

Relational Contracting June 14/15 2007

In November 2004, LCI convened an International Symposium on Relational Contracting. Building on the information and ideas exchanged in that meeting, Sutter Health and LCI embarked on developing a relational contract that was focused on supporting Lean Project Delivery. Sutter Health's "Integrated Agreement for Lean Project Delivery" has been in circulation for over two years, and several of its projects are proceeding through design and construction under the guidance of this agreement. LCI, in order to promote wider use of the Integrated Agreement, sponsored development of a generic form for distribution. As a result of both of these initiatives, other Owner's in the United States, both private and public, have begun to embrace the fundamentals included in the Integrated Agreement and incorporate them into their contracts.

In an effort to promote continuous improvement and to aid in wider dissemination of the benefits of the Integrated Lean Project Delivery, LCI is sponsoring a follow-up conference.

The purpose of this meeting is to: Promote sharing of experiences, both nationally and internationally, among teams with on-going projects being delivered under an Integrated Agreement or other form of relational contract in an effort to expedite their learning;

1. Collectively learn from the experiences of these teams about what has worked, what has not, and what should be changed or improved about the process;
2. Identify industry concerns and opportunities to improve the terms of the Integrated Agreement to better align with the fundamental goals of Lean Project Delivery; and
3. Explore whether other construction industry organizations, as part of their on-going efforts to improve project delivery, are interested in jointly promoting use of the Integrated Agreement as a means of fostering deeper industry collaboration and eliminating waste and increasing value in project delivery.