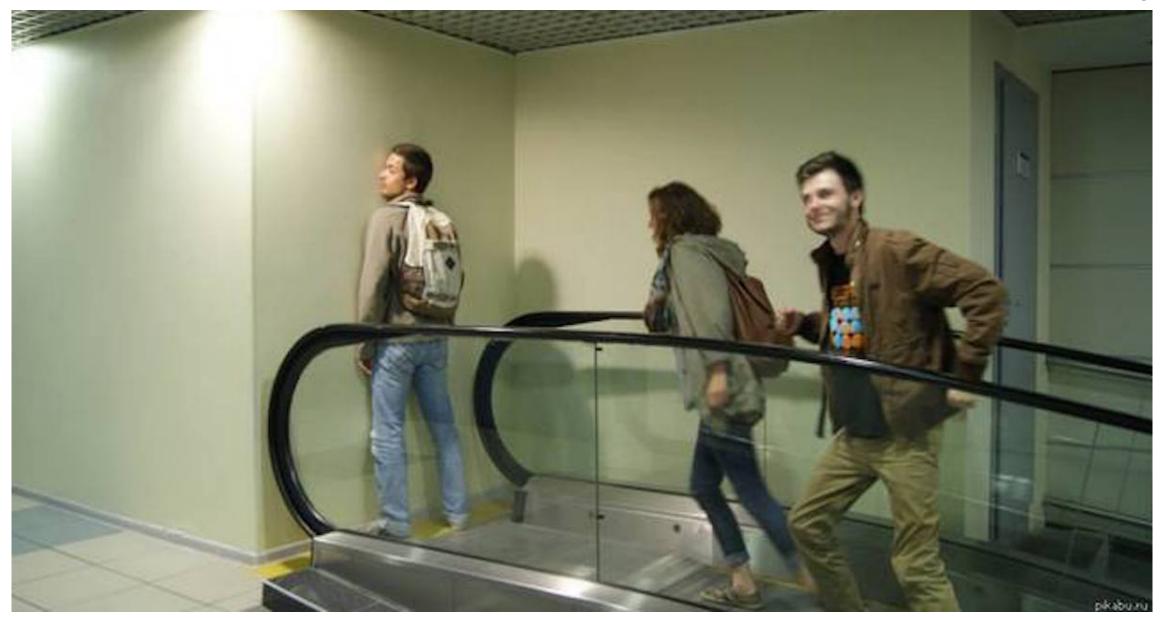




OFF-SITE ELEMENT READY FOR INSTALLATION

Process and Flow

# DESIGN FOR MANUFACTURE AND ASSEMBLY (DfMA)





**Training** 



Collaboration



Process and Flow

# DESIGN FOR MANUFACTURING & ASSEMBLY PRINCIPLES

- 1. Modular design
- 2. Design parts for multi-use
- 3. Reduce total number of parts
- 4. Use of standard components
- 5. Use of intelligent materials
- 6. Design for ease of fabrication
- 7. Design for ease of assembly and minimized handling
- 8. Design for Safety



**Training** 



Tools



and Flow

## DfMA PRINCIPLES - VW





















Collaboration









**Process** and Flow

38

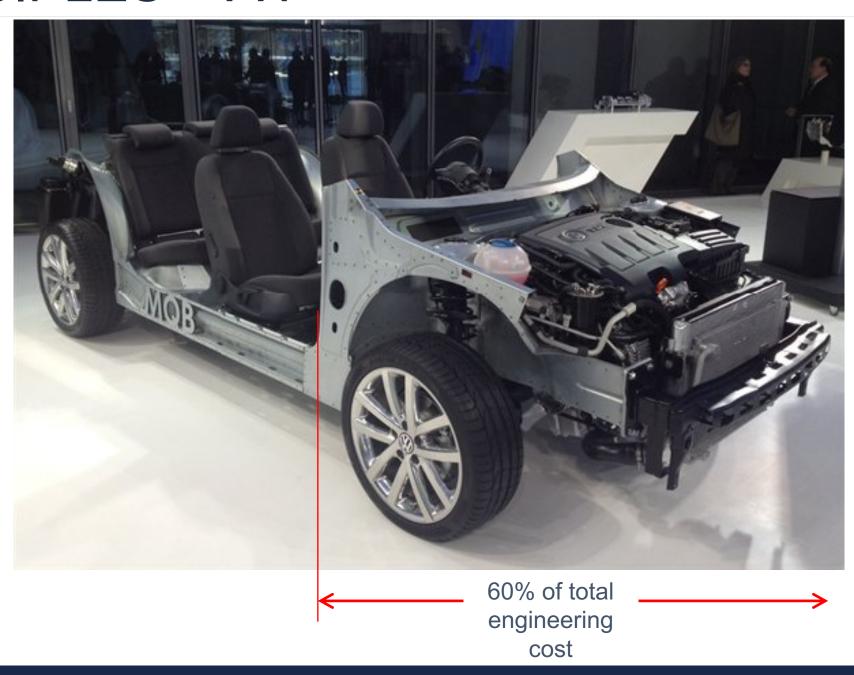








# DfMA PRINCIPLES - VW





Training

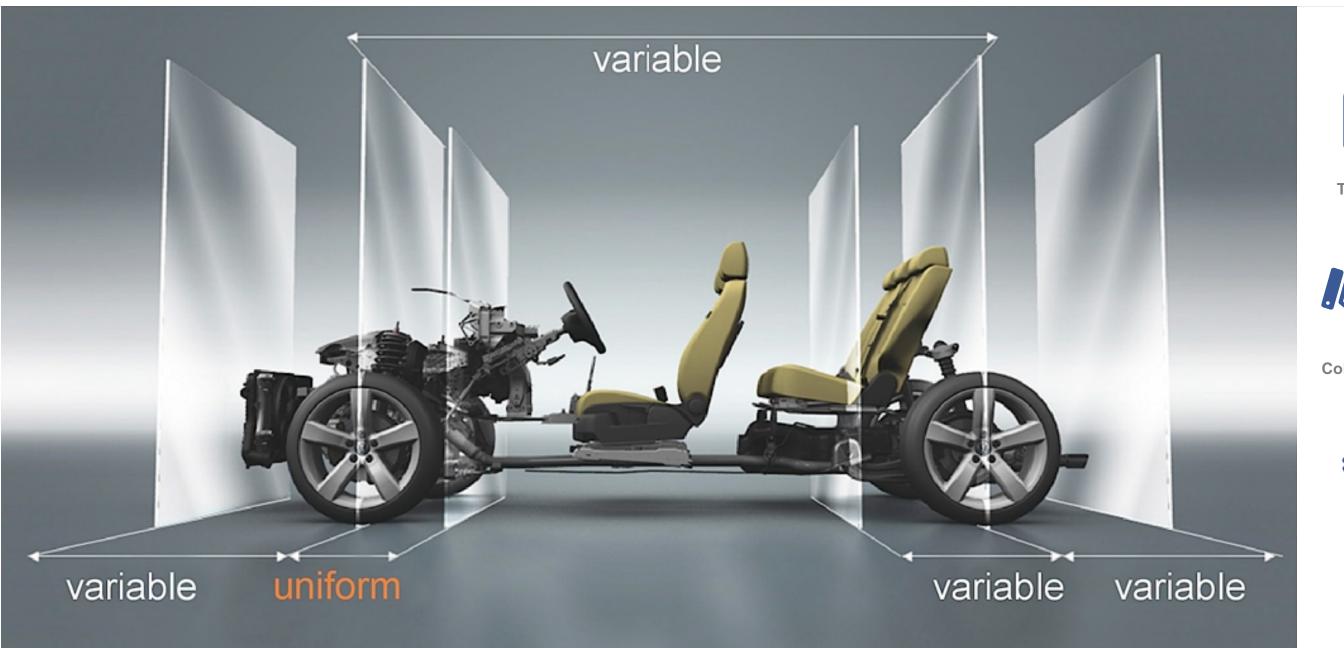


Collaboration



Process and Flow

# DfMA PRINCIPLES - VW





**Training** 



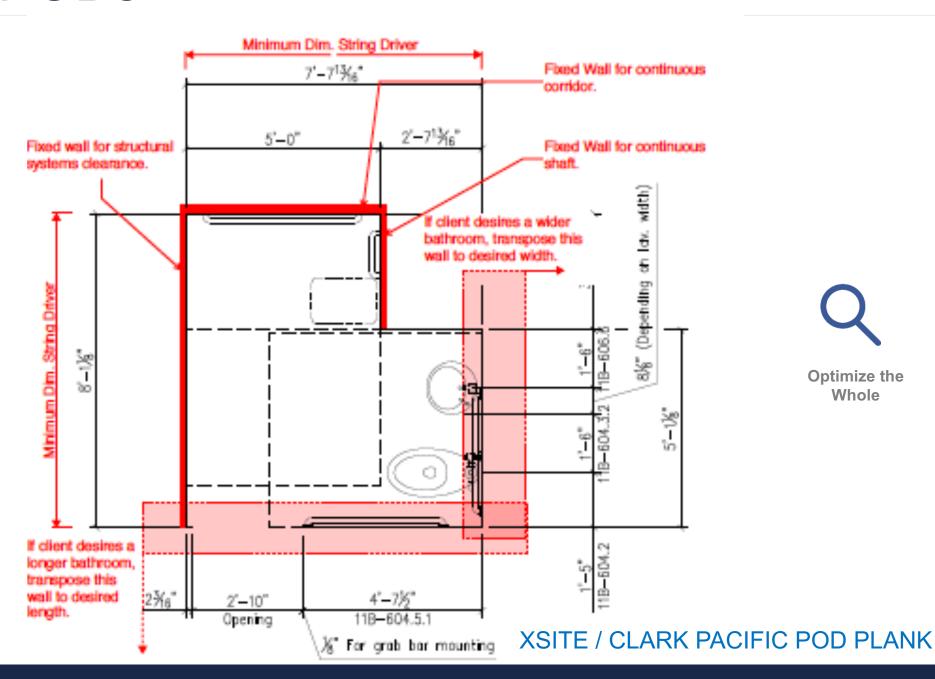
Collaboration



Process and Flow

## DfMA PRINCIPLES - PODs

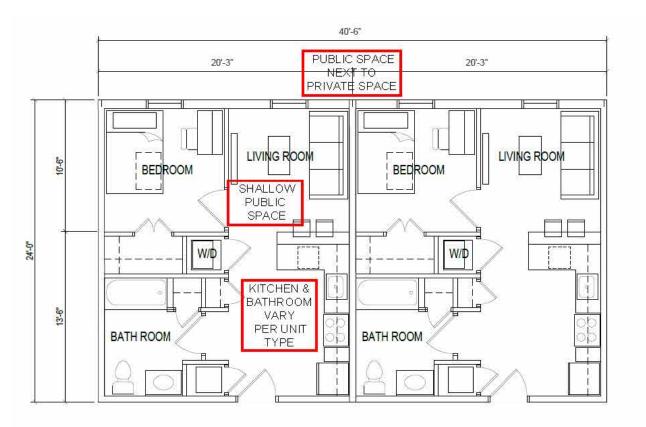
Strategy for expanding upon the base minimum adaptable bath unit to support design of larger bathrooms and continuity of shaft space



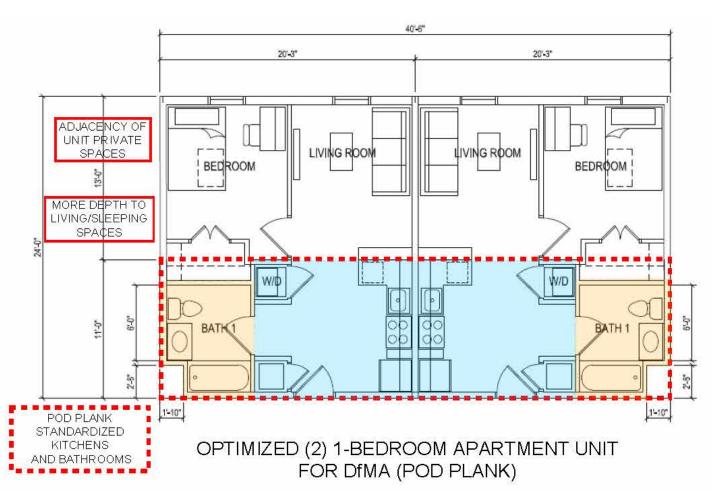
Optimize the Whole

41

## INSIDE OUT DESIGN



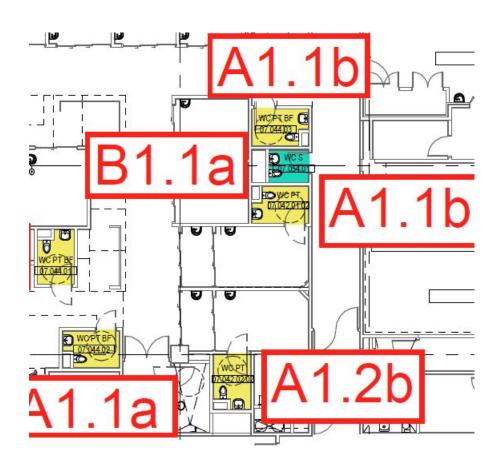
ORIGINAL (2) 1-BEDROOM APARTMENT UNIT



Optimize the Whole

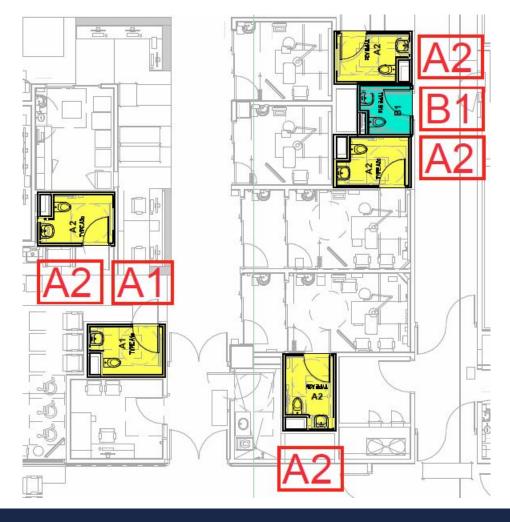
XSITE / CLARK PACIFIC POD PLANK

## INSIDE OUT DESIGN



BEFORE standardization
700 individual bathroom pods
99 different types

AFTER standardization
700 individual bathroom pods
5 different types





# SECTION THREE – IMPACTS ON OTHER LEAN METHODS





## LEAN - EVIDENCE

#### PROJECTS with HIGH LEAN INTENSITY

are MORE LIKELY to complete

**AHEAD OF SCHEDULE & UNDER BUDGET** 

**2X** 



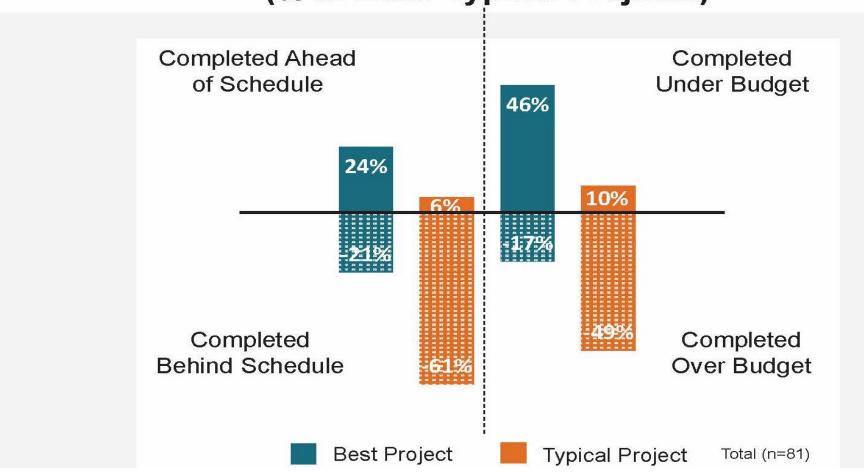


Research

## LEAN - EVIDENCE

## Satisfaction vs. Value

# Performance from Approval of Capital Project (% of Best/ Typical Projects)

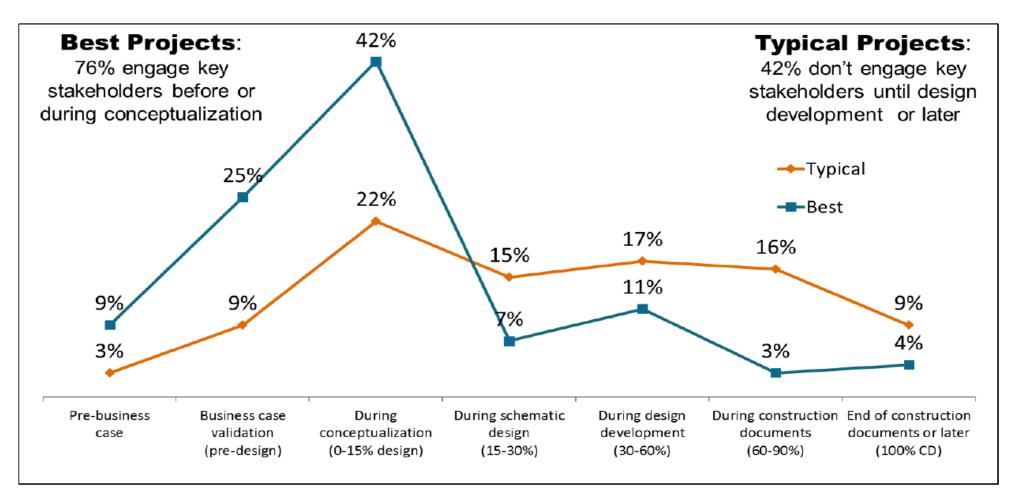




Research

## LEAN - EVIDENCE

## **Timing of Key Stakeholder Engagement**





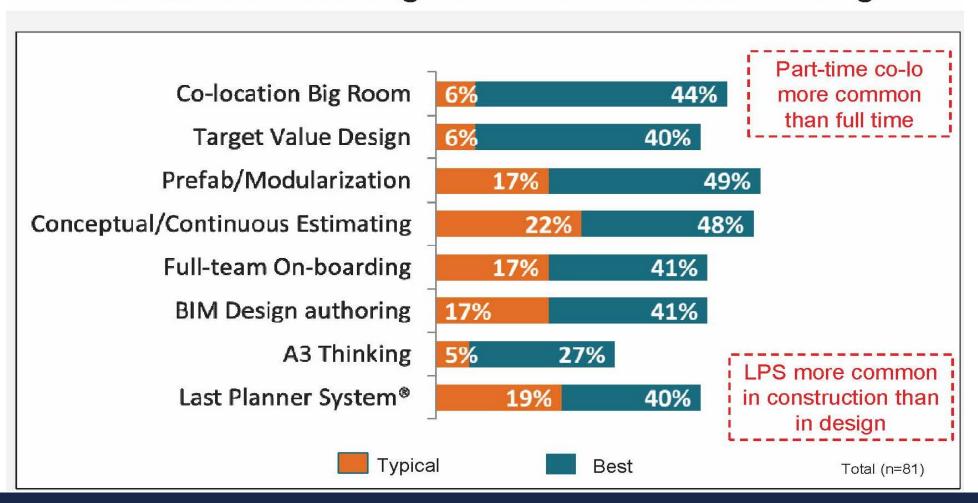




## LEAN - EVIDENCE

## Learn as a Team

#### Methods with Most Degree of Difference Between Usage





Research

## CO-LOCATION - BIG ROOM

#### **Enhancements**

- It's a key premise that the off-site realization process is collaborative
- All stakeholders are present in the big room for off-site element team so it reinforces the need and concept





#### **Modifications**

- Some normal design/coordination meetings are replaced by the off-site element team meeting
- Others incorporate the off-site element meeting (or leaders from the team) into larger design/scoping sessions



## PULL PLANNING

#### **Enhancements**

- Because the focus is on resequencing the work, pull-planning is needed
- Allows for additional time savings to be identified and realized for prefabricated elements

- Collaboration
- Decoupled AND less pieces and parts cleaner schedules better work flow – more certainty



#### **Modifications**

- During the pull plan, prefabricated elements are identified (usually with a sticker on the sticky note)
- Areas including prefabricated elements are revisited to ensure all resequencing considerations during the session
- Approvals are needed earlier for items within the prefabricated elements

## TVD - ELEMENT- vs TRADE-CENTRIC

#### **Enhancements**

- Focuses on performancebased specifications vs. prescriptive specifications
- Places focus on sharing costs as part of the design criteria

#### **Modifications**

 Requires target costs for element-based solutions vs. trade focus

#### **Conventional Bathroom**



Required Trades: 9
Carpenter, Plumber,
Mech, Elec, Drywaller,
Door, Fire Protection,
Tiler, Painter

Prefabricated Bathroom Pod



Required Trades: 1
Bathroom Pod
Manufacturer

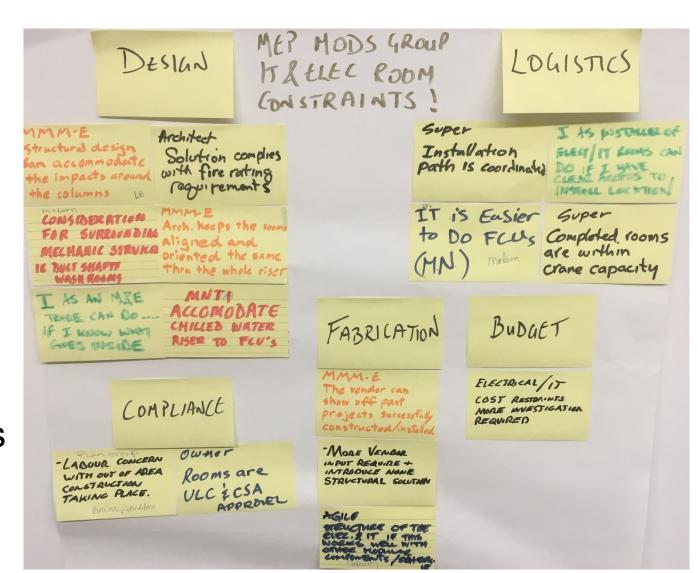
## CONSTRAINT LOG

#### **Enhances**

- Off-site element teams focus on removing constraints
- I CAN do <u>"off-site element"</u>, IF <u>this</u> <u>criterion</u> is met.

#### **Modifications**

 The off-site element team collaboratively removes constraints for the element, not just the responsibility of the project manager







Collaboration



## INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY (IPD)

#### **Enhances**

- Collaboration within the off-site element teams fosters better communication and team work
- Focus is always on value to the project and not the individual since many elements are multi-trade
- Prefabrication is more successful in a collaborative environment

#### **Modifications**

- Key partners may be different
- Some traditional partners may not want to give up the work that is intertwined within elements
- Elements should be carved out at concept prior to any budgeting or estimates





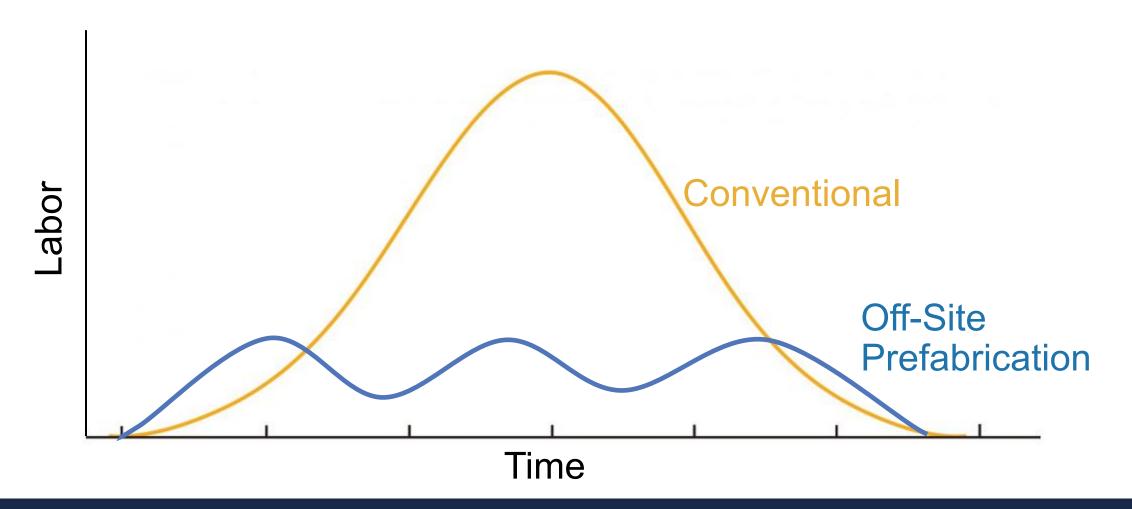
Process and Flow

# SECTION FOUR – PITFALLS, METRICS & CASE STUDIES



## **METRICS**

- Reduced on-site labor
- Balanced, consistent labor



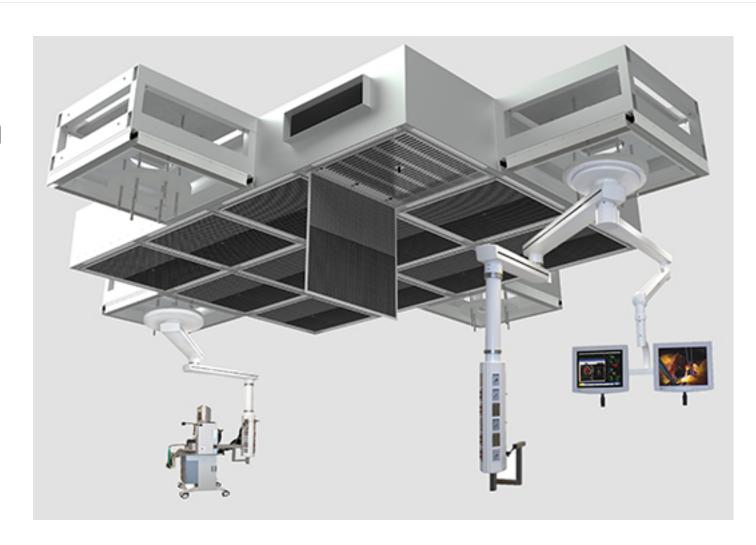


and Flow

Other Metrics:
Schedule certainty
Cost certainty
Punch list
Safety

## PITFALLS - PREFAB KILLERS

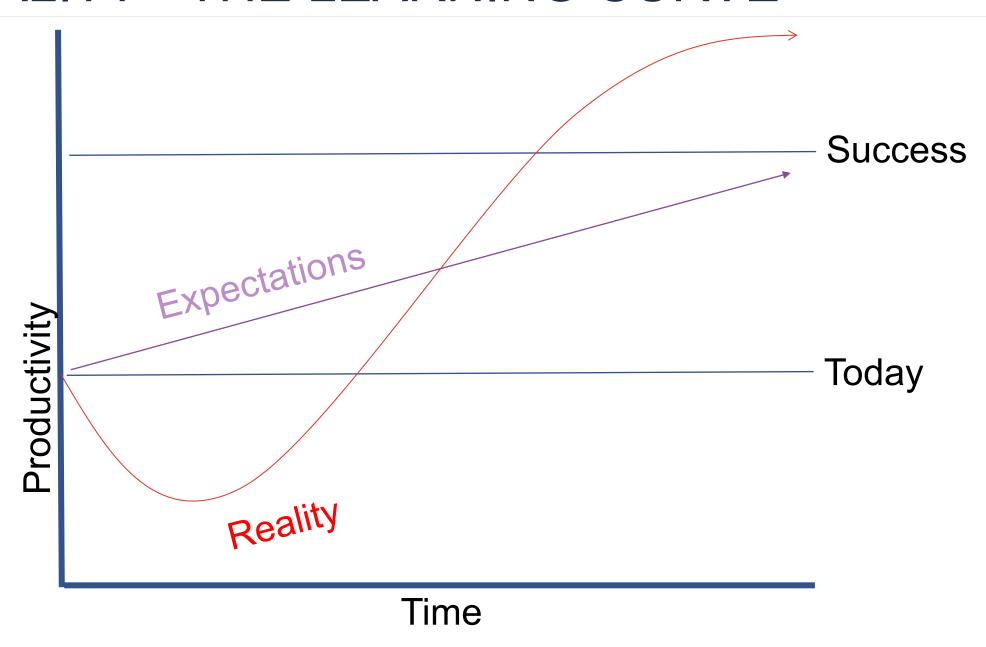
- Late engagement
- The "apples to orange" comparison
- Conventional procurement process
- Lack of Alignment Why are we doing this?
- Single Element Focus
- Project-Centricity



OPERATING ROOM CEILING FROM SLD TECHNOLOGY



## REALITY - THE LEARNING CURVE









Process and Flow

## CASE STUDY - LCF

#### THE MISSION

Help our client reduce its recurring capital costs of construction by:

30%

Provide an integrated project delivery (IPD) approach with a focus on design innovation for a complex manufacturing plant

Identify opportunities to utilize pre-fabrication, pre-assembly, modularization & off-site fabrication

Utilize a target value design (TVD) approach to achieve cost savings from start to finish

#### A Winning Formula for Lean Construction

Target Value Design + Off-site + Integrated Project Delivery + BIM

#### OUR APPROACH

#### Assemble the right (fully integrated) team upfront

The project team (system experts, design team, construction team, off-site experts, and strategic subcontractors) was assembled before any drawings were created. We spent significant time on aligning around our goals and the typesof solutions the team would be exploring together. By spending time to align upfront, the design sessions that followed were more focused, productive and efficient.

#### Look at every angle

The team carefully analyzed the current system design and costs, understanding inputs and outputs, identifying major components, and labor intensive areas. Each specialty group within the team conducted an Initial Dissection Plan (IDP) — a brainstorming session focused on generating as many waste reduction ideas for the project as possible.

#### Go virtual

Leveraging 3D modeling in a BIM environment enabled the team to help the client visualize the new fabrication model including its new design, work flow and opportunities to leverage off-site throughout the facility. The team would have been crippled without the ability to virtually model possible solutions and new ideas.

#### **OUR RESULTS**

#### It's all about ideas

In total, the integrated team generated over 160 potential solutions and then evaluated the list against possible constraints, potential value, feasibility, cost, scheduling and so on. In the end, 75 improvements were identified as key elements that should be incorporated.

#### Bigger isn't always better

The team's new Target Value Design reduced the project footprint by 60% and the actual building area by 32%, which will translate into a significant cost reduction.

#### The bottom line

Leveraging this approach, our integrated team was able to identify a 40% potential cost reduction in the design and construction of these complex manufacturing plants.

For more insight on our Zero Waste strategies and how they can support your project, drop us a note: relentlessallies@balfourbeattyus.com



Research



Resources



Tools

**Balfour Beatty**Construction

## CASE STUDY - LCF

#### LCF

- > The team developed a repeatable process for PPMOF and incorporated new supply chain partners
- Six distinct areas of work with a value of approximately \$242M were examined yielding:
  - > 44% cost reduction
  - > 85% reduction of on-site hours
  - > 60% reduction of schedule
  - > 60% reduction in footprint
  - > 38% improvement in costs per capacity

# Proof is in the pudding



Research





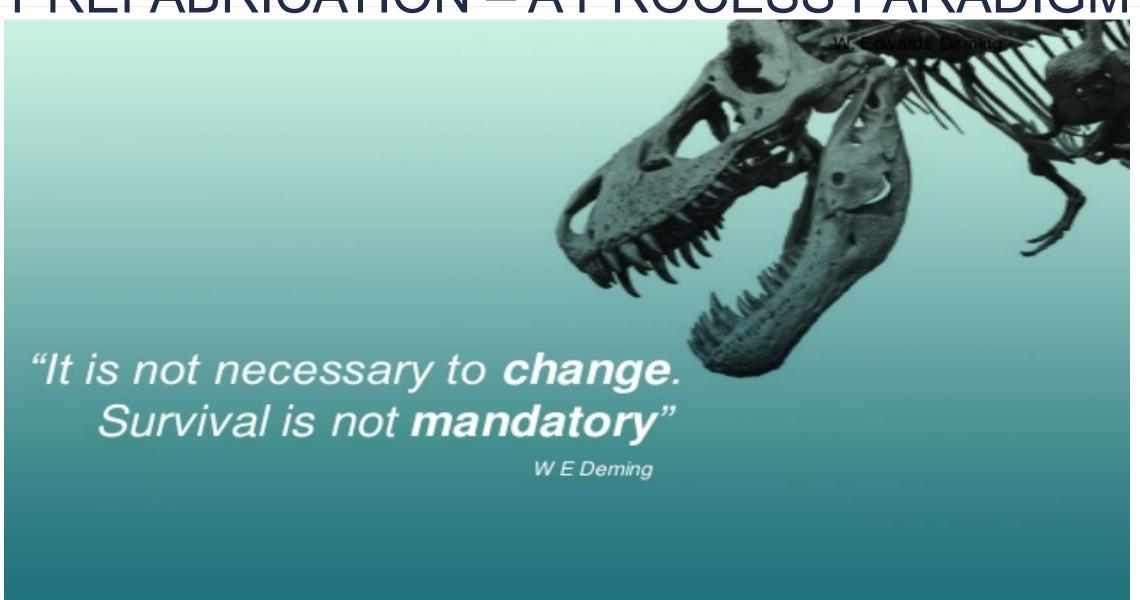
**Balfour Beatty**Construction

© LEAN CONSTRUCTION INSTITUTE

59



# LEAN & PREFABRICATION - A PROCESS PARADIGM SHIFT



In the spirit of continuous improvement, we would like to remind you to complete this session's survey in the Congress app! We look forward to receiving your feedback. Highest rated presenters will be recognized.

