

# Smart Project Delivery

## Lean Decisions

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“Real control is making things happen  
– Being predictable”

# This or that?

- Speed or reliable
- Reliable or speed

# Path Forward

- N.P.D.S. Study
- Selecting project delivery systems
- Lean decision making
- Case in point

# PSU-CII Study

- National comparison of critical systems
- 351 U.S. general building projects
- 1990-1997
- Multiple project and owner types
- Heated debate!

# PSU-CII Study

- Evolution/ definitions
- Metrics - \$, T, Q and environment
- Methodology

# Project Delivery System

decisions made

‘Defines the ~~relationships, roles, and~~

~~responsibilities of parties~~ and the sequence of

activities required to provide a facility.’

# Research Findings

## Design-build vs. Design-bid-build

6% lower unit cost

12% faster construction speed

33% faster delivery speed

# Research Findings

## Design-build vs. CM at Risk

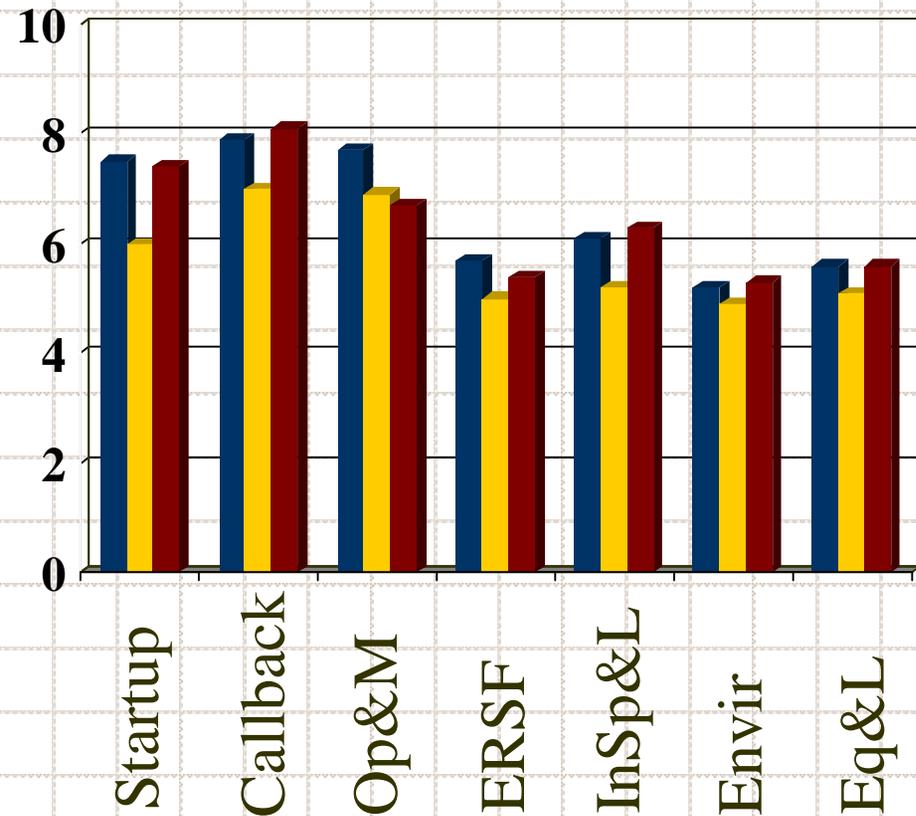
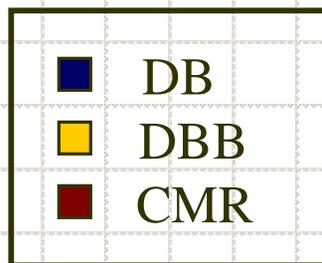
4.5% lower unit cost

7% faster construction speed

23% faster delivery speed

# Research Findings – Quality

- ✘ Owner expectations
- ✘ General requirements



# Best in Class by Metric

- Top quartile projects: Cost

95% - Excellent/adequate decision making

90% - Excellent/adequate scope definition

87% - Excellent team communication

85% - Qualified contractor pool

71% - High ability to restrain contractor pool

# Flip Side!

- Bottom quartile projects: Cost

73% - Engaged constructor late ( > 20% )

76% - Limited or no prior team experience

69% - Several onerous contract clauses

65% - Poor ability to make decisions

62% - Did not prequalify bidders

# Key Research Questions

- Are systems that implement a **team approach** mechanisms that inherently lead to success?
- How does an owner select a project delivery system?

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# Seven Steps to Success

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1. Define facility business goals
2. Determine owner's profile
3. Select project delivery system
4. Select procurement
5. Select project team
6. Select contract type
7. Confirm program



# 1 Define Facility Business Goals

- Establish target values for each goal
- Review pro-forma, interview owner etc
- Review statements and rank importance

# Facility Business Goals

- Unit Cost (\$/ft<sup>2</sup>)
- Construction Speed (ft<sup>2</sup> /month)
- Delivery Speed (ft<sup>2</sup> /month)
- Cost Growth (%)

# Facility Business Goals (2)

- Schedule Growth (%)
- Turnover Quality (0-10)
- System Quality (0-10)
- Process Equipment Quality (0-10)

**Time-out!**

## 2 Determine the Facility Owner's Profile

- Establish profile for owner, job, environment
- Answer 5-10 questions regarding each factor
- Rank importance of each factor collectively (L, M, H)

# Facility Owner's Profile

- Project profile
- Facility owner experience and culture
- Scope definition/ change potential
- Decision making ability
- Risk management

# Facility Owner's Profile (2)

- Organizational constraints
- Procurement culture
- Owner involvement
- Pool of qualified contractors

# 3 Select Project Delivery System

**Delivery system order**

Design-Build

Construction Management at Risk

Design-Bid-Build

# Hybrids -

Because specific owner, organizational and project environmental constraints demand modifications to the system.

## 4 Select Procurement Method

- Not all procurement methods are suited to each project delivery system.
- Procurement method should be compatible with project goals.

# Procurement Methods

- Open bidding
- Prequalification
- Proposal method

# Procurement Methods (2)

- Competitive
  - two step
  - best value
- Negotiated
- Sole source/ direct selection

# Consider Owner Profile – step 2 coordination

- Timing (length and team)
- Team vs. adversarial
- Submission and presentation limits
- Evaluation methods
- Evaluation team

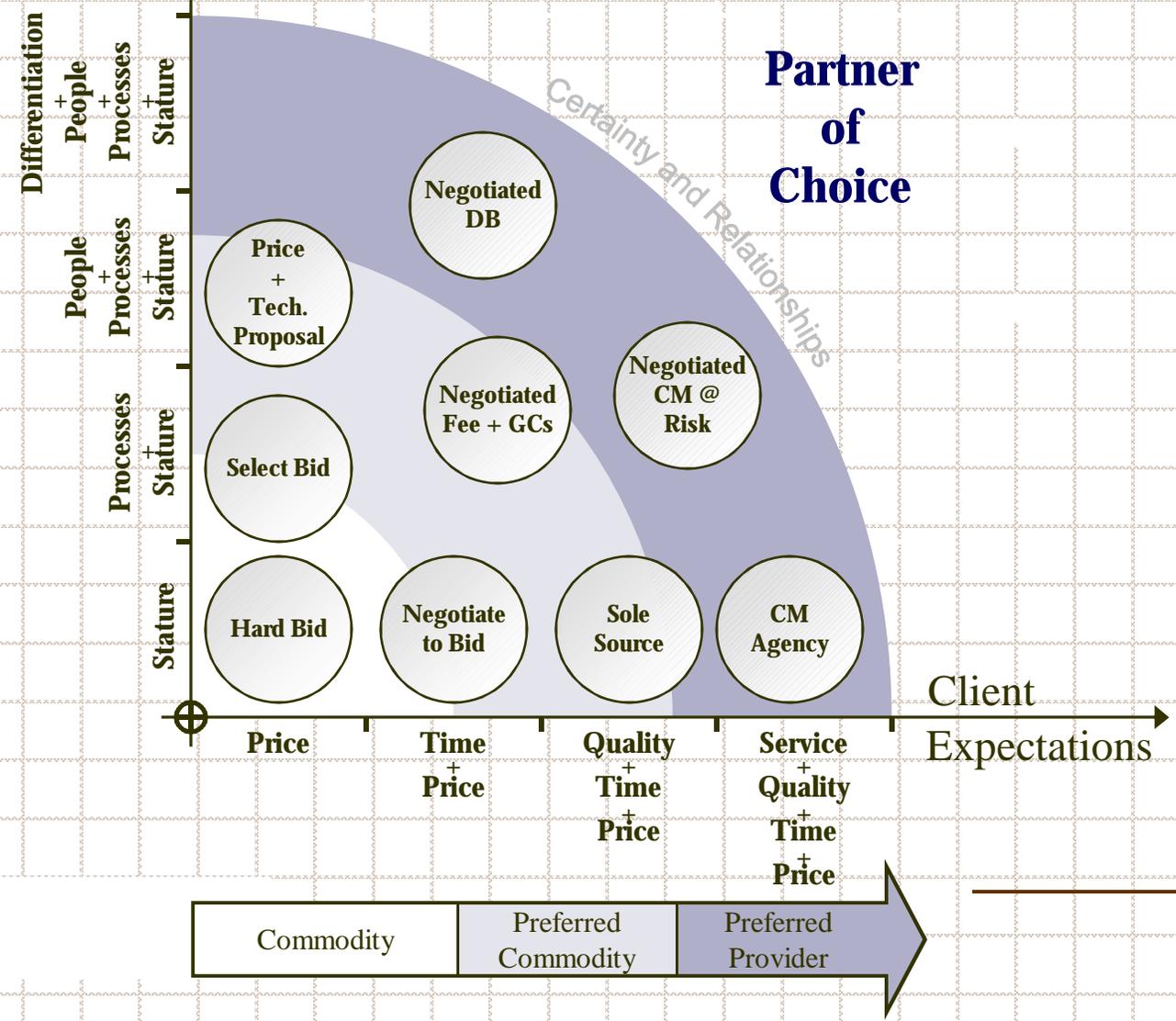
# 5 Select Project Team

- Team members
  - > developer
  - > architect/ engineer
  - > contractor
  - > specialty subs
  - > suppliers/ vendors

# Project Team Considerations

- Real owner experience
- Experience of staff on project
  - > project type
  - > delivery type
  - > locality
- Company support
- Relationships of team!

# Opportunity Model



## 6 Select Contract Type

- Contract follows procurement and relationships
- Onerous contract clauses

# Contract Types

- Cost reimbursable
- Guaranteed maximum price
- Unit rates
- Fixed price

# Fees/Incentives

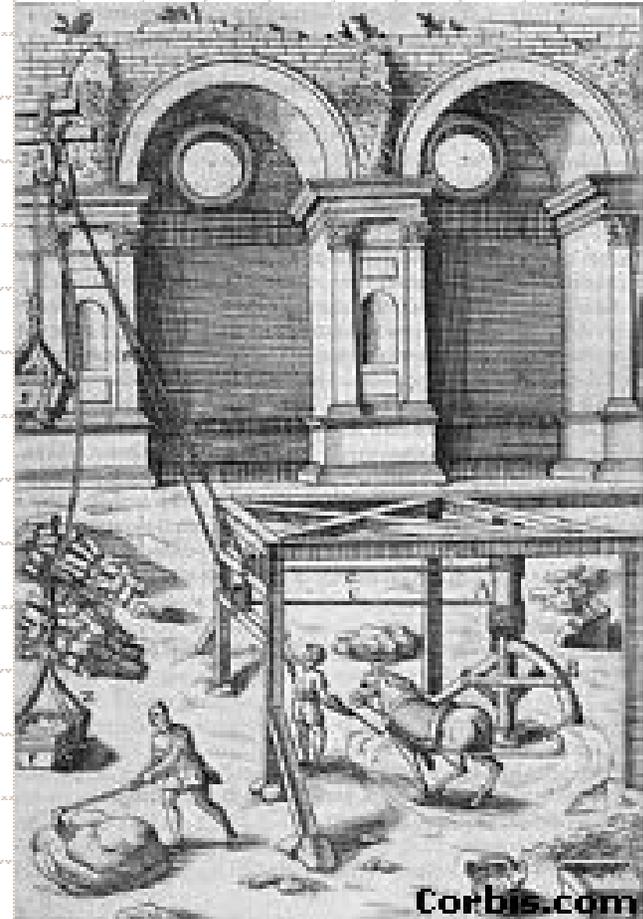
- Promote the desired behavior
- Incentive should match penalty

## 3, 4, 5, 6...review

- Select project delivery system
  - ü all things being equal...
- Select procurement method
  - ü not all methods match each system...
- Select project team
  - ü behavior...
- Select contract type
  - ü pick and force syndrome...

# 7 Develop/ Confirm the Program

- Scope definition
- Feasibility check
- Probability of change
- Scope control program



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# Lean Decisions?

- ✘ Are the delivery system, project team, procurement method and contract type and the owner's project goals and culture aligned?

Success Factors  
Suggested Practices  
Owner Challenges

# Achieve Success Factors

- By project delivery system
  - e.g. design-build
- By metric
  - e.g. cost growth

# Design-Build Success Factors

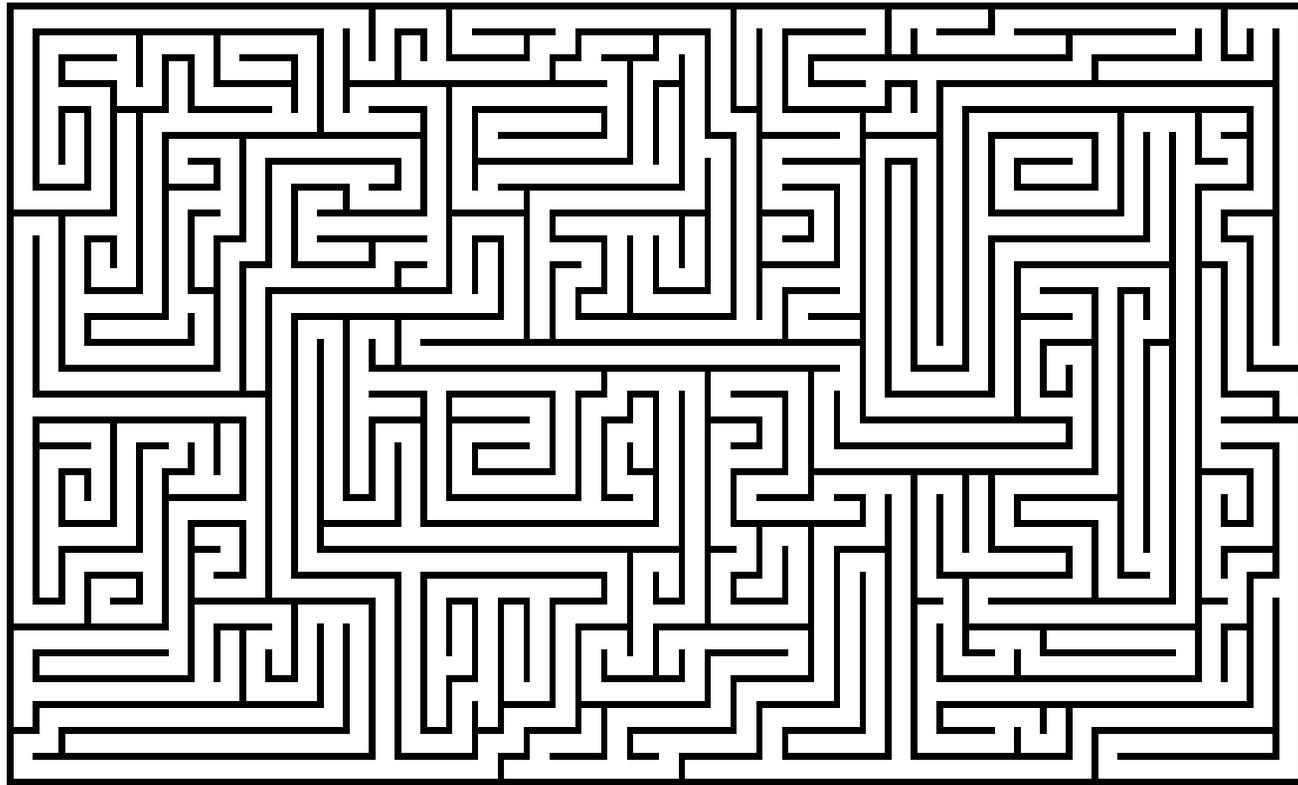
- Engage construction team early (<20% design)
- Excellent subcontractor experience - facility type
- Excellent subcontractor experience - design build
- Excellent contractor experience - facility type
- Excellent project team communication

**How do I achieve success factors?**

# Suggested Practices

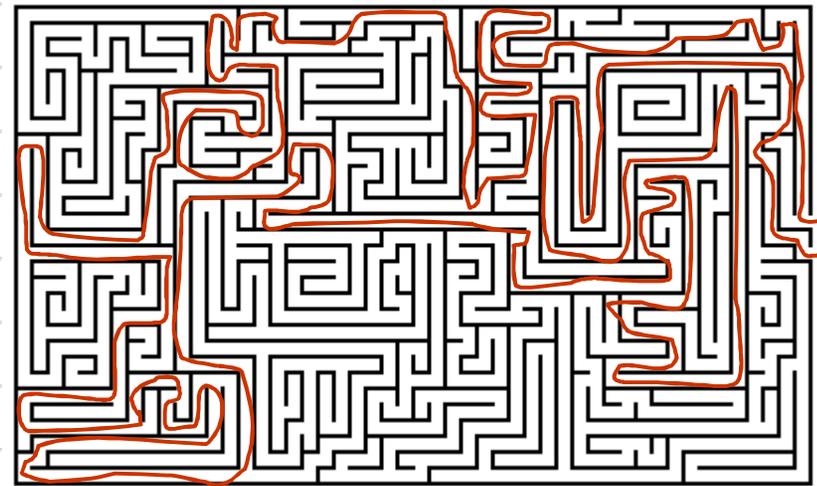
- Techniques from several hundred facility owners
  - ⊕ Restrain contractor pool
  - ⊕ Pre-qualify project team
  - ⊕ Foster team communication/ relationships
  - ⊕ Minimize legal constraints
  - ⊕ Engage team early
  - ⊕ Make timely decisions
  - ⊕ Ensure team has relevant experience

# What is my role?



# Coordinate Challenges

- ⊕ Work scope
- ⊕ Scope change
- ⊕ Procurement
- ⊕ Project Team
- ⊕ Risk/ experience
- ⊕ Client's Team
- ⊕ User Involvement



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# National Research Council



# Case Facts

- Structure (5+11+ph)
- Historic preservation
- Class A office
- City block
- 382,000 sf
- 35% LSDBE
- Phase 2



# Step 1 – business goals

- System Quality
  - Interior space and layout
  - Environment
  - Envelope, roof, structure, foundation
- T – delivery speed
- \$ - cost growth (certainty)

## Step 2 – owner profile

- Facility owner experience **Low**
- Scope/Change potential **High**
- Decision making ability **Low**
- Organizational constraints **Low**
- Procurement culture **High**
- Owner involvement **Medium**

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## Step 3 – select pds

- Quality
  1. DB and CMR
  2. Nearly equal
  3. DB and CMR
- Delivery Speed – DB and CMR
- Cost Growth – DB and DBB

# Step 4 – select procurement

- Facility owner experience
  - ü Ensure staff or seek professional partners
- Scope definition/change potential
  - ü Consider qualification element
- Procurement culture
  - ü Ability to integrate with the owner's culture

# Step 5 – select team

- Pre-qualify
- Qualification factors –
  - Commitment of staff
  - Relevant experience
  - Ability to meet LSDBE
  - Performance of team players

## Step 6 – select contract

- Poorly defined scope = cost reimbursable
- Risk allocation = GMP
- Team service to provide a facility = fee

# Step 7 – confirm program

- 1990
- ‘Wish List’
  1. Parking counts – 450
  2. Conference rooms
  3. Receiving areas
  4. Office counts
  5. Four-pipe mechanical system
  6. Art in architecture

# Outcome for NRC!

- Procurement
- Delivery system
- Team
- Contract
- Program

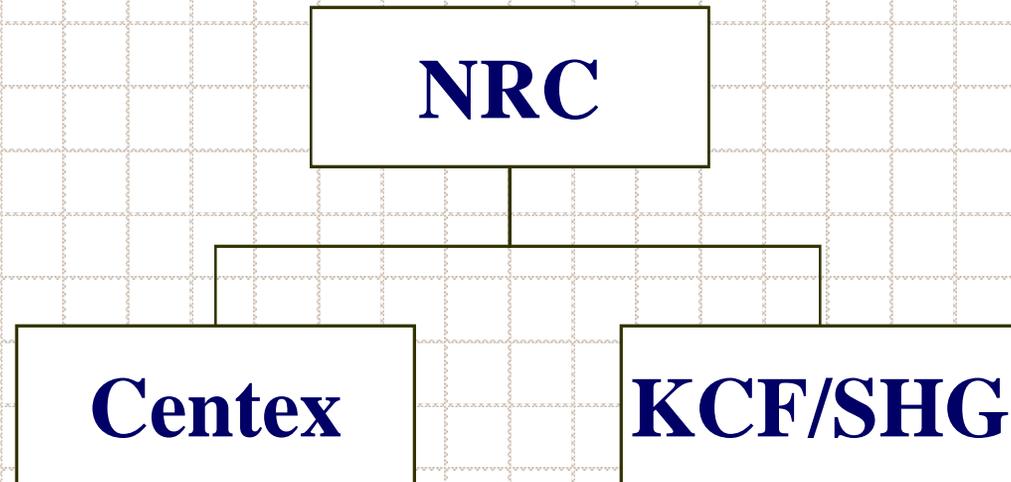


# Procurement

- 10% RFQ/RFP issued – 10/1/98
- Quality 1<sup>st</sup>, Time 2<sup>nd</sup>, Money 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Limited to 3-4 proposals
- Qualifications reviewed
- Mgmt plan reviewed
- Team presentations – 11/10/98
- Project Award – 11/13/98

# Evolution of NRC Delivery

## CM at Risk



# NRC Project Delivery Structure

## Design-Build



**NRC**

**Centex/SHG, LLC**

**NRC team**

# Outcome for NRC!

ü Procurement

ü Delivery system

- Team – Mech, Elec, Conc, S&S
- Contract – iGMP, fGMP
- Program - !



# Processes to Date

- No defined scope/ program!
- Engaged constructor early
- Design team has evolved
- Making timely decisions

# Conclusions

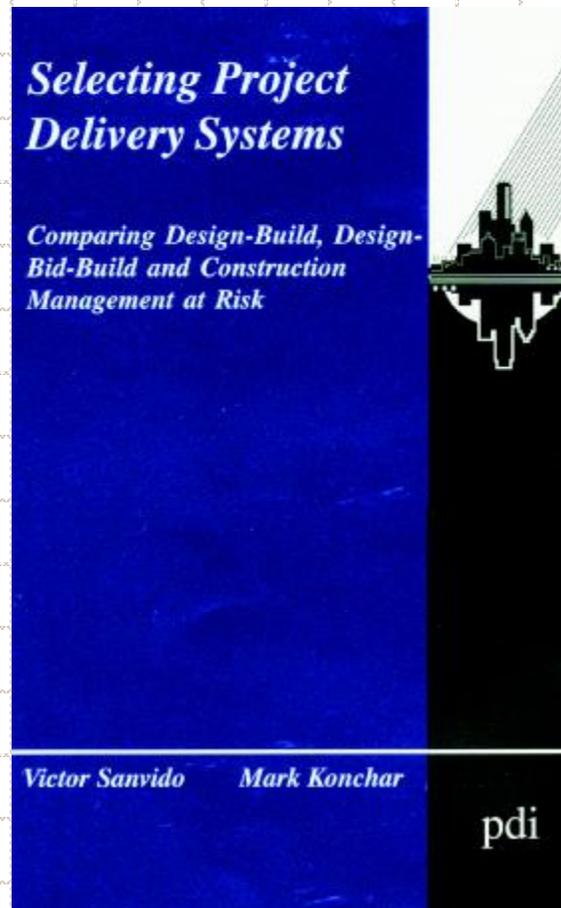
- Lean decisions happen when prepared
- Control of the process is key
- Leader clients
- **Experience you have is most important**

# What can you do today?

- Make lean project delivery decisions
- Collect data and benchmark experiences
- Educate team and company
- Stay current and support research

# Resource

- **Selecting Project Delivery Systems**  
- March, 1999



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