

Lean Construction Institute
Specialty Contractor and Supplier Forum
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University of Cincinnati

The Specialty Contractor and Supplier Forum of the Lean Construction Institute has been reestablished. The objective of the group is to apply and develop AEC supply chain management and sustainability principles and techniques, especially for suppliers of products and services that traditionally have had a transactional relationship with AEC projects and have not been included as members of project delivery teams.

The group's immediate objectives include:

- Defining the incorporation strategy for suppliers into the design stage of a lean project.
- Defining a succinct value proposition for increasing supplier involvement in the LCI Design Forum.

The group's short-term objectives include:

- Increasing supplier involvement in the design process.
- Improving the design process for engineered-to-order products.
- Incorporating process design (i.e., off-site fabrication and on-site construction) efficiencies (e.g., sustainability) into the product design process, and vice versa.

We invite companies to attend an inaugural meeting on May 22, 2007 in Cincinnati to help shape the focus and direction of the Forum, prepare for LCI's June 2007 Design Forum, and develop the Forum's mission and long-term objectives. If you are interested in getting involved with the Specialty Contractor and Supplier Forum, please e-mail Cynthia Tsao at cynthia.tsao@uc.edu and let us know:

- Can you attend the inaugural meeting?
- Why are you interested in participating?
- What can you bring to the group?
- What do you hope to get out of participating?

We will compile your responses to help inform the May 22, 2007 meeting.
Thanks for your interest