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BETTER

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CREATING, MANAGING, AND SUSTAINING
A LEAN ORGANIZATION



Helping teams and organizations get great results with Lean thinking

- Last Planner® System
- 5S for the field
- Continuous Improvement
- Lean in your organization
- AGC Lean Construction Education Program for CM-Lean

"David is a thought leader in the lean design and construction industry. He is passionate about Lean, but also practical. David can take what sounds complicated and make it simple." - Eric Lusic, Senior Director, Continuous Improvement, AECON GROUP, INC., Canada



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LEAN CONSTRUCTION

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Lean Construction Institute
Transforming the Built Environment

A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF LEAN WITH A SIMPLE APPROACH

- ♦ Active consultant partner member of the Lean Construction Institute. LCI Los Angeles / Orange County Community of Practice Core Group
- ♦ Created the "5S in Lean Construction" training program for the Lean Construction Institute
- ♦ Approved and active trainer Associated General Contractors Lean Construction Education Program
- ♦ Co-developed "Creating, Managing and Sustaining a Lean Organization" presented multiple times a LCI Congress

EFFECTIVE TEACHER, FACILITATOR, AND COACH

- ♦ Facilitated hundreds of Last Planner System pull planning and weekly work planning sessions for construction and design
- ♦ Taught and mentored hundreds in planning and scheduling.
- ♦ Coached teams in Value Stream Mapping, 5S, Root Cause Analysis, and other Lean methods
- ♦ Brought Lean thinking and methods to projects, districts and supported North American implementation at PCL

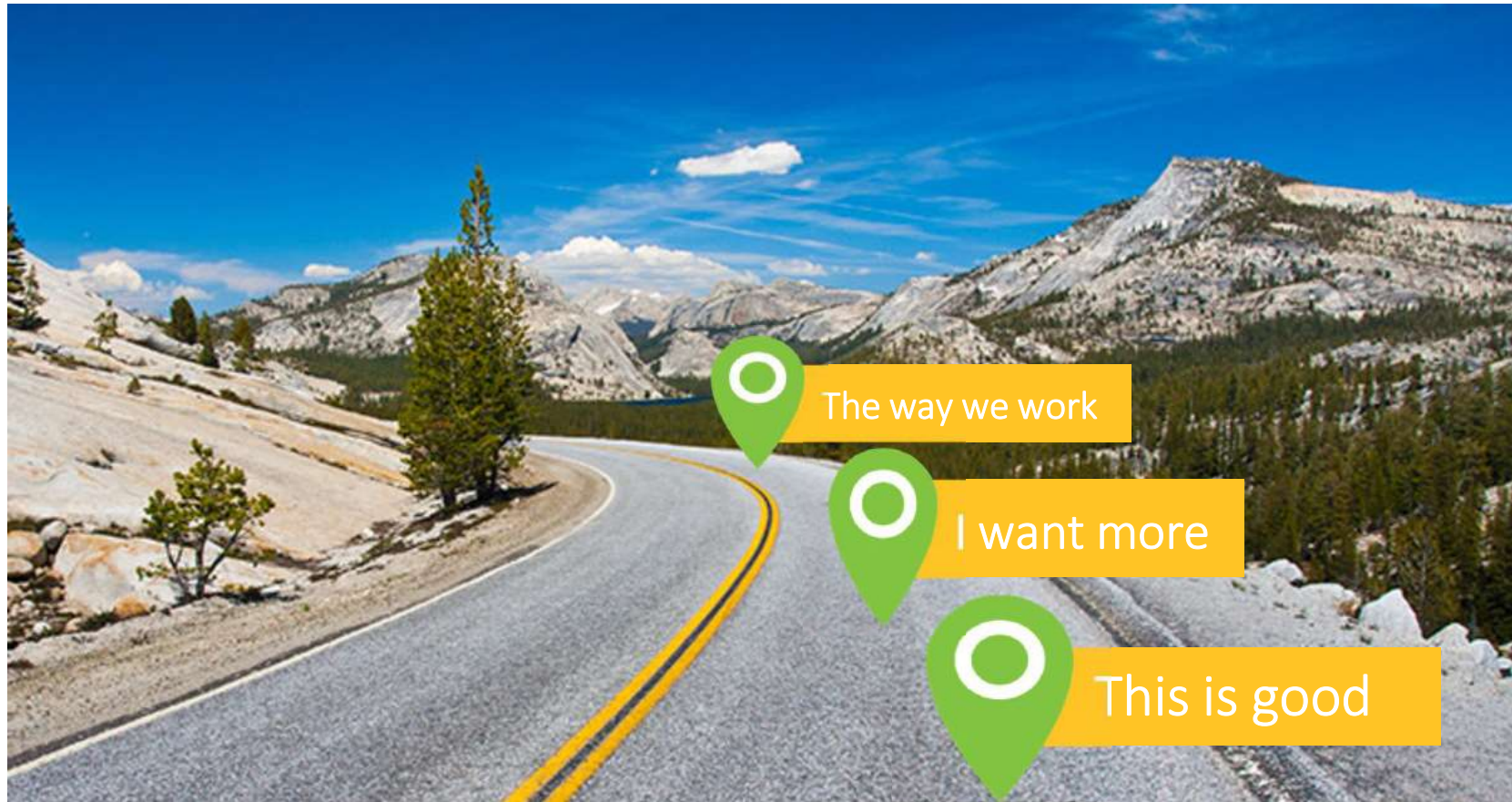
30+ YEARS OF REAL CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE

- ♦ Project team member on a wide variety of project types, sizes, and delivery methods including process. petro-chemical, power generation, lab and research, student and multi-family housing, sports, entertainment, theme parks, schools, medical, airport, parking structures, and others working directly with trades, owners, and design teams
- ♦ Learning and Production Manager, Project Controls Manager, Scheduling Manager, Scheduling Engineer, assist project manager and field engineering



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YOUR LEAN JOURNEY – Why a Journey?



Creating, Managing and Sustaining a Lean Organization

1	Defining Lean <i>...where can we go?</i>	What is a Lean Organization? What kind of an organization do you want to be?
2	Lean Strategy <i>...where are we going?</i>	What the organization will do to deliver value to our customers Framework for how we do business
3	Roadmap <i>...how do we get there?</i>	How we get from our current state to living our lean strategy
4	Implementation <i>...the journey</i>	The strategy and roadmap will likely change over time Continuous learning and improvement
5	Manage & Sustain <i>...the journey continues</i>	How we keep it going as an ever-improving organization

What is a problem?

The **gap** between where you are (current) and where you want to be (future)

Problem solving – Closing the gap



3. How get there?

4. Implement

2. Where want to be? (Future)

1. Where now? (Current)



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**Where/who do we want
to be? (future state)**



Create Your Plan

Last Updated: _____

4. Road Map – How will we get from here to there? (Key milestones)

How we know we are on track (Measure of Success)

Date

Description

Measure of Success

**High level roadmap
(how we get there)**



**How we know
we are on track
(KPI & KBI's)**



5. Implement the Plan (What actions will we take to reach our next milestones? How are we doing?)

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B.				
C.				

**Implement the Plan
(to first milestones)**

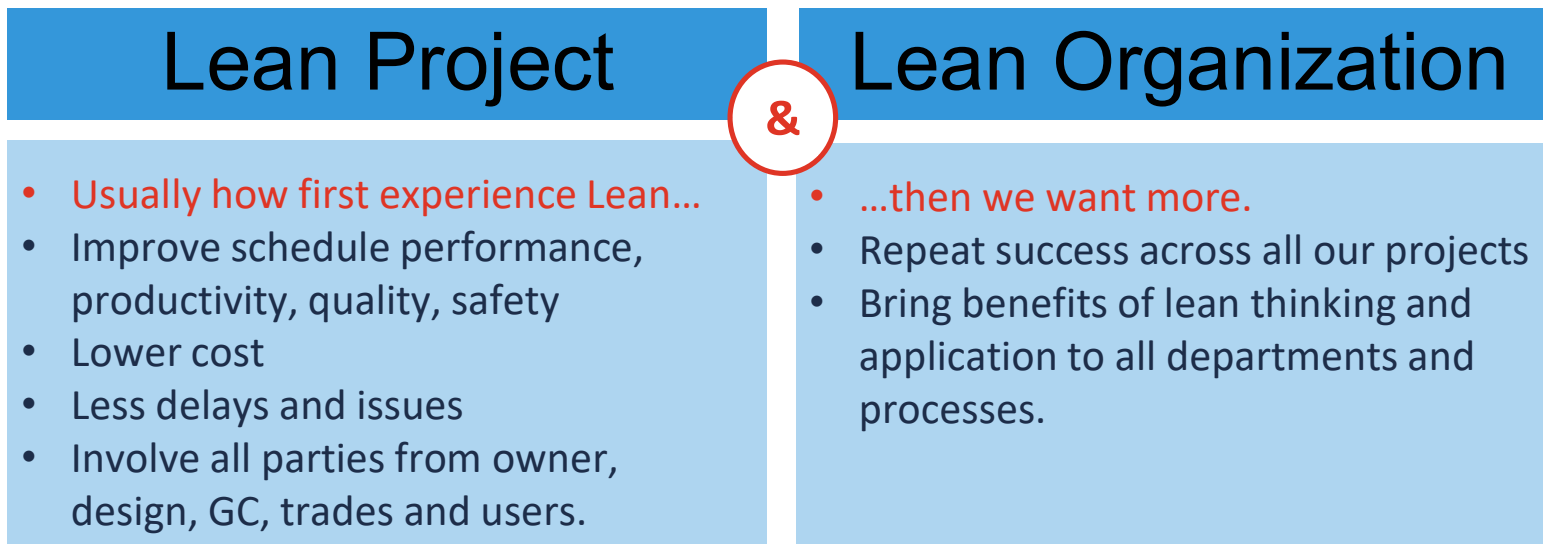


6. Continuously Improve: What is working? What do we need to change, improve?

**Check &
Adjust**



Lean Organization



Lean organizations support lean projects

What is a Lean Organization?

Defining Lean for your Organization



Where will your Lean journey take you?

Discuss with your table...

What does a Lean
organization look like?

(5 minutes)



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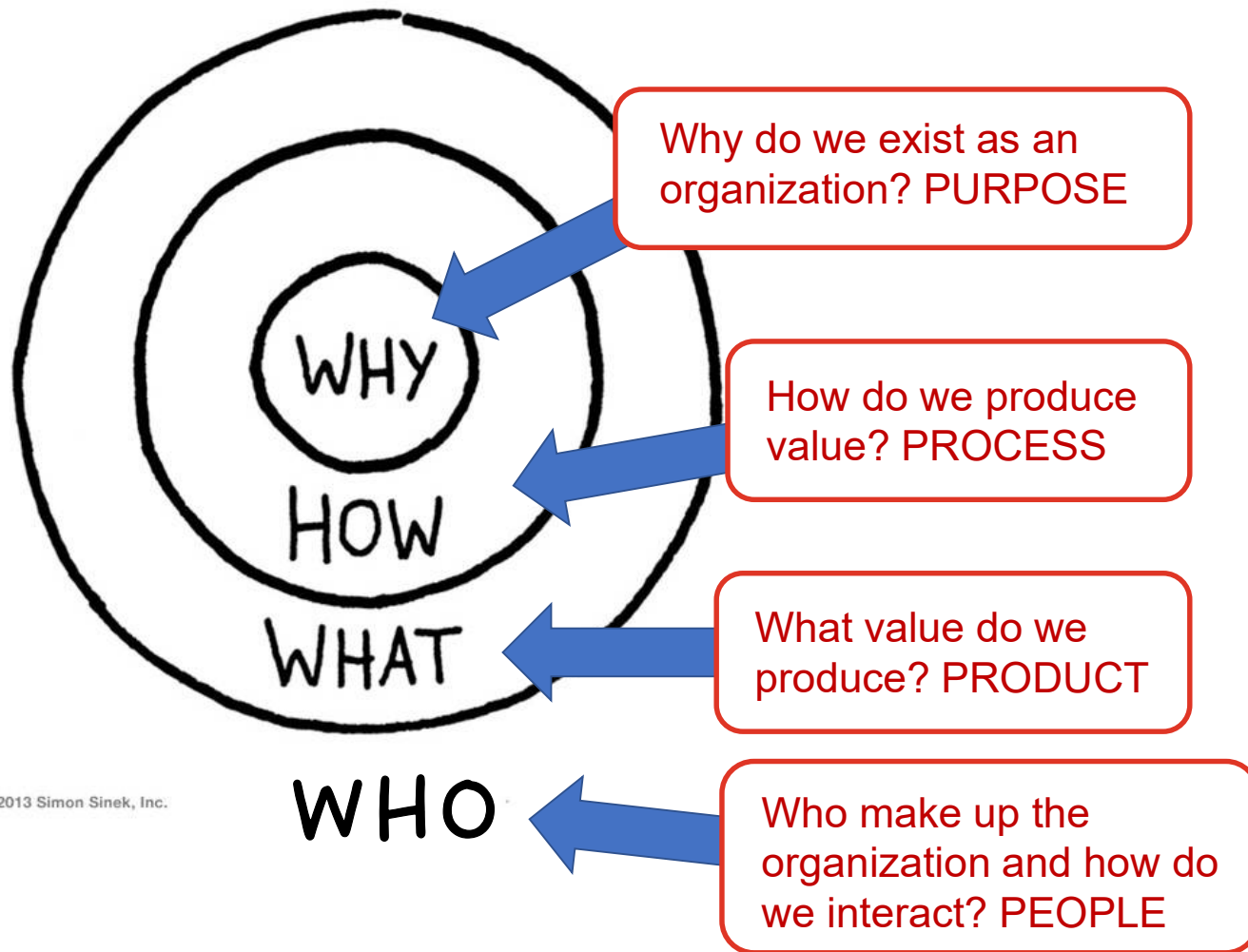
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**Basic answers
that every
person in the
organization
must know**
Alignment

**What about
yours?**

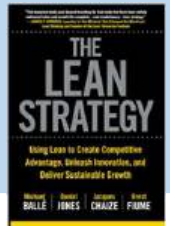
What does it mean to be lean?

“Lean is a way of thinking,
not a list of things to do.”

- Shigeo Shingo



“Lean is a really, really different way of thinking”



What is Lean Construction?

Lean Construction is a “way to design production systems to minimize waste of materials, time, and effort in order to generate the maximum possible amount of value,” (Koskela et al. 2002^[1]).

Lean Construction recognizes that desired ends affect the means to achieve these ends, and that available means will affect realized ends (Lichtig 2004). Essentially, Lean Construction aims to embody the benefits of the Master Builder concept (Abdelhamid et al. 2008).

Lean construction supplements traditional construction management approaches with (Abdelhamid 2007): (1)

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Construction

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observed in the reliability of weekly production planning.

Getting work to flow reliably and predictably on a construction site requires the impeccable alignment of the entire supply chain responsible for constructed facilities such that value is maximized and waste is minimized.

With such a broad scope, it is fair to say that tools found in Lean Manufacturing and Lean Production, as practiced by Toyota and others, have been adapted to be used in the fulfillment of Lean construction principles.

The three unique tools and methods that were specifically conceived for lean construction are the Last Planner System, Target Value Design, and the Lean Project Delivery System.

“In any case, the term Lean Construction has escaped canonical definition. There has been a number of reasons for that. The body of knowledge is in a state of development since 1990. Nonetheless, a definition is needed to be able to operationalize the concepts and principles contained in the philosophy.”



HOW DO WE DELIVER VALUE?



Lean is a way of thinking about the process of adding value

What distinguishes Lean from other theories of production is the focus on flow efficiency over resource efficiency

Lean

Pull value to the customer with the least waste
by flow efficiency and do it better and better

PULL

Produce in
response to a
demand

VALUE

Defined by our
customer

FLOW EFFICIENCY

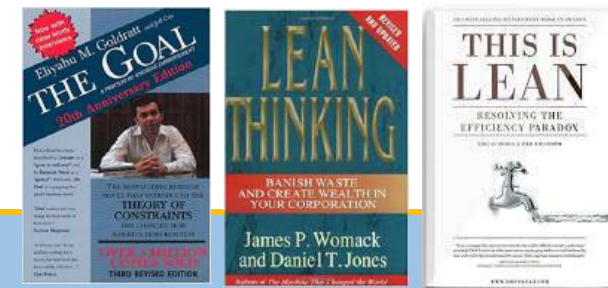
No waste
No bottlenecks
No constraints

The Work - VALUE STREAM

CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE

Efficient flow of work
People
Process
Product

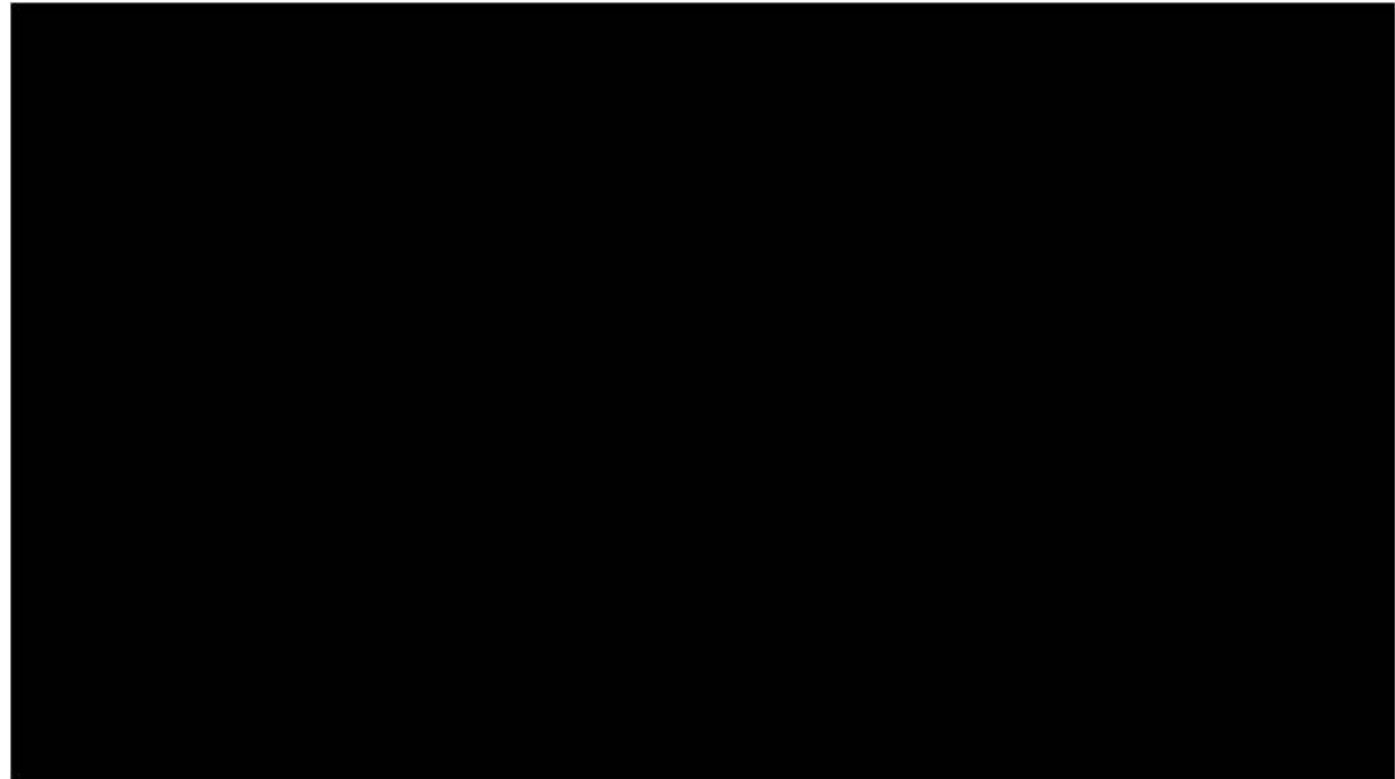
CUSTOMER



Flow Efficiency

Efficiency from the point of view of the thing being transformed.

Focus on the thing being transformed



**FLOW
UNIT**

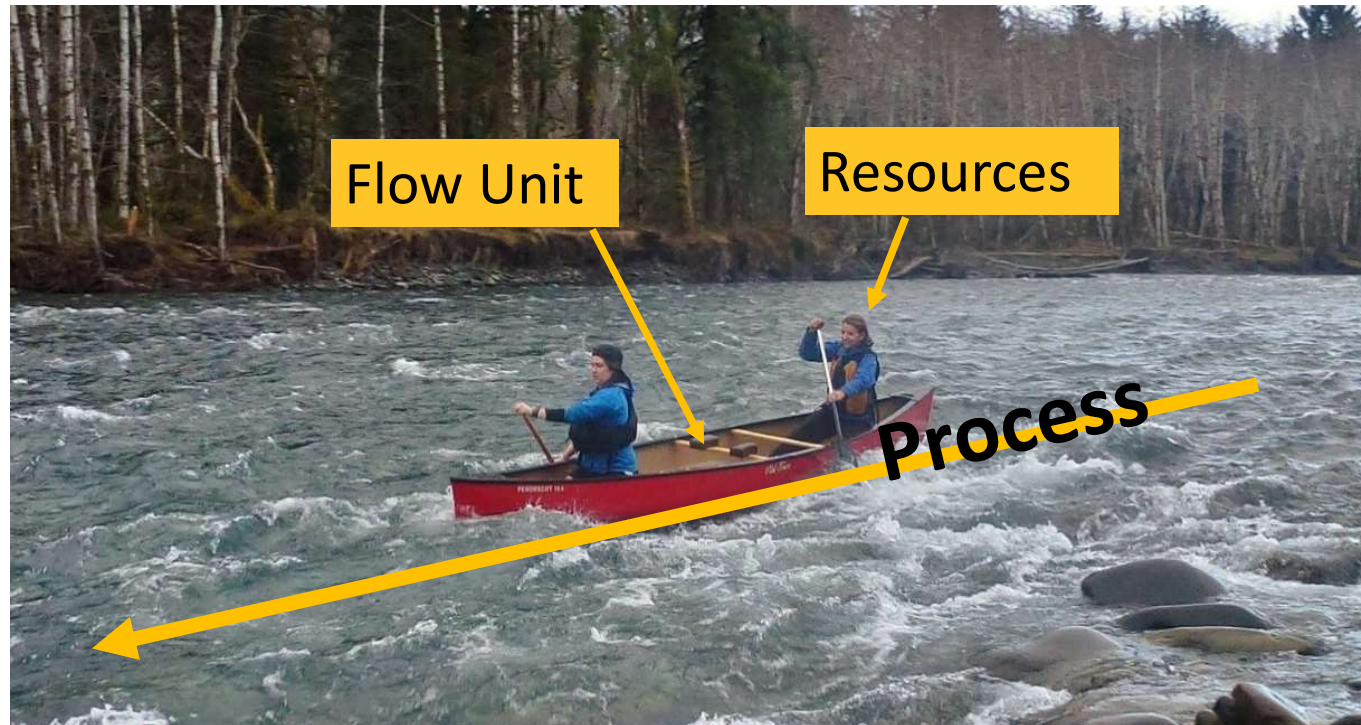
WHAT IS LEAN?

**Pull value to the customer
with the least waste
by flow efficiency
and do it better and better.**

LEAN IS SIMPLE

It is a way of thinking about how value is produced. The basic concepts are:

- Specify value. Defined by customer. Created by producer.
- Waste is anything that doesn't add value.
- Value stream is the set of actions to deliver a product.
- Make the value creating steps flow.
- Pull value to the customer.
- Aim for perfection.

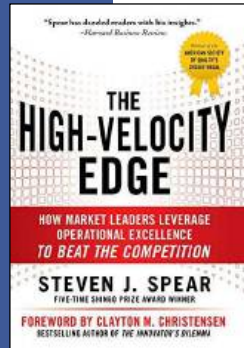


FLOW EFFICIENCY compared to paddling a canoe

Lean thinkers think in terms of process and flow
It is the responsibility of everyone in the canoe to improve

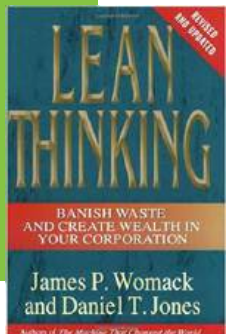
Major Takeaway:

1. Design the best process you can
2. Document the process (Standard Work)
3. Continuously improve (Kaizen)



“The most basic problem is that flow thinking is counterintuitive... shift the focus from organizational categories (departments) to value-creating ‘processes.’”

– James Womack and Daniel Jones, *Lean Thinking*



What makes a lean organization go?

Discuss with your table...

What attributes, qualities, or conditions are needed for a lean organization?
Why?

(5 minutes)



11 Attributes of an Organization

PURPOSE of the organization. An understanding of who you are, why you exist. Your vision, mission, guiding principles. Customer focused. It guides goals and decisions. It is how success is measured. Alignment – Understood and practiced by everyone.

PRODUCT what you produce and deliver. From the point of view of the customer it is why you exist. It is value from the point of view of the customer. It is what differentiates you. How is your product viewed by your existing and potential customers.

PEOPLE with thinking ability, who are trustworthy, humble, self-disciplined and team centered. There is no need to motivate the right people.

LEADERS who are capable, humble, ambitious for a purpose beyond themselves. They understand, live, and lead to the other principles.

RESPECT is how you treat other people. Recognizes the value that each person brings. The human spirit thrives under appreciation and trust. It is critical for collaboration and improvement.

TRUST is based in people who are trustworthy because they are honest, capable, and reliable. It is earned. Organizational trust is built into policies and systems.

AWARENESS, which is to see everything all the time. It is seeing things as they really are. It is understanding “why”. It is the basis for good decisions. Clarity. Necessary for alignment.

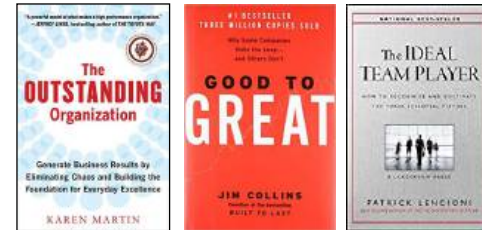
DISCIPLINE of thought firmly based in reality. Focused action that follows through on a plan. Better than bureaucracy. It creates the space and freedom to manage not micromanage.

COLLABORATION. It is attributes of leadership, the right people, respect, and trust put to practice to accomplish more than could be achieved individually. It is aided by awareness and discipline.

FLOW EFFICIENCY relates to how to produce value. Work is pulled through all the value adding steps with the least waste. Organize and manage by process/value stream.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT as a fundamental mindset. It is proactive and process based. A learning organization . It uses lean thinking. Every member is problem solver and improvement generator.

What makes an organization “lean” is the people and how they interact with each other and their work... to deliver value and make work flow efficiently



Lean Organization

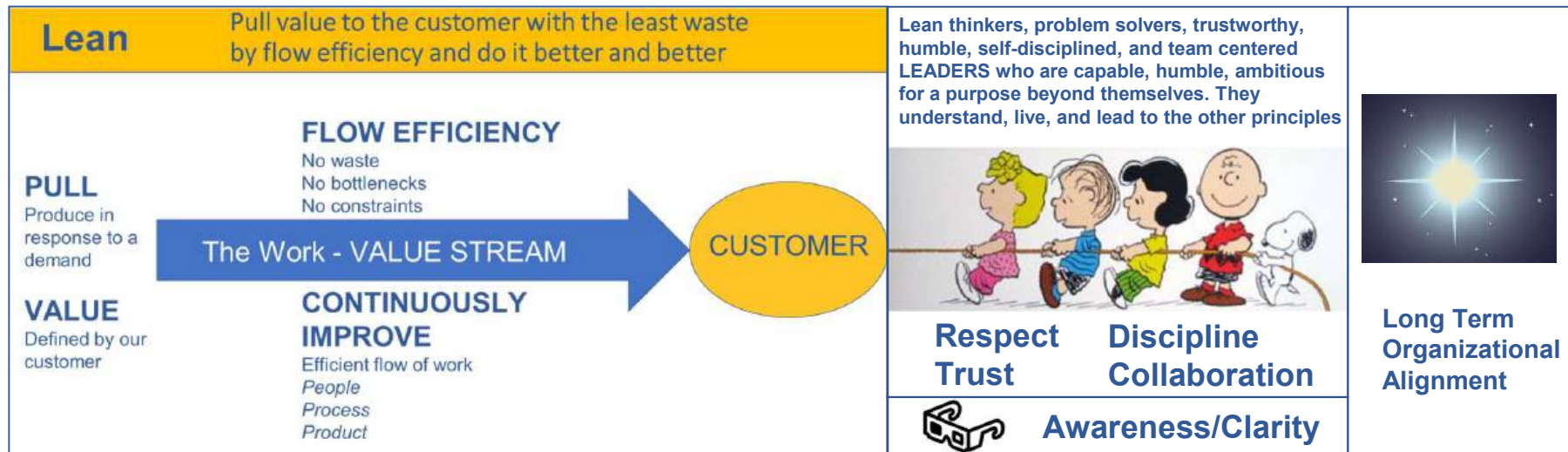
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PROCESS

PEOPLE

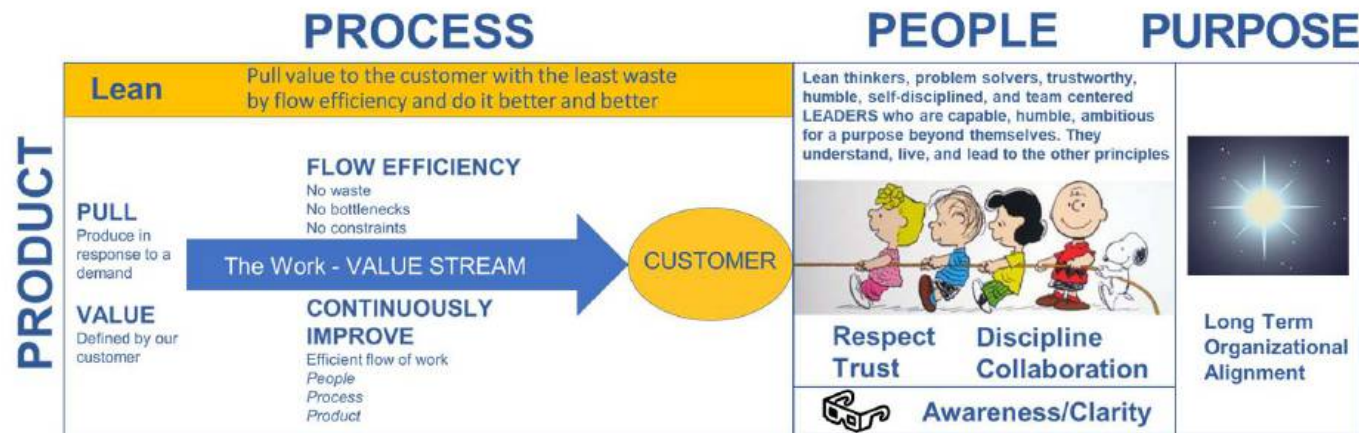
PURPOSE

PRODUCT



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Supporting Principles

Focus on the customer
Quality at the source
Solve at the lowest level
Optimize the whole
Continuous, one-piece flow
See when flow stops
Stop and fix the problem
Just-in-Time
Last Responsible Moment
Standard Work

5S – Sort, Straighten, Shine, Standardize, Sustain

Value Stream Management

Kanban

Integrated Project Delivery

Integrated Form of Agreement
Big Room, Target Value Design, Set Based Design, Choose by Advantage

Last Planner System®

Virtual Design, Visualization

Kitting, Prefab, Modular

1. Design the best process you can
2. Document the process (Standard Work)
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Problem Solving – Identify and close the gap between where we are and want to be



- Understand the current state
- Design a future state
- Create a transformation plan
- Implement the plan

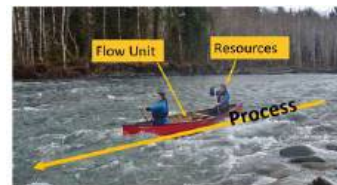
Plus/Delta, Retrospectives

Root Cause Analysis
5 Whys, Fishbone Diagrams

Go-and-See

A3 Thinking

1. Develop **People** who apply **Lean thinking** to their daily work
2. Provide a **System** (or process) to support them



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Visual Management

Study Action Teams

Lean Culture – Behavior based in principles and process

Learning Organization – Structured to continuously improve, train people in lean thinking to spot problems, maintain flow before it stops and identify and implement improvements

Direction /
Strategy
Management

What is a “Lean Culture”?

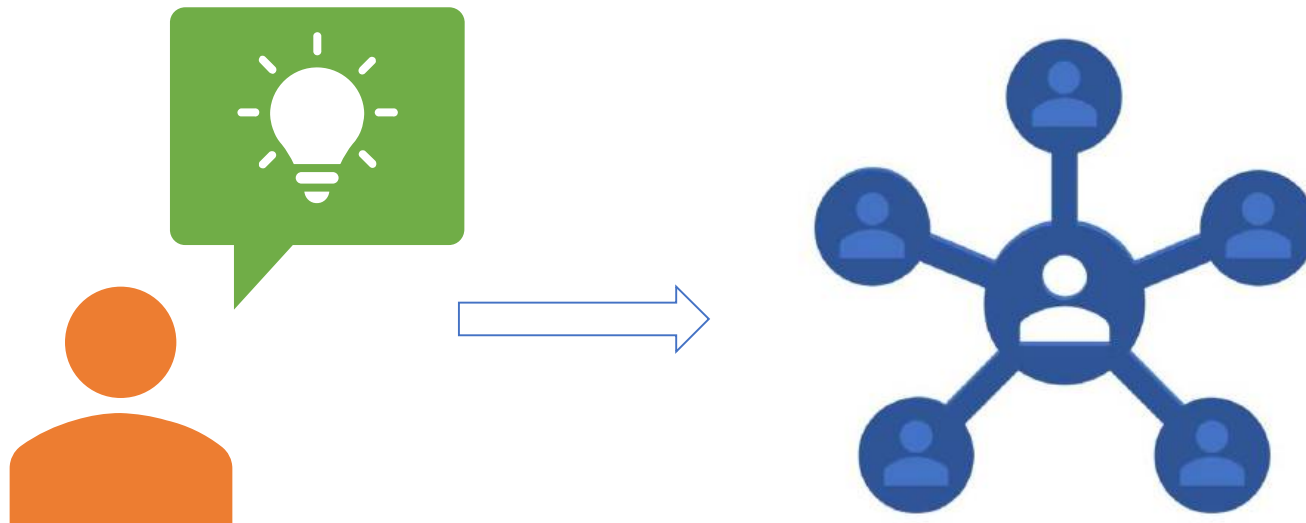
Culture: the aggregate of people’s behaviors



A culture of lean thinkers – Where does it begin?

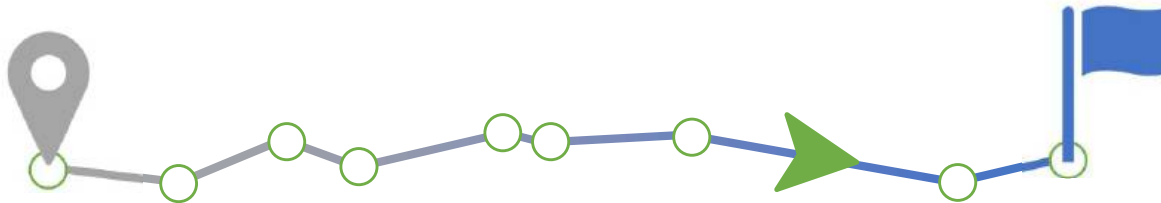
“It is impossible for a leader to lead the development of a principle-based culture until he or she has gone through the deep personal reflection required to begin a cultural transformation”

– Shingo Model



How do I “Operationalize” the concepts and principles?

1. Develop **People** who apply *Lean thinking* to their daily work
2. Provide a **System** (or process) to support them



“Train the people doing the work to spot problems and then utilize their knowledge and skills to help improve the work”

– Steven Spear,
The High-Velocity Edge

A framework for Lean– Shingo Model



Leading a Lean Organization – Shingo Model



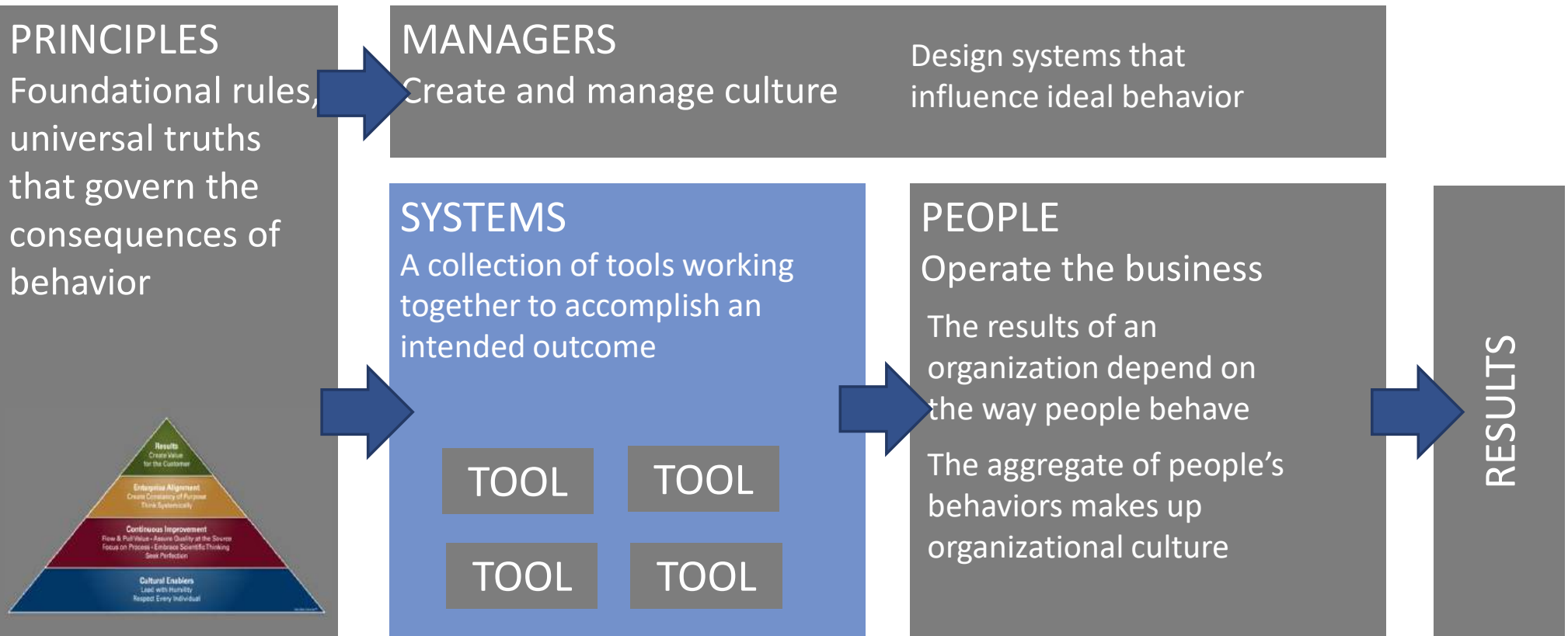
RESULTS

A measurable outcome from implementation of tools and systems

(e.g. higher ROI, customer satisfaction, faster turnaround, etc.)

Sustainable excellent results requires the transformation of a culture to one where every single person is engaged every day in making small, and from time-to-time large, changes.

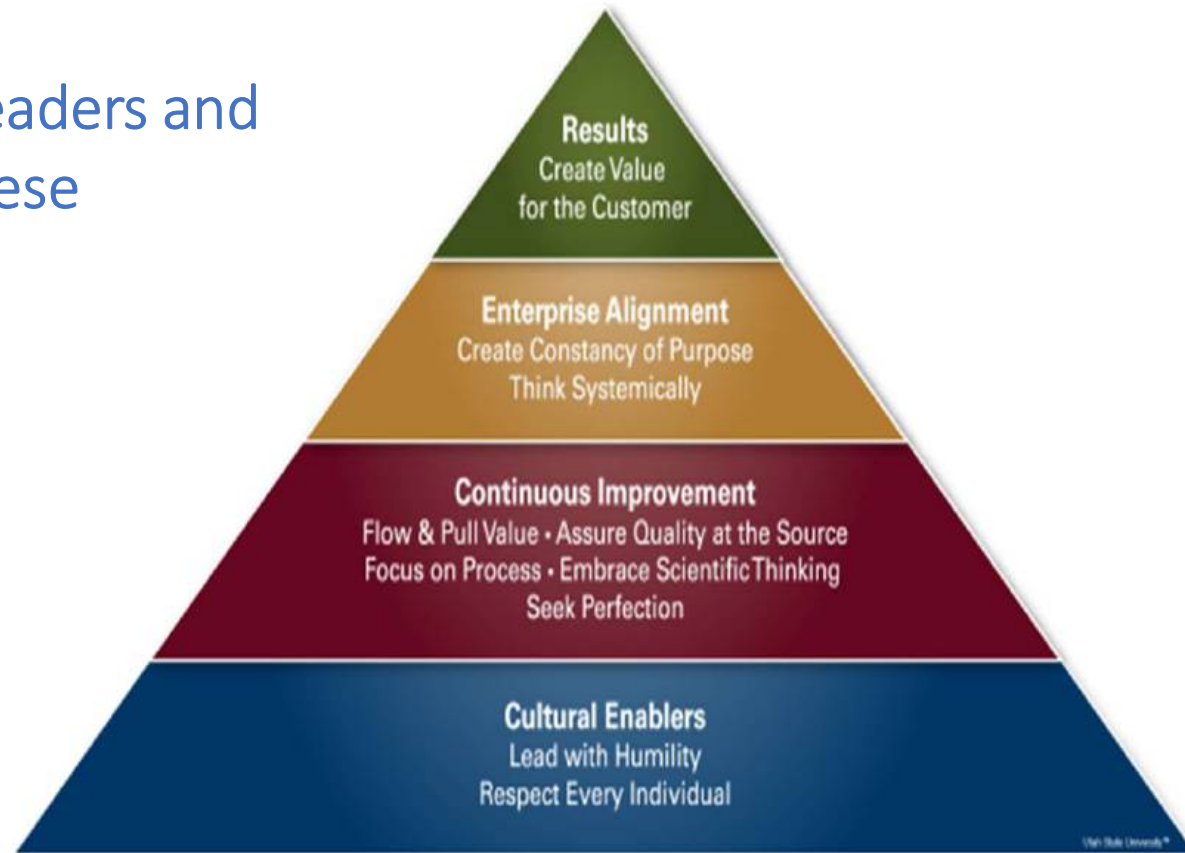
Shingo Model: Results, Behavior and Guiding Principles



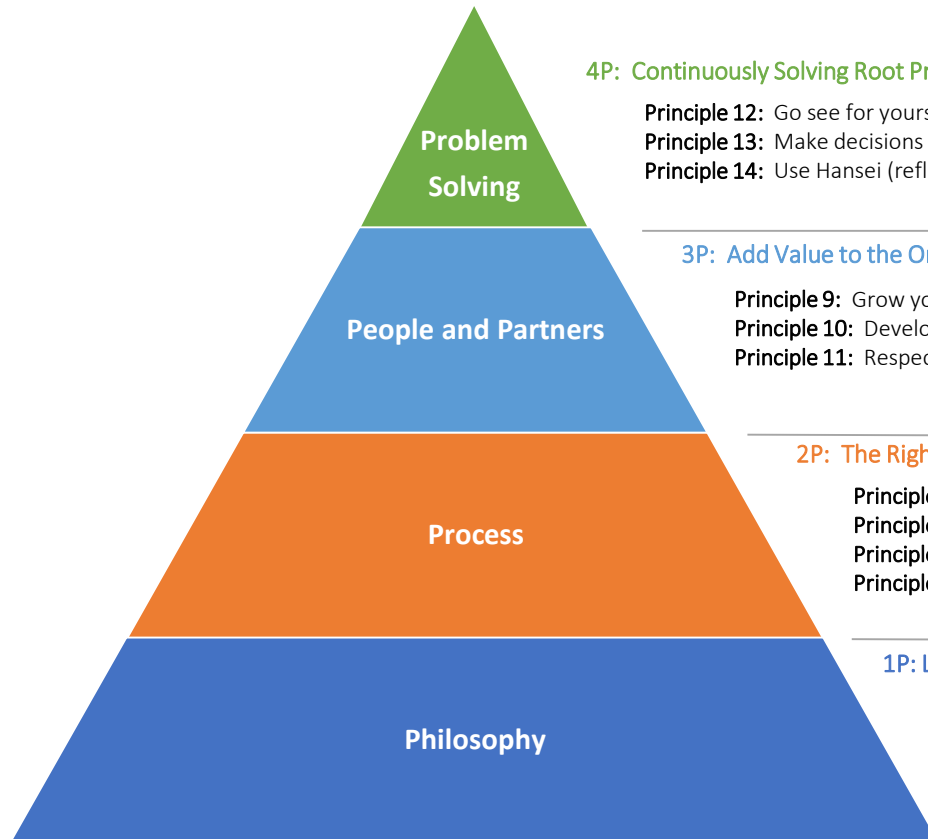
Shingo Model: Guiding Principles

Can you have a lean culture if leaders and staff do not know and follow these principles?

LEADERS must understand and fully embrace these principles, and put them into practice



The Toyota Way...



Source: Jeffrey K. Liker, *The Toyota Way*

4P: Continuously Solving Root Problems Drives Organizational Learning

Principle 12: Go see for yourself

Principle 13: Make decisions slowly by consensus and implement rapidly

Principle 14: Use Hansei (reflection) and Continuous Improvement (Kaizen) to become a Learning Organization

3P: Add Value to the Organization by Developing Your People and Partners

Principle 9: Grow your leaders internally

Principle 10: Develop exceptional people and teams

Principle 11: Respect your Network partners

2P: The Right Process Will Produce the Right Results

Principle 2: Create Continuous Process Flow

Principle 3: Use Pull systems to avoid overproduction

Principle 4: Level out the workload

Principle 5: Stop and fix the problem

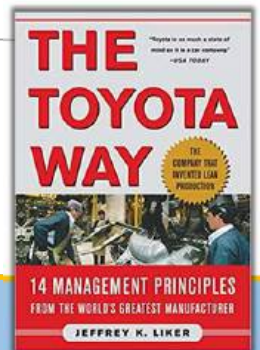
Principle 6: Work with standards

Principle 7: Make problems visible

Principle 8: Use only reliable tested technology

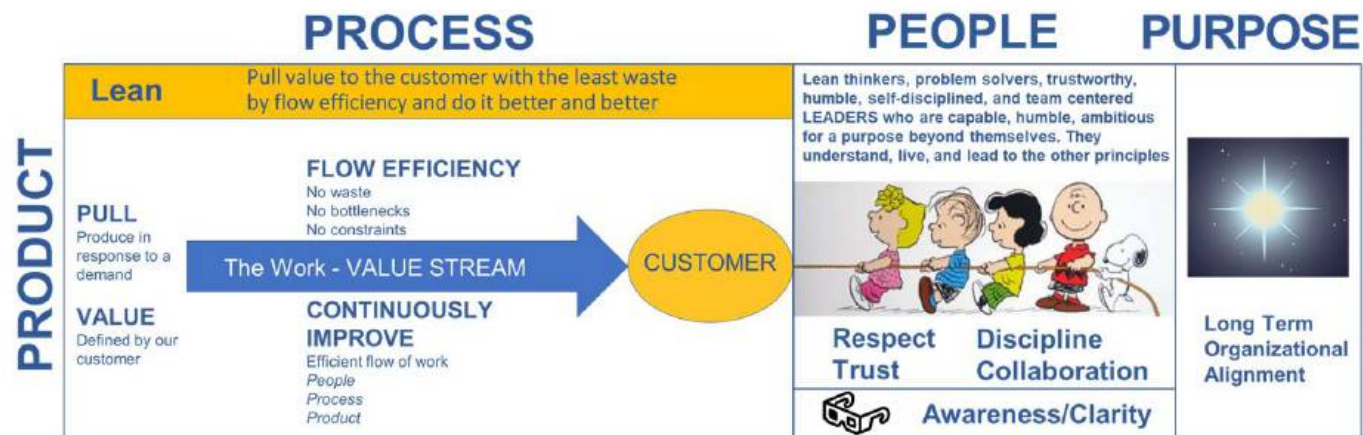
1P: Long-term Philosophy

Principle 1: Base your decisions on a Long-Term Philosophy even at the expense of short-term financial goals



What is a Lean Organization? – Key Takeaways

- Lean organizations support lean projects
- Aligned on purpose
- Customer centered, the organization is focused on pulling value by flow efficiency
- Leaders understand lean principles and design systems built on those principles
- Manage by value stream
- Build behaviors that create a culture of Lean Thinkers



Creating your Lean Strategy & Roadmap

...where we are going and how to get there



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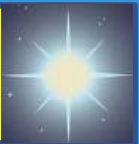
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What is a “lean strategy”?

BUSINESS STRATEGY sets the direction: What is our long-term vision? What markets do we serve? What value do we provide to our customers? What differentiates us in the marketplace?

OPERATIONS STRATEGY is focused on: How will you produce value? A **Lean strategy** is to do it as a continuously improving flow efficient organization. It must always connect with the business strategy.

ROADMAP is the plan on how you get there.

JOURNEY is the implementation of your roadmap.



Business Strategy

What is our long-term vision?

What markets do we serve?

What value do we provide to our customers?

What differentiates us in the marketplace?



The **North Star** metric concept is best utilized by companies that invest in long-term sustainable growth. ... The value that you create for your customers drives the **strategic** direction for your company.

So... what is your North Star?



Operations Strategy

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A **Lean strategy** is to do it as a continuously improving flow efficient organization.

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HOW DO WE DELIVER VALUE?



What will we look like when we fully live our Lean strategy?

North
Star

Developing YOUR Lean Strategy



The Starry Night – Vincent van Gogh 1889



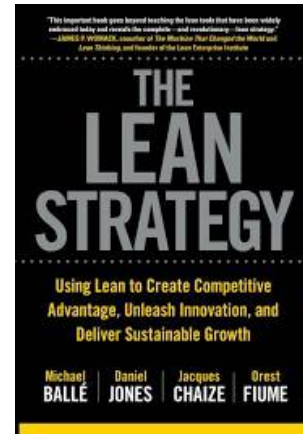
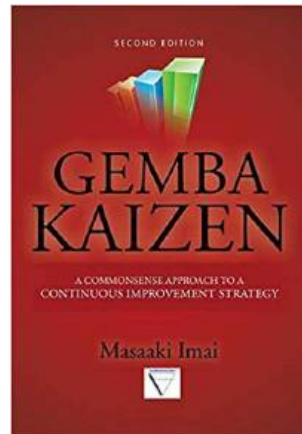
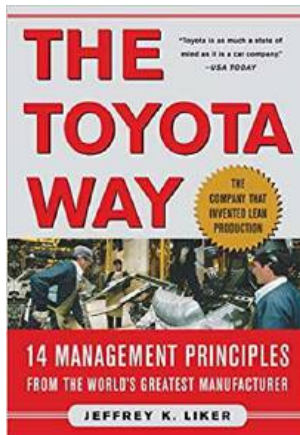
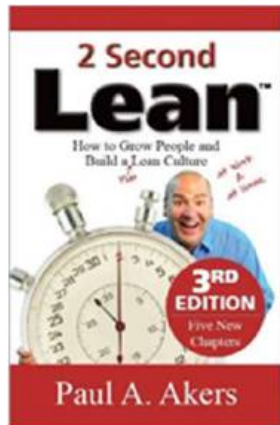
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DIY Full Set of Assorted Color Oil Painting Kit and Brush Accessories - Van
Gogh The Starry Night 12"x16" Replica

Learn from others “Go and See”

While it is your strategy and your roadmap, there is much to be learned from other organizations and experts.

Understand the **underlying principles**. Why does it work? What doesn't work so well?

Use what works for you.



Visit exemplary lean companies

Attend conferences

Help from Lean consultants

What is your lean strategy? (future state)

Write a description of what lean will look like at your organization? (10 minutes)

- Do we have a “purpose”? A business strategy? Are we customer centered?
- What are our value streams? What would “flow efficiency” look like?
- What will we all need to know to be a culture of “lean thinkers”?
- What lean methods and tools especially relate to our business?



You cannot do this in 10 minutes. This is only an exercise to get thinking about possibilities.

Creating Your Road Map – HOW DO WE GET THERE?

Start with the right question... What problem we are solving?

Close the **gap** between where we are now (current)
and where we want to be (future)



Develop
Strategy
and
Roadmap



North
Star

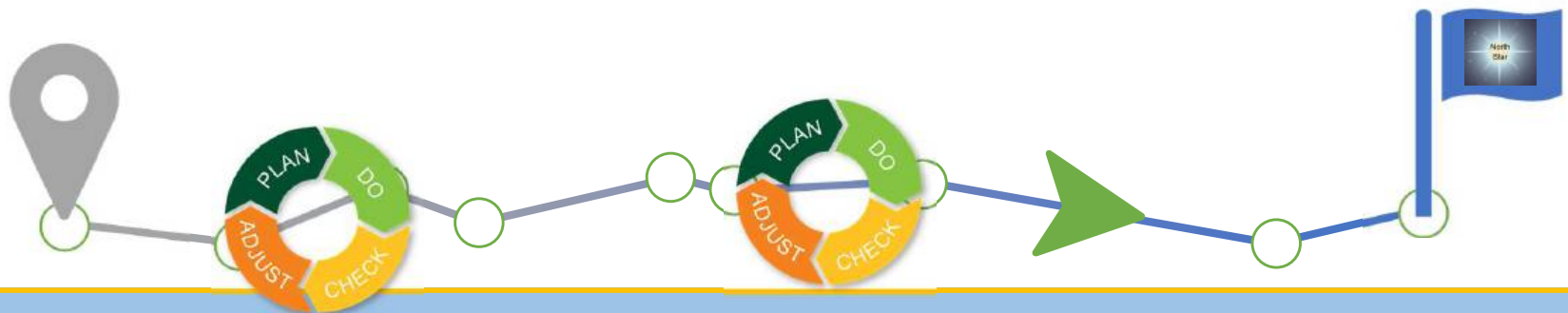
Creating Your Road Map

- What can you reasonably accomplish?
- Level of leadership participation
- Resources
- What lean methods do you already use and how is it going?
- Think long term



This is a journey you can start without the whole plan

- Get pointed in the right direction
- **Keep learning** so you can see the road ahead better
- Don't add more detail than you are ready to implement. It will change. Adjust as you go.



Set progressive goals – Manage to Milestones

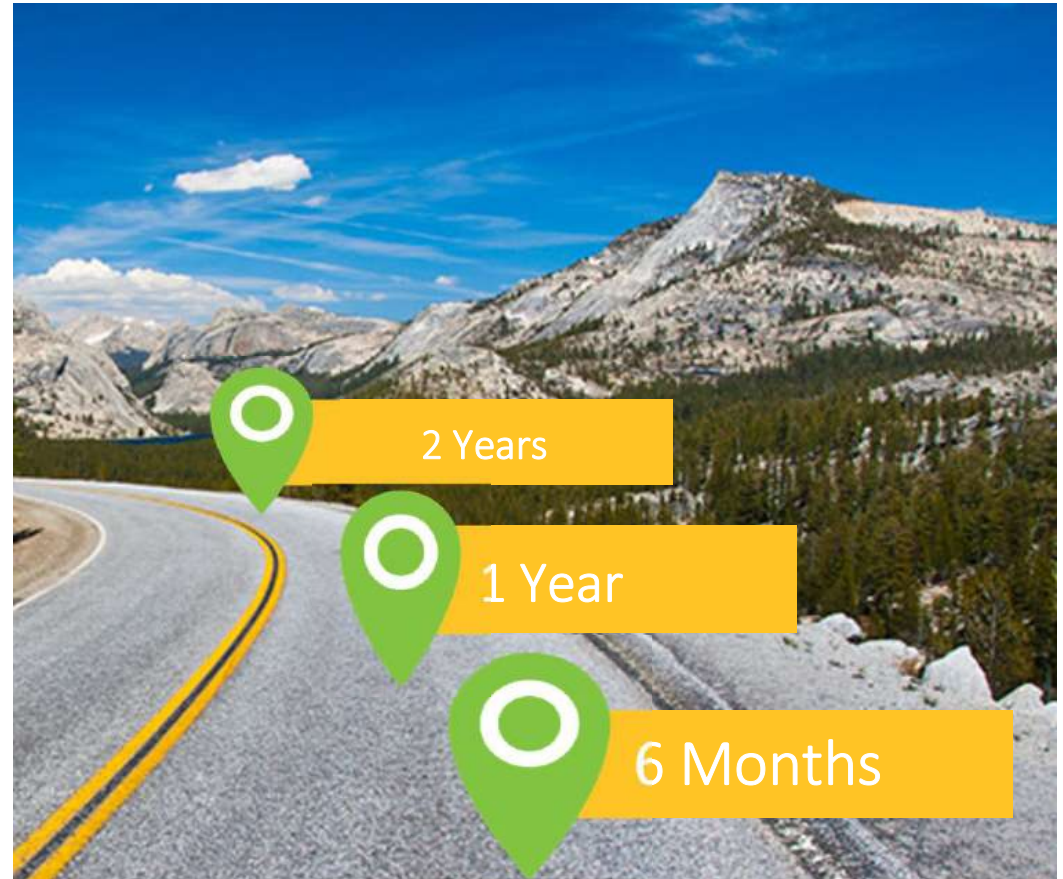
What will progressively build a lean organization with the least waste?

Set a foundation for growth

Cultural enablers

Build capacity

“Low hanging fruit” is short-term thinking unless it is part of a bigger plan



Gateways to Lean Behaviors – Some possible first steps...

Study Action Teams



Book club with a purpose

As a team or group learns together, they find practical ways to apply the learning to their work

Last Planner System



With good coaching, a team learning how to build respect, trust, and communication. They practice pull, focus on the value stream, achieving milestones, and removing waste



5S

Sort, Straighten, Shine, Standardize, Sustain

Learn to see and remove waste, discipline to follow through, while creating a safer, more productive workspace



Less than
20 feet



Value Stream Mapping



Learn to manage by value stream, to see the whole and not just the parts, to recognize how work flows, to break down barriers between departments

Teams work together to see the current state, future state and build and implement a transformation plan to get there

1. Develop **People** who apply *Lean thinking* to their daily work
2. Provide a **System** (or process) to support them

POSSIBLE MILESTONES	WHY
5S is the way we work	Builds the foundation of a continuous improvement system
Study Action Teams	Learn together, Work on improvements together
Basic Lean Training for Everyone	Exposes organization to the concepts they will need Gets everyone speaking the same language
Develop Lean Champions	They are the mechanics for the race car Builds capacity to speed change
Build improvement processes on a project team	Gain experience and others see what can be done
Last Planner System on all projects	LPS touches almost everything we do. It exposes a large proportion of staff to Lean thinking. Becomes a gateway to other Lean practices
Value Stream Map implemented on a value stream	Builds flow thinking. Brings together multiple departments.
What are you already doing? Do it better.	Helps staff see what is possible. That Lean is for real.



EXERCISE: HOW DO WE REACH THAT GOAL?

Our goal in 12 months is “Last Planner System the way we plan”

Use lean thinking to work with your group to come up with a transformation plan (10 minutes)

1. Design the best process you can
2. Document the process (Standard Work)
3. Continuously improve (Kaizen)

Let’s assume... you have several projects that have used LPS with some success. But you feel that you are not getting the results that you could, and it is hit and miss across your projects. How can we make LPS the way we plan consistently and effectively?

Check – Where are we now? Why only marginal success?

Adjust – Design the best process we can. Standard. What will it look like if we reach our goal. How will we know? Measure of success? What is not included? (Can wait until the next goal)

Plan – How will we implement the change? What resources will we need? Who will be responsible? Possible obstacles? How will we sustain the change?



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Creating your Lean Strategy & Roadmap – Key Takeaways

- Create a Lean operations strategy in support of long-term business goals
- Learn about Lean principles and practice. Study examples of others. But make it your own.
- Create your roadmap – Identify achievable milestones and a timeline of steps to get there.
- Make sure your organization has the attributes, resources, and leadership to support the plan
- Don't make it overly detailed. Expect it to change.

Develop
Strategy
and
Roadmap



North
Star

Implementing the plan



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Journey

Implement the plan. Live it.

Remember: Check and adjust as you go. It will change. Always keep learning.

**Live
the
plan**



**North
Star**


1. What is the problem we are trying to solve? Why is this important?

Fill in things that support achieving goals	Fill in things that inhibit achieving goals
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How we know we are on track (KPI & KBI's)



Supporting Goals	Activities/Steps	Accountable/Responsible	Metric/Status	Other possible columns: Start, Finish, Status, Comments
A.				
B.	Implement the Plan (to first milestones)			
C.				

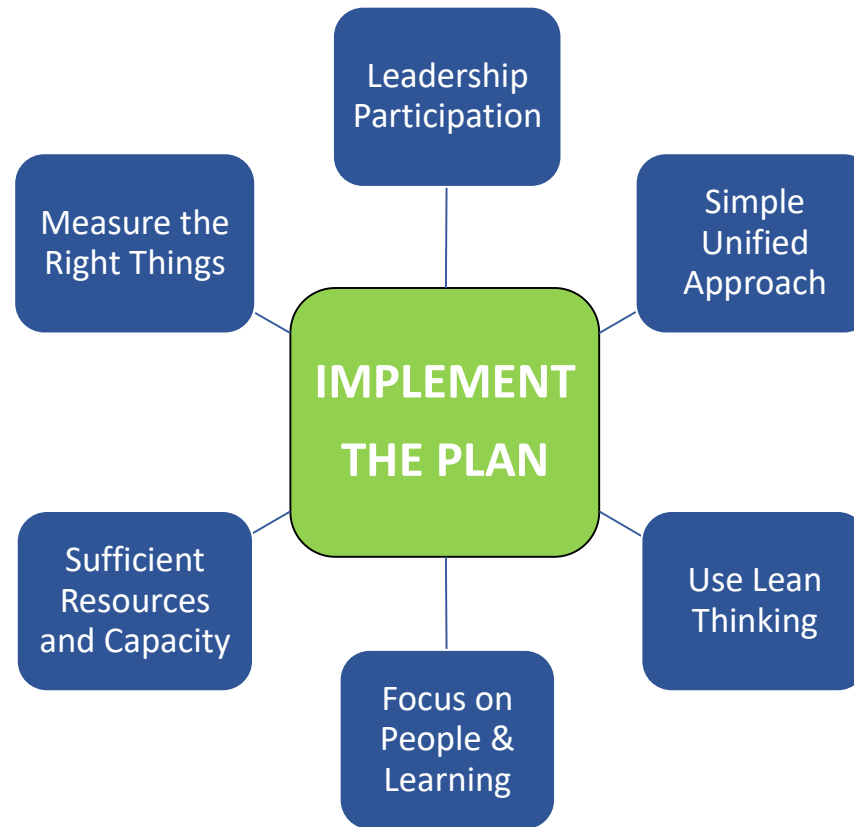
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Other possible columns: Start, Finish, Status, Comments

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Implementing the Plan – Keys to Success



Can you really expect a Lean Culture without a key part of the team participating?

Difference between support and participation
How do you gain leadership participation?

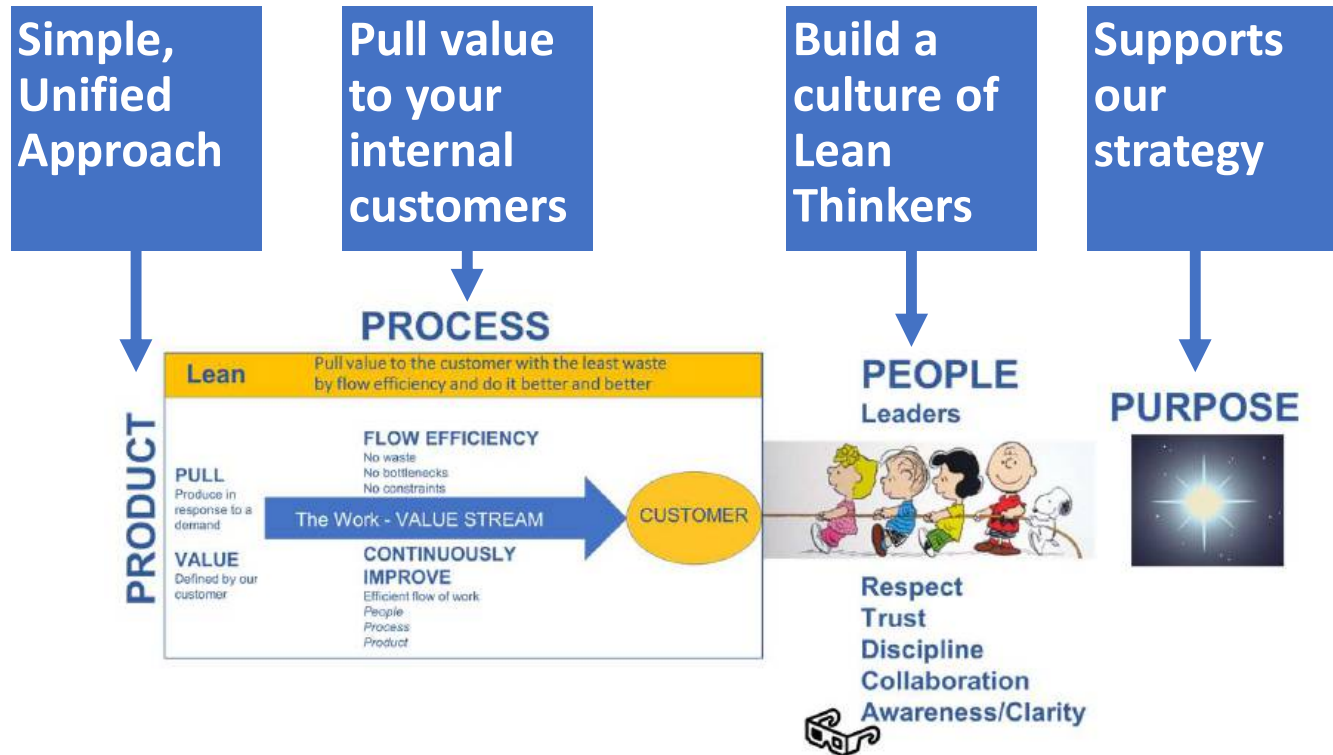


Leadership
Participation

Use Lean principles in building the Lean program



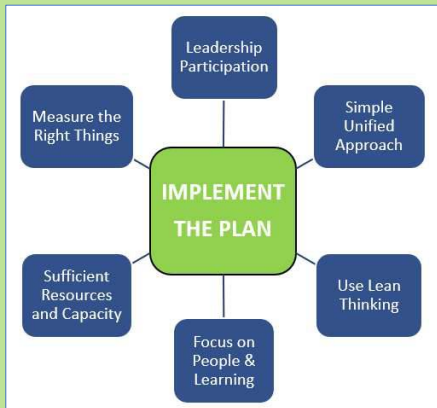
Use Lean Thinking



Who is the
customer
of our lean
program



Our organization and the people who make it up



Use Lean
Thinking



**Pull value by delivering
the right things at the
right time**

Instead of global initiatives,
deliver training/coaching
when you get most value

PULL VALUE, DON'T PUSH

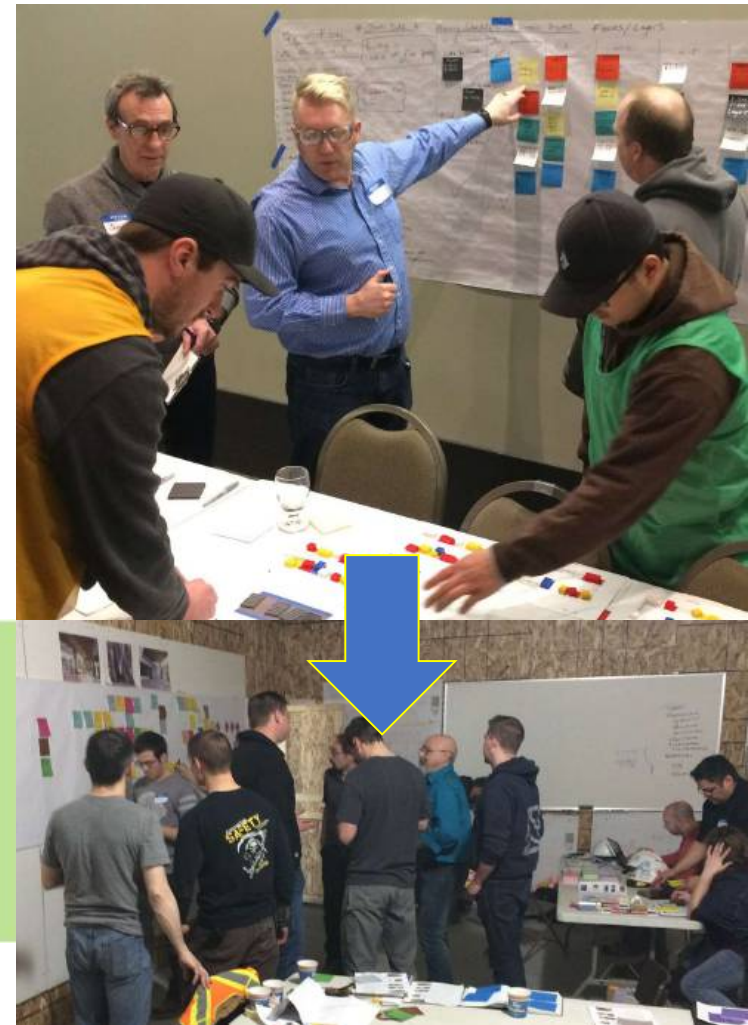
Instead of global initiatives, focus on just-in-time
when people want it, can use it

Deliver training/coaching when get most value

Tightly couple learning with doing

Always answer “Why”

Is this the right time? The right tool?
The right way to build awareness,
understanding, competency?



Don't become a "program" that creates **waste** or adds **burden**.

- Avoid unnecessary bureaucracy.
- Don't add without removing.



Use Lean Thinking



**Don't become waste
yourself
Ask "What value are
we delivering?"**

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Lean is Simple – Keep it that way



Simple
Unified
Approach

**People
have
enough
to do
already.
Do not
make this
difficult
or a
burden.**

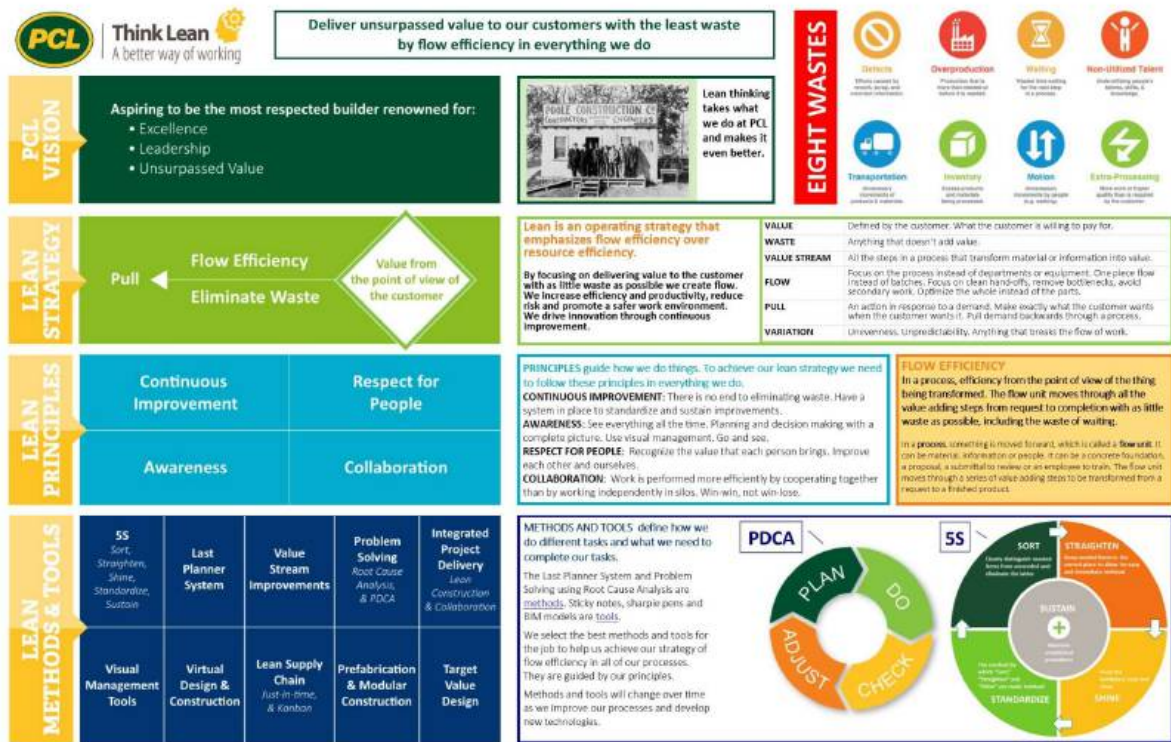
Simple, understandable,
repeatable

Linked to business strategy

Same basic training applies
to everyone

All training/tools tie back
to principles and strategy

- Same basic training for everyone.
 - Create a common standard language
 - Always explain “Why”
 - Visual
 - Foundation for everything you do
- # Consistent, Simple, Clear



Updated March 03, 2018 -- Suggestions for improving this sheet are encouraged.



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Learning by doing

Recognize the difference between training and learning.
Your goal is learning. Find the best ways to achieve the goal.



Focus on
People &
Learning



A foreman
meets with a
crew to discuss
how to improve
the flow of work
using a 5S
assessment

Gateways to Lean Behaviors

Build capacity to help your people grow

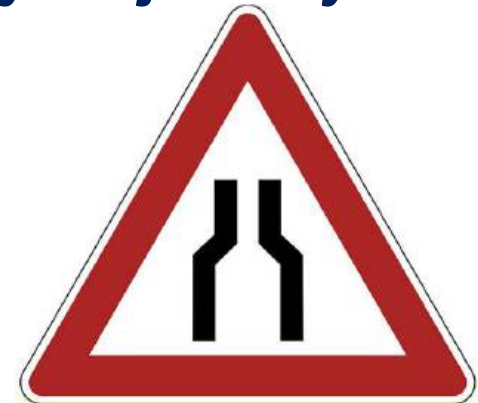
Dedicated local Lean Managers

External coaches used to develop internal trainers and coaches

Grow champions who can teach others

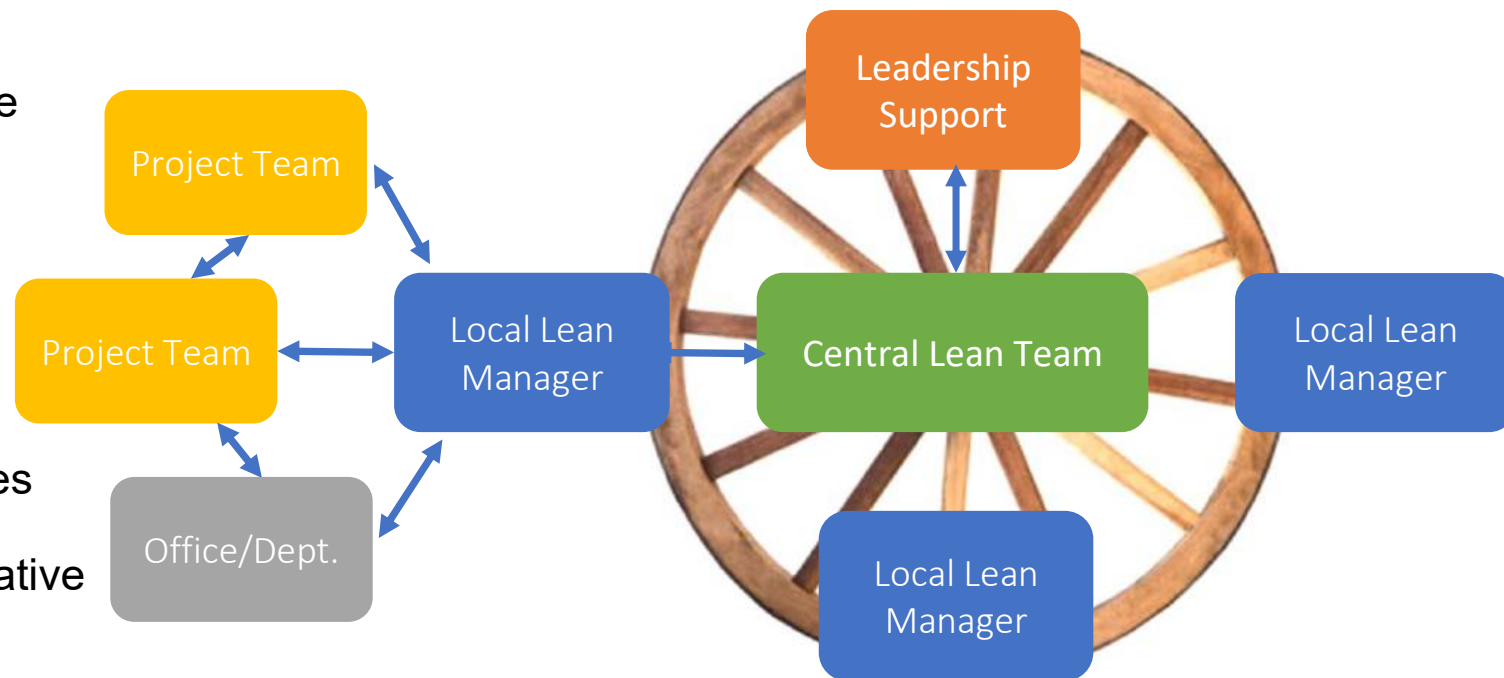
Do not create bottlenecks that slow your journey

Sufficient
Resources &
Capacity



Collaborate Across the Enterprise

- Central Lean Team provides structure, tools, and links everyone
- Dedicated local lean managers are close to the people and the work
- Project teams and departments grow champions, who become future lean leaders
- Communication grows between teams and offices and work becomes standardized for collaborative improvement



Dedicated staff and a collaborative process prevents “reinventing the wheel” and leads to standardization that can be shared across the enterprise.

LEARN



Learning Value Stream Mapping at LCI Congress

IMPROVE



Working with a team to practice what was learned

SHARE



Another team applies what was shared to Value Stream Map

Build the capacity to teach others and lead change

Study Action Team for Lean Managers and Champions



Keep Learning

Attend conferences and training
LCI Congress
LCI Community of Practice
Lean Construction Blog
Lean Podcasts
YouTube
Read books





Measure the
Right Things

Why do we measure?
What do we do with the
information?

Measure Performance
(KPI)



Measure Behaviors
(KBI)



To assess progress in real time
Guide decision making
Encourage right behavior
See – Understand – Act

Measure What?

Measure Performance
(KPI)



Measure Behaviors
(KBI)

Be careful what you
measure
Because that is what
you will get



**Example: We set an interim milestone on our roadmap...
Use the Last Planner System on all our projects**

What do we measure?

**Why did we set the milestone?
How does it help us achieve our vision?**

Is our goal to have every team “do” the Last Planner System?

In your breakout...

Take five minutes and discuss what to
measure. Report back with the best
measurements and why.

Implementing the Plan – Keys Takeaways

Leaders are participants

Keep it simple

Use the same Lean thinking to implement the roadmap that you are trying to build into your organization. You will get much better results.

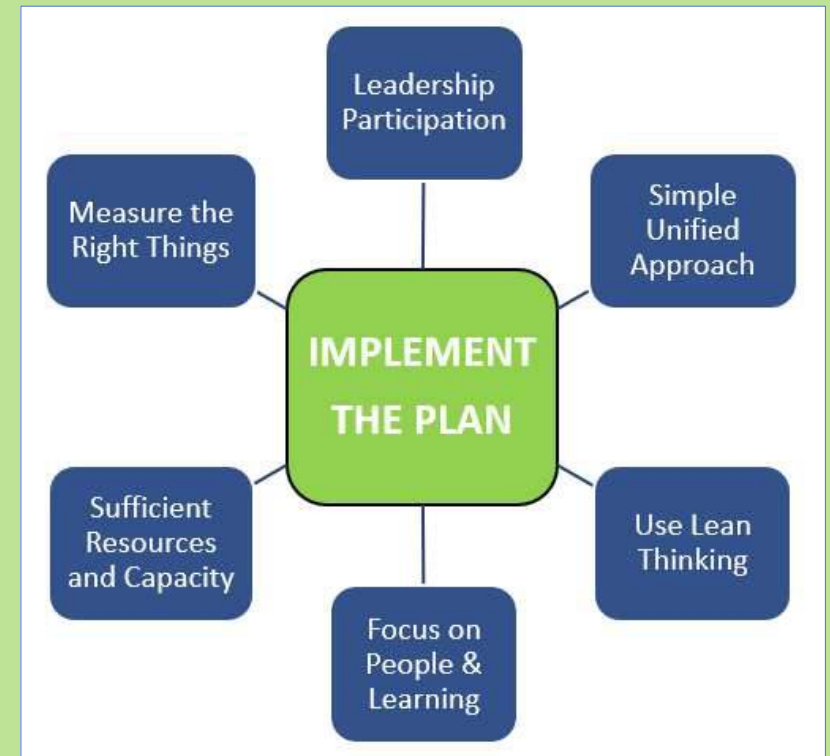
Create a common standard for lean that can apply across the enterprise

Tightly couple learning with doing and learning by doing

Get expert help and build capacity in local Lean leaders

Never lose sight of your “North Star”. Set milestones that progressively help you achieve your Lean Strategy.
Measure to those milestones

It's a long journey, but each step brings better results



Managing & Sustaining your Lean Organization



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Keys to Success & Pitfalls to Avoid

Have you struggled with your lean program?

Share with the group...

What has been your experience?

What do you think is the reason?



Why do many Lean programs fail?

They don't manage to this



A lean organization



Like ice melting in a drink, gradually,
Lean is no longer an initiative. It is
the way you work.

Lean Strategy A3 for: _____

1. What is the problem we are trying to solve? Why is this important?

2. Current Condition – How do things work today? What is our business strategy? What strengths do we have? What will inhibit achieving our goals?

**Where are we now?
(current state)**



Fill in things that support achieving goals

Fill in things that inhibit achieving goals

3. Target Condition – What kind of organization do we want to be? What is our “North Star”? (Our business strategy, what value we deliver, who we are, our vision). What is our Lean strategy? (How to we produce value?)

**Where/who do we want
to be? (future state)**



Create Your Plan

Last Updated: _____

4. Road Map – How will we get from here to there? (Key milestones)		How we know we are on track (Measure of Success)
Date	Description	Measure of Success

**High level roadmap
(how we get there)**



**How we know
we are on track
(KPI & KBI's)**



5. Implement the Plan (What actions will we take to reach our next milestones? How are we doing?)				
Supporting Goals	Activities/Step	Accountable/ Responsible	Metric/Status	Other possible columns: Start, Finish, Status, Comments
A.				
B.				

**Implement the Plan
(to first milestones)**



6. Continuously Improve: What is working? What do we need to change? How are we doing?
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**Check &
Adjust**



How do we “sustain” the progress we have made?

- Sustain begins from the moment there is something to sustain



Managing & Sustaining

Patiently keep building

Grow Lean Leadership

Manage to Key Behaviors

Manage by value streams

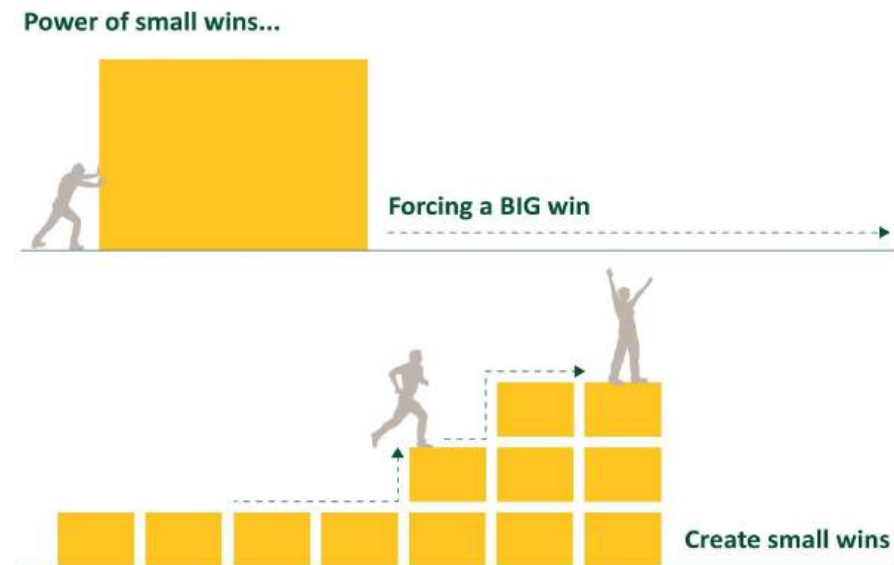
Develop Lean Thinkers

Continuously improve

- Don't try to force a big win.
- Fix one thing at a time.
- Focus on what you can change
- Small batches. There is more value in finishing something.
- Improve with each step

Manage and Sustain starts from the very first step.

Step by step
patiently build a
Lean culture



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1. Develop People who apply *Lean thinking* to their daily work
2. Provide a System (or process) to support them

A Lean transformation requires...
a personal transformation at the leadership level about how to think about solving problems

You can't manage what you don't understand.
You can't lead what you don't live



Leader Standard Work

- Learn as much as you can
- Learn to be a teacher/coach
- Role model lean principles
- Strategy Deployment
- Design lean value streams
- Enable employees in the flow to improve the flow

Lean Leaders Grow by...

- participate in creating and living the roadmap
- get involved and understand lean tool
- be humble, accept that you can improve

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Hire the best people you can

Train and equip them, and trust them to do the job

Show appreciation, celebrate success

**Develop a standard for hiring
Document the process for hiring to ensure the standard is met**

Onboarding process that includes training in job competency and lean thinking

People thrive when they are trusted and appreciated. We all want to be needed.



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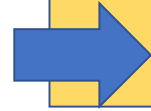
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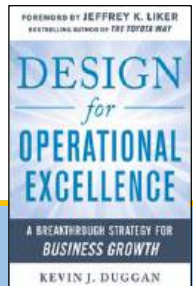
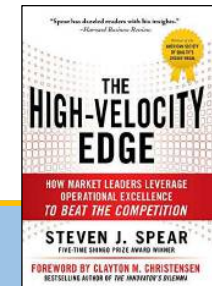
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Value Stream

The sequence of activities an organization undertakes to deliver on a customer request.

Examples:

- Project from Notice to Proceed through Final
- Equipment from order to delivery
- Hiring from request to on board



*Wherever there is a request and a deliverable,
there is a value stream*

Value Stream Management

Is the Last Planner System
a type of value stream
management?

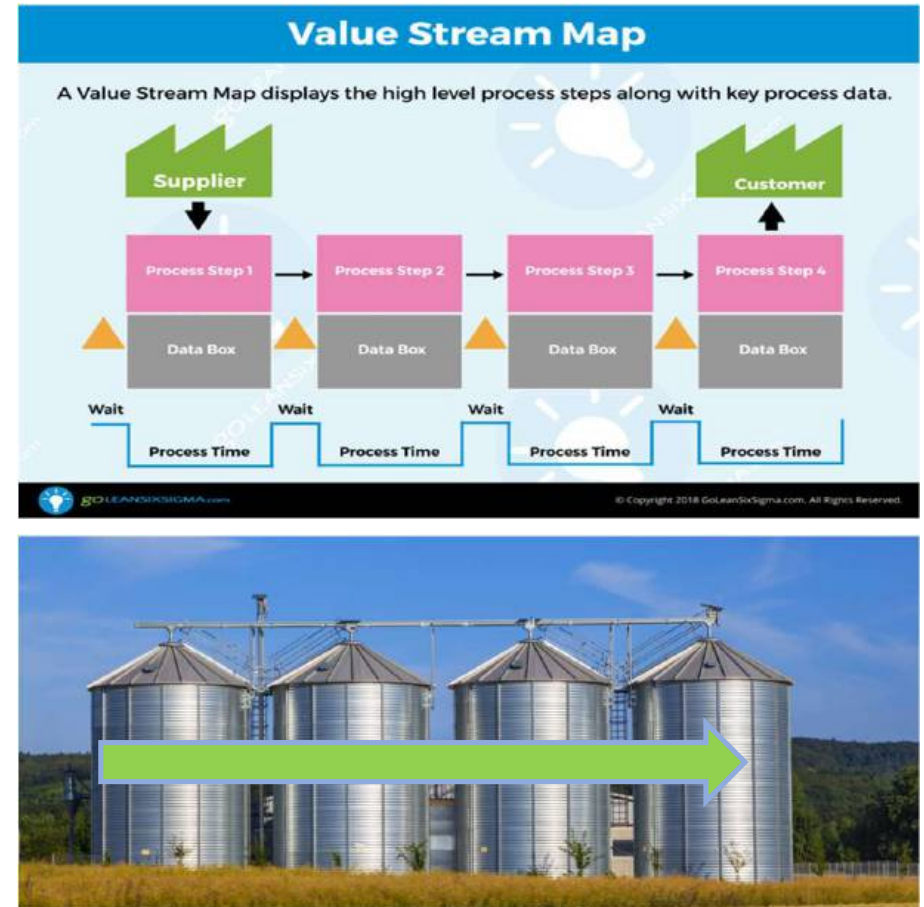
- Builds customer-centric processes
- Organize in a way that best serves the reason they exist
- Focus on flow and the flow unit
- Breaks down “Silos”. Encourages collaboration.
- Awareness and clarity as everyone sees how value flows and when it stops
(Can’t manage what you can’t see)



Value Stream Mapping (Value Stream Improvement)

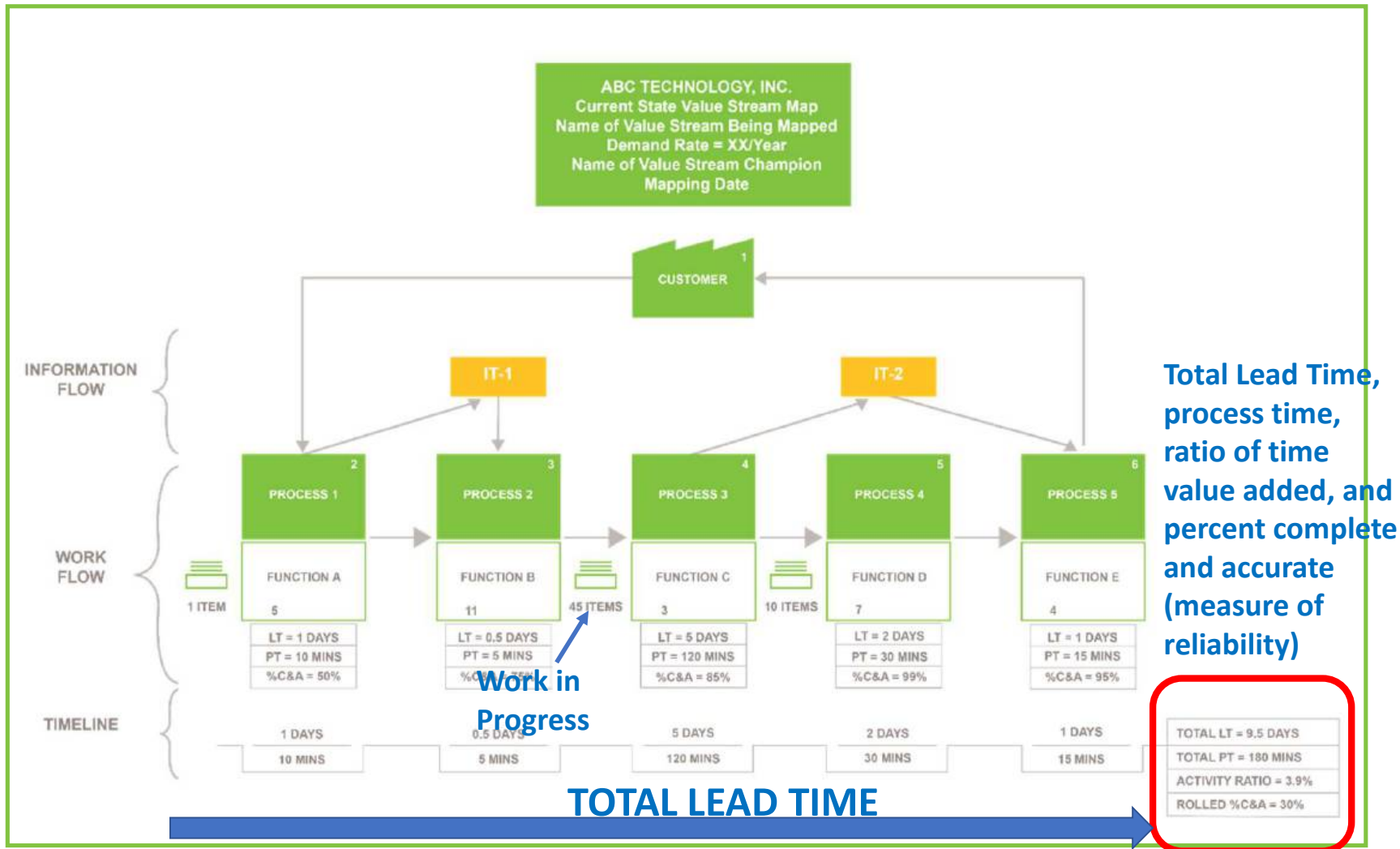
See how work flows through an entire system

- Big picture, Visual, See what is really happening
- Data-driven. Not just steps.
- Exposes disconnects, gaps and bottlenecks
- Remove waste
- Establish standard for consistent performance
- Is a process for continuous improvement



Value Stream Map

Sequence of processes to transform a customer request into a finished good or service delivered to the customer



Process blocks

(usually a hand-off point)

LEAD TIME (LT)



Throughput time for the process. Time from the moment work is available in the queue until it is completed (Cycle time)

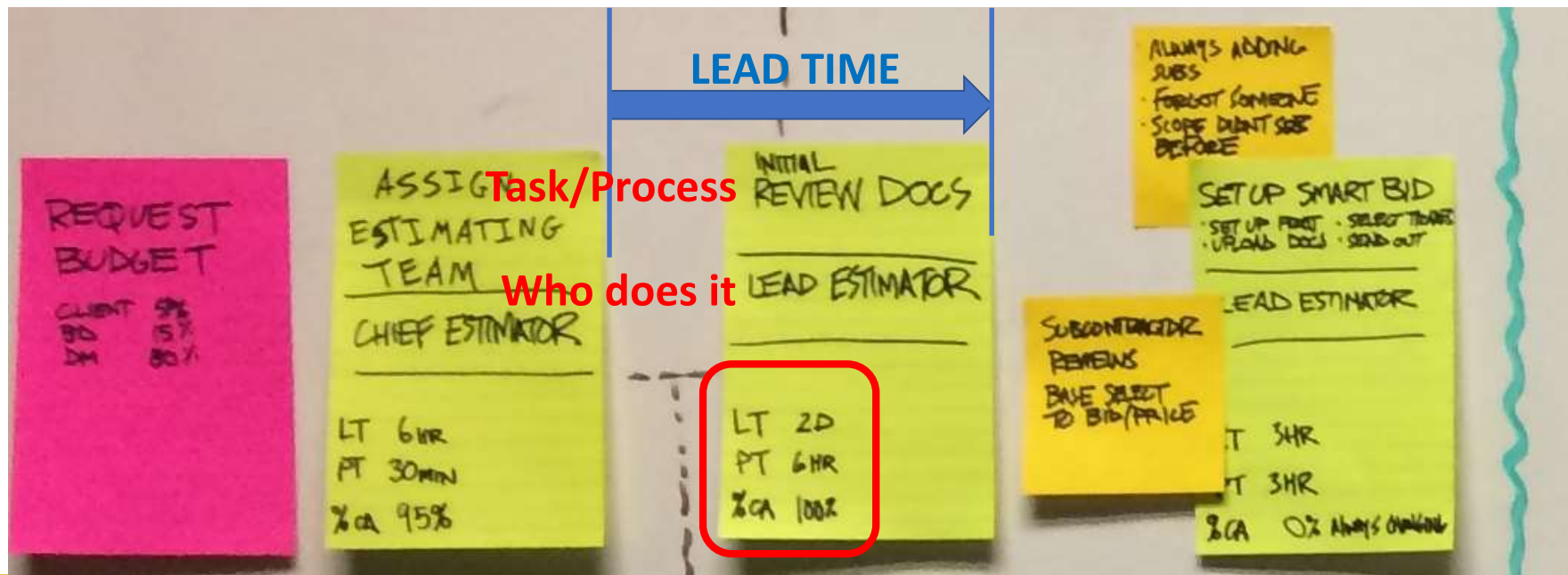
PROCESS TIME (PT)



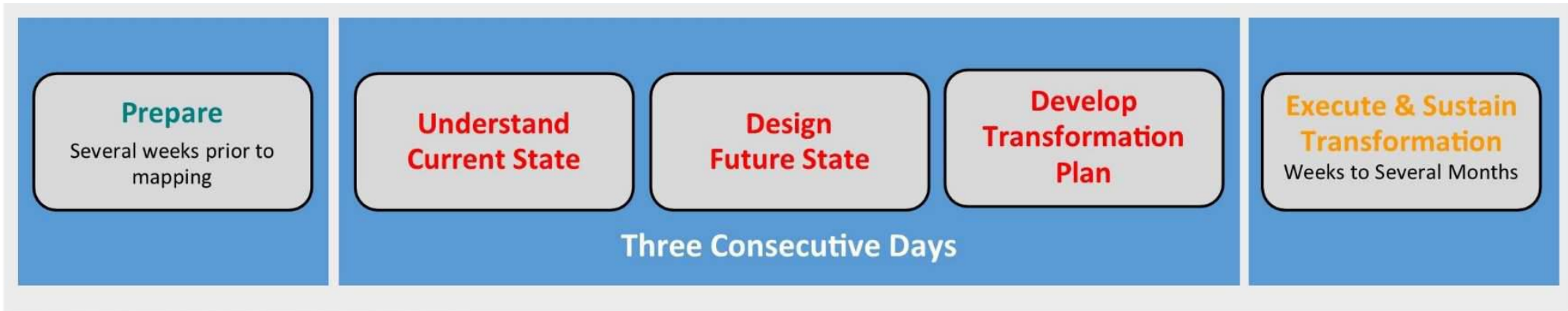
Total time to actually perform the process (transform input to output for one unit of work)
Includes doing, read, think, meetings, etc.
Not include waiting, delays, interruptions

PERCENT COMPLETE AND ACCURATE

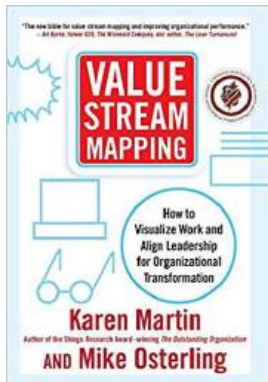
Quality. Ask downstream customer what percentage of the time they receive the work "usable as is", no corrections required, no missing information



Value Stream Improvement



based on Value Stream Mapping by Karen Martin and Mike Osterling

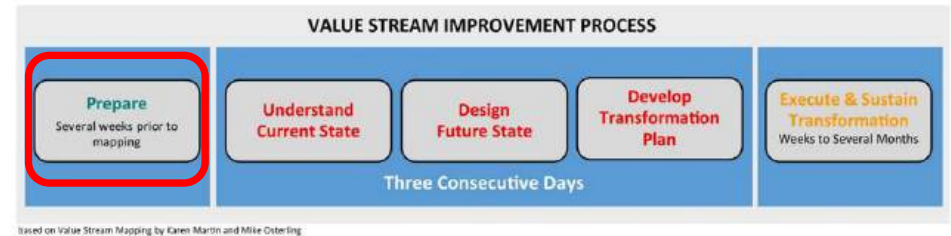


VALUE STREAM MAP

PREPARE

Begin at least 4 weeks before mapping...

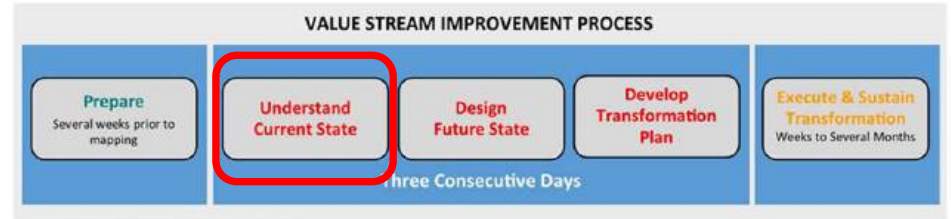
- Create the Charter
- Build leadership support
- Form the team
- Collect relevant data
- Socialize the Charter



Value Stream Mapping Charter				
Scope		Accountable Parties		Logistics
Value Stream	Value stream being improved	Executive Sponsor	Required: typically VP or C-level	Event Dates & Times
Specific Conditions	What circumstances are included and excluded? (e.g., type of customer, geographic location, etc.)	Value Stream Champion	If needed—often director or manager level	3 days typically; consecutive is best; 6 hrs per day minimum; 7 or 8 hrs is best
Demand Rate	How many times is this done per wk, qtr, mo, or yr?	Facilitator	Required: skilled, objective person leading the activity	Base-camp Location
Trigger	What initiates the process?	Logistics Coordinator	Not always needed	Meals Provided
First Step	Task on first process block	Briefing Attendees ** required *optional	List the people that are required to attend the briefings (***) and those whose attendance is optional (*).	Briefing Dates & Times
Last Step	Task on last process block			Aids in consensus building and organizational learning. Typically the last hour of the day.
Boundaries & Limitations	What is the team NOT authorized to change?			
Improvement Time Frame	Typically 3-6 months			
Current State Problems & Business Needs		Mapping Team		
1	What's driving the need for improvement?	Function	Name	Contact Information
2		1 Leadership-heavy		
3		2		
4		3		
5		4		
Measurable Target Condition		5		
1	Reduce <defined metric> from X to Y (Z% improvement).	6		
2	Increase <defined metric> from X to Y (Z% improvement).	7		
3		8		
4		9		
5		10		
Benefits to Customers & Business		On-Call Support		
1	How will the business, internal and external customers, and	Function	Name	Contact Information
2	internal and external suppliers benefit from value stream improvement?	1 SMEs that may not be needed full time		
3		2		
4		3		
5		4		
Relevant Data		Agreement		
1	What data is required to understand relevant current state issues.	Executive Sponsor	Value Stream Champion	Facilitator
2	Examples: work volume & volume variation, process quality &	Signature:	Signature:	Signature:
3	effectiveness, market trends, customer satisfaction, employee	Date:	Date:	Date:
4	engagement, financials, lead time, safety records, etc.			

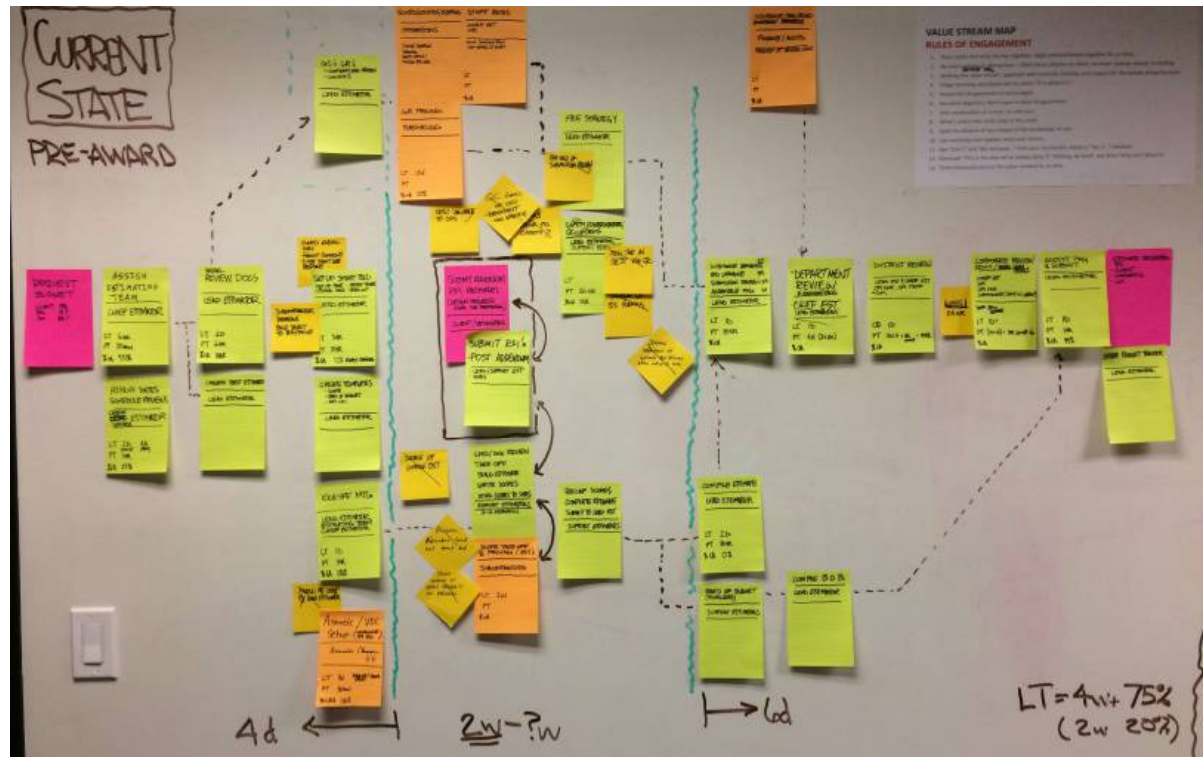
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CURRENT STATE



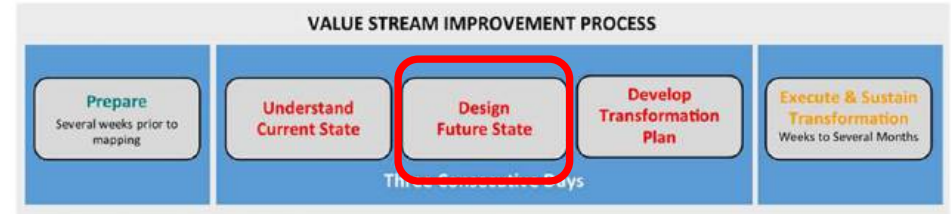
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- **Depict the value stream process blocks**
 - **Chunk the work (Focus on handoffs)**
- **Do not solve problems or jump to solutions. Focus on understanding.**
- **Walk the value stream together. Talk to those who do the work. Just observe, ask questions, listen.**
- **Calculate LT, PT, and %C&A (other observations can be added to a list)**



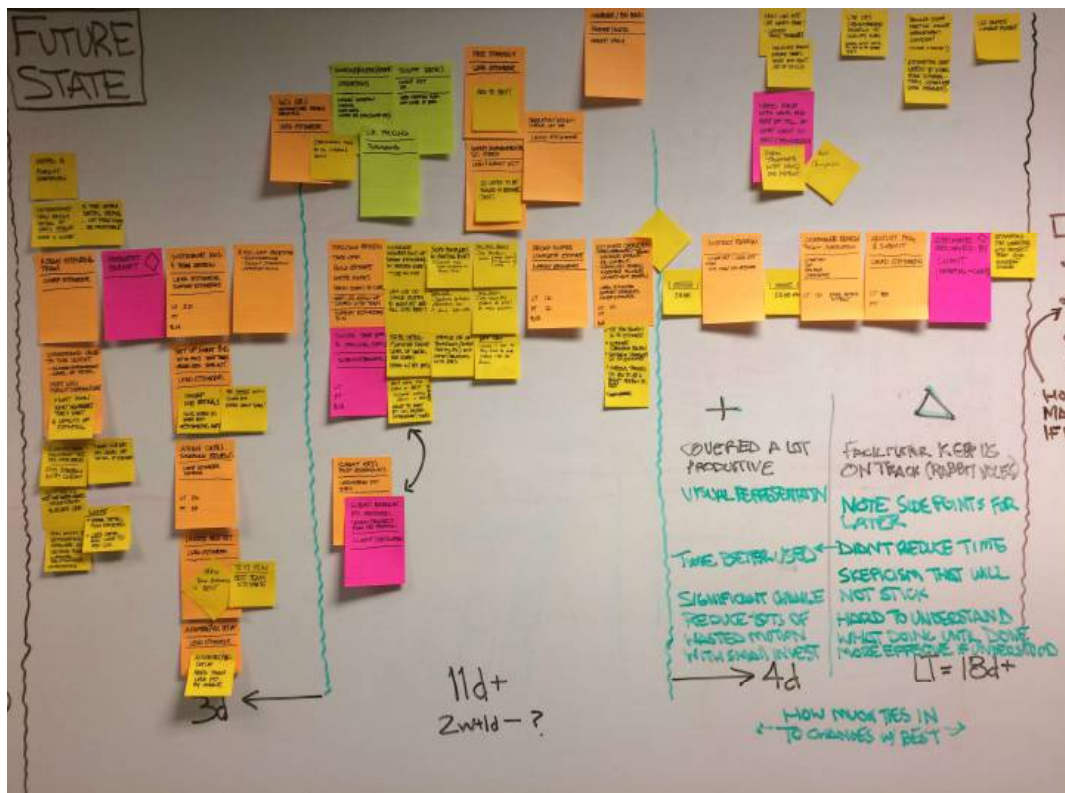
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FUTURE STATE

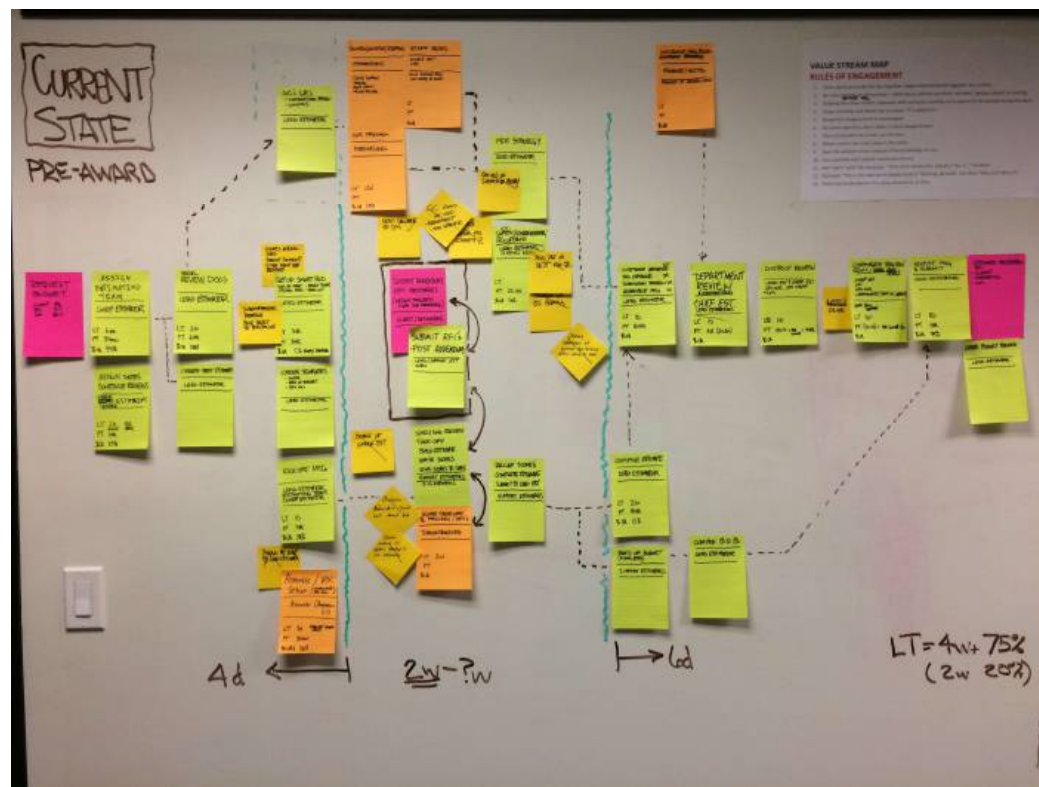


Based on Value Stream Mapping by Karen Martin and Mike Osterling

- Determine what work should be done. Remove waste
- Use pull for right work, right sequence, at right time
- Make work flow



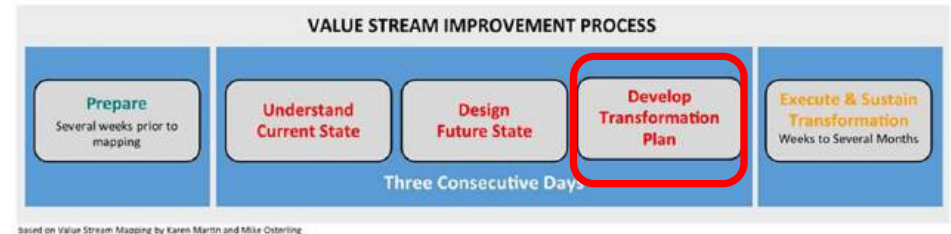
See Flow



VALUE STREAM MAP TRANSFORMATION PLAN

Develop the transformation plan

- Just-do-its
- Kaizen Events
- Projects



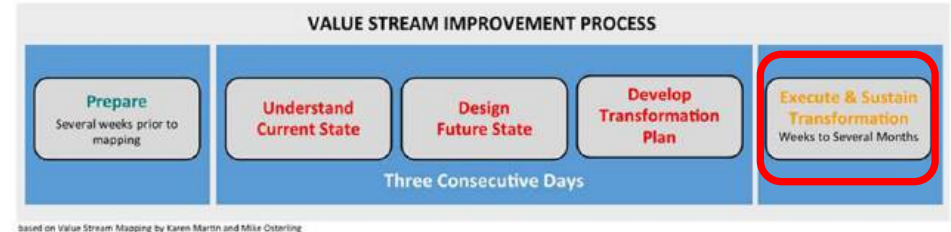
Value Stream Transformation Plan																	
Value Stream		Outpatient Imaging				Scheduled Review Dates											
Executive Sponsor		Allen Ward				1-Nov-13											
Value Stream Champion		Paul Scanner				21-Nov-13											
Value Stream Mapping Facilitator		Dave Parks				13-Dec-13											
Date Created		10/18/2012				10-Jan-14											
FS VSM Block #	Measurable Target	Proposed Countermeasure	Exec. Method*	Owner	Planned Timeline for Execution												Status
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
2	Improve quality of referral to 85%	Implement standard work for referral process	KE	Sean Michaels												100%	
3.4	Reduce lead time between scheduling and preregistration step to 45 minutes	Cross-train and co-locate work teams	PROJ	Dianne Marie												75%	
4	Only one check in per patient	Collect copays in Imaging	KE	Ryan Austin												50%	
4	Reduce wait time in waiting area by 50%	Balance work / level demand	KE	Dianne Marie												50%	
6	Eliminate 6 hour lead time associated with transcription step	Implement voice recognition technology	PROJ	Dave Gerald												50%	
7	Eliminate redundant data entry	Auto populate between PACS and Meditech	PROJ	Dave Gerald												25%	
5	Visually managed inventory, no outages or expired items	SS CT supplies area, implement kanban	KE	Michael O'Shea												100%	
6	Reduce imaging LT to one hour	Assign value-stream specific radiologists	PROJ	Martha Allen												25%	
8	Reduce report delivery LT to 30 minutes	Increase % of physicians receiving electronic delivery	PROJ	Martha Allen												0%	
7	Reduce LT at image review to 1 day	Visual metrics and indicators	JDI	Dave Gerald												100%	
Agreement																	
Executive Sponsor		Value Stream Champion				Value Stream Mapping Facilitator											
Signature:		Signature:				Signature:											
Date:		Date:				Date:											
* Execution Method = JDI (Just-do-it), KE (Kaizen Event), or PROJ (Project)																	

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VALUE STREAM MAP

EXECUTE PLAN



- Transformation will take place over weeks to several months
- Team meets regularly to review progress and course correct as needed
- Assign a value stream manager/champion. This is a permanent role
- Repeat the process regularly



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Value Stream Maps and supporting processes become the standards to support those who do the work

Awareness/Clarity

Simple

Visual

Easy to understand

Someone responsible for the standard

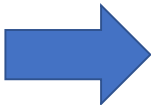
Train to it, Use it

Improvements reflected in it

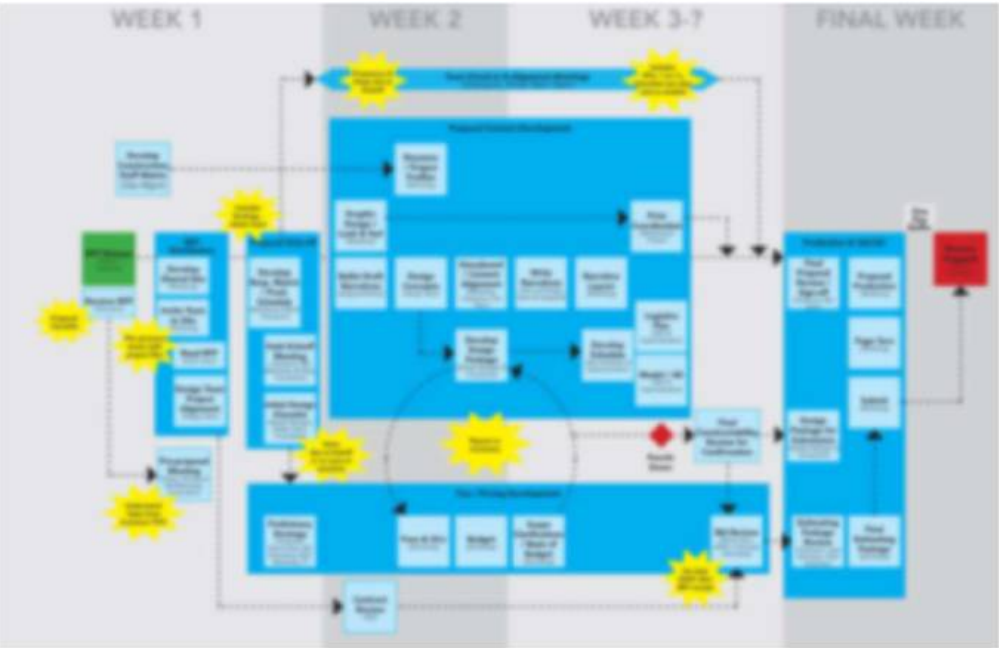


Example of a standard process for Design-Build Proposals

Organized by workflow, not by department



Created as the result of value stream mapping and follow-up implementation



Note: Intentionally blurred

There are many sub-processes, but this document is the basis for planning and executing DB proposals

There is a value-stream owner responsible that the process is understood and followed by the proposal team, starting with the assigned project manager

Example of a standard process for the Last Planner System

Standard agendas for phase pull and weekly work planning

Standard tools

[illegible][illegible]

Answer to “Why?”

Standard process for schedule reviews, phase pulls, make ready, weekly planning, and daily huddles

Standard minimum milestones and phase pulls

Example of a standard process for 5S

Standard wording for subcontracts

“How to” on a project

Helpful tools to apply on project

(This is for the team to use as an assessment tool, not a scorecard)

[illegible][illegible]

**Designed to help, not
create a lot of rules**

Basis for training

Managing & Sustaining

Patiently keep building

Grow Lean Leadership

Manage by Key Behaviors

Manage to value streams

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What is continuous improvement?

CI is built into some lean methods and there are many tools available to assist. Use them as part of your standard work to continuously improve.

A systematic ongoing effort to improve
Get better and better at moving
the canoe down the river



Continuous

Ongoing. Never ending.
Always looking to improve
and a process to do it.

Improvement

The product
The planning
The production
The paddles
The people

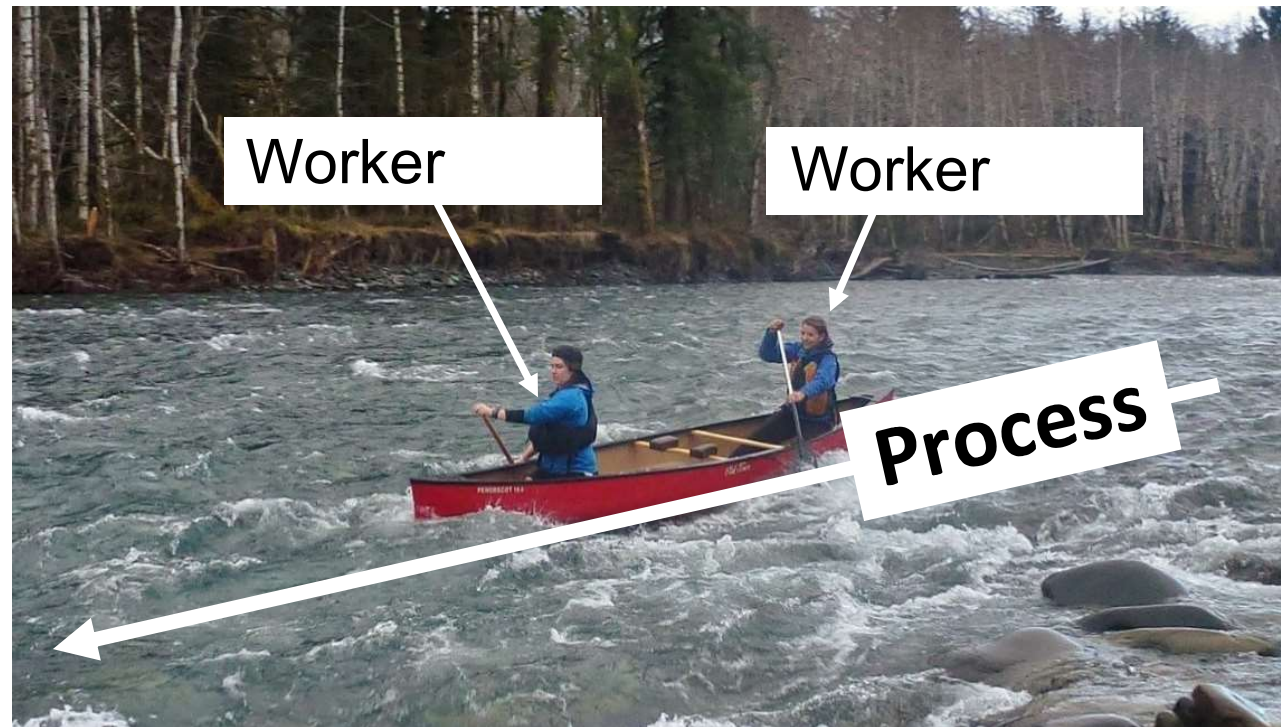


Lean thinkers – Improve
the flow of value and
reduce the waste.

What is a continuous improvement mindset?

My Job = Doing the Work

+ Improving the Work



...Everyone PDCA Every Day!

5S is about SIMPLE.

It is common sense and the discipline to follow through.

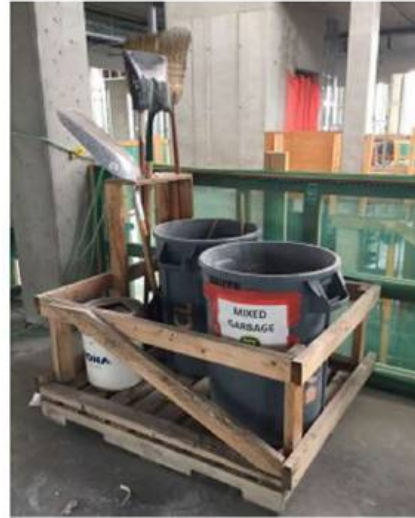
SORT

STRAIGHTEN

SHINE

STANDARDIZE

SUSTAIN



Make it easy to stay clean



What is good? What can improve?



Which one “shines”?



5S Virtual Assessment – SHT MTL & SHIPPING

55 TEAM ASSESSMENT		Area
A tool for teams to self-assess their work area.		Assessed by

What should change be able to find something to improve? Go to where the work is - Observe.

How can improvement be found? Is there a problem? What is the root cause? Issues or assess can include outside the fence or building, site restoration, parking, layout, work areas, desks, game bins, storage bins, kitchen, coffee area, toilets and restrooms, making hygienic, work areas, desks, game bins, storage bins.

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Why do we want to do this?

By chance? Or design?
Which will get better
results?



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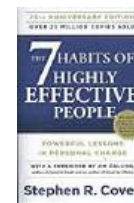
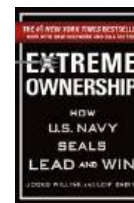
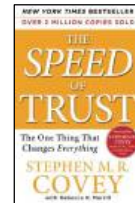


How do we get there from here?

1. Develop People who apply *Lean thinking* to their daily work – THAT INCLUDES YOU



Consultant Training,
Coaching and Facilitation



“Train the people doing the work to spot problems and then utilize their knowledge and skills to help improve the work”

– Steven Spear,
The High-Velocity Edge

“Lean is a really, really different way of thinking”

Managing & Sustaining – Key Takeaways

- Leadership participation is required to sustain a culture of Lean thinkers.
- Set new targets for the lean program as you go.
- Never lose sight of your “North Star”. Your competitive edge is the value you deliver and that you can do it better, faster and cheaper.
- Be a learning organization. Everyone is involved in improving flow of value every day. Keep investing in your people because people create value.
- Have a process for not only capturing, but implementing, improvements as standard work.
- Keep learning, continue learning, don't stop learning
- Have fun. Celebrate success. Everyone wants fulfillment beyond a paycheck.

Patiently keep building

Grow Lean Leadership

Manage by Key Behaviors

Manage to value streams

Develop Lean Thinkers

Continuously improve

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Questions?



Plus: What produced value during the session?



Delta: What could we change to improve the process or outcome?



In the spirit of continuous improvement, we would like to remind you to complete this session's survey! We look forward to receiving your feedback.



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