



The **Ohio Valley Chapter** has finalized the panel and presentations for its **August 24** program on Target Value Design. The national breadth of the panel attests to the importance and value of this event for LCI TVD practitioners. **Todd Henderson** of **Boulder Architects** will present on his firm's use of Target Value Design on both projects and in other design aspects. **Bernita Beikmann** of **HKS** and other members of her team working on a hospital renovation in Indianapolis will talk about both the challenges and opportunities that team (**including Corporate Member Messer Construction**) experienced on that project. Co-Director of the Academic Forum, **Tariq Abdelhamid** of **Michigan State University** and members of his team will report on their use of TVD in the design of a new dining hall on campus. And we will have a representative of **Southland Industries** (hopefully **Victor Sanvido** or other team member) discussing the on-going process of TVD on the **UHS Temecula Hospital** project that resulted in beating their developed target cost. This will be a one-day presentation workshop but we're fortunate that the OVC has agreed to host a cocktail reception the evening before—they're currently searching for sponsors if you're interested. More information on sign up is in the Calendar section following this update.

Greg and I have been working hard to help develop the joint program for the **LCI/CURT Summit** to be held **September 14**, outside of Buffalo, New York. Thanks to **Al Schwarzkopf**, **Greg Sizemore**, **Donna Janssens** and their team for the great collaboration in putting together this program of team reports on how teams get started in IPD and lean design and construction. Pencil this conference into your schedule—it should be terrific. There are also sponsorships available; I'll be forwarding additional information directly to our Corporate Sponsors.

We've also been working closely with the **Associated General Contractors of America** and hope to announce a historic partnership shortly. We've been instrumental in helping shape AGC's approach to lean design and construction; in fact, **Will Lichtig** of Corporate Sponsor **Boldt** will be presenting at the **Lean Conference** AGC has scheduled for **September 21-24 in San Antonio**.

In addition, I'll be sharing the podium with **Tim Gunn** of Corporate Sponsor **Alberici Construction** before the **St. Louis Council of Construction Consumers August 24** in St. Louis (of all places). And I'll address the **SMACNA annual conference** at the **Broadmoor** (Colorado Springs, Colorado) **September 29**. We're working with the **Ontario Architects Association** to reprise the Introductions to Lean I did in **Toronto** in May. I'm anticipating two additional sessions to be held in **Toronto** and **Hamilton, Ontario** after the Congress in **October** but we'll keep you posted.

These events underscore our commitment to our community to share best and better practices of teams and participants using lean construction and design principles and tools. Another commitment we've made is to engage more owners. Next week, I'll be in **Charlotte, N.C.** with **David Craft** of **Rodgers Builders** and others to present an **Introduction to Lean** in cooperation with the Carolinas chapter. We already have representatives from seven large owners signed up for the **August 3** event. In addition, representatives of our Sustaining Sponsors—**New Forma** and **DesignFacilitator**—will be on hand. Thanks to the Carolinas for putting that program together.



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Also, a big thank you to the more than fifty of you that have responded to our survey so far. As I indicated last week, completing the survey helps us understand the direction we should take the organization. The last part of the survey includes a section on What LCI should STOP doing, what we should START doing and what we should KEEP doing. If you haven't had a chance to respond yet, please click on (or copy and paste if necessary) the link below:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9MPLF93>

Next **Monday and Tuesday (August 1 and 2)** the **LCI Board** will be meeting in **Chicago** to consider, among other things, your responses. Thanks for taking a few minutes to share your thoughts with us.

One final note. We've **extended the date for submissions for the Congress from July 28 until August 8**. Thanks to the several submissions we have received so far. If you're still considering a submission, please send it to congressabstract@leanconstruction.org before August 8