

## **Collaboration – Powerful tool for Lean Construction**

***We, now are fully aware of the extraordinary benefits of Lean Construction***  
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***The Pillar on which Lean Construction Stands is COLLABORATION***

In fact most of the different industries including Construction has COLLABORATION the key for enhancement of performances

Collaboration definitely does not come easy.

A lot of training goes in for achieving Collaboration

Lean Construction; too focus on collaboration through the various tools the construction adopts. Last Planner tool is the perfect example wherein it strongly advocates collaboration

For many, Collaboration means the different stake holders meet to sort out issues.

There is a world of difference between the merely working together and working with truly collaborative manner

We find it easier to talk about Collaboration rather than do it.

Collaboration is about working through differences in coming into a workable joint decision

Unfortunately each share holder attends the meeting with his own idea & his own solution.

To overcome and make each stake holder subordinate his own goal to the common shared goal is ***TRUE COLLABORATION.***

Doubtless this is a difficult journey.

Many a book exists in the market for the road map for true collaboration  
Internet /you tube has many, many articles/presentations on collaboration

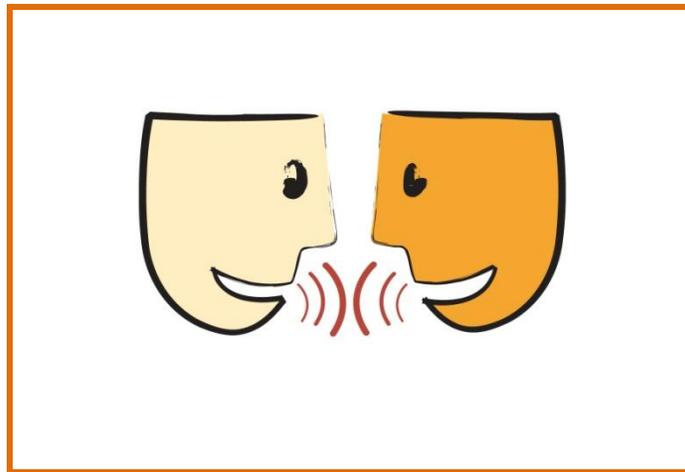
Collaboration is a widely discussed subject in all industries including Construction.

The success of any organization lies in **TRUE COLLABORATION** approach amongst the employees of the organization.

We need to discuss the basic requirement of true Collaboration.—***Main Pillar on which Lean Construction stands.***

We mention below a few in brevity-- readers are advised to know about more about Collaboration from the spate of books available in market/internet/publications.

## Communication



Free Communication Without any inhibition of rank, position, designation etc.

Supervisor of sub-contractor to speak freely to the Project Manager his solution to the problem!

## Trust



Each Stake holder Trust each other – walk the talk.

Reciprocal promises are honored to the best extent possible.

## Coordination



Construction job is flow of different activities by different stake holders.

The stake holders coming together in collaborative manner to establish this flow is coordination.

## Cooperation



Cooperation is when each stake holder helps other stake holder to achieve their goal even it means subordinating his own goal.

## Collaboration



All work together toward a common shared Goal without any reservations.

It is setting aside individual egos

It is pooling of each individual expertise towards the common goal

It is synergy at its best.

Creation at its best excellence.

Whole is greater than the sum of its parts (potential of each stake holder)

All become exceptional partners for achieving brilliantly the shared goal-***“How the hell did we manage to complete the project in such outstanding performance”***

Summing up, Lean Construction success is in Collaboration

Most lean Construction tools are merely training for people to make effective teams for collaboration.

**No doubt the journey is difficult but what a reward!!**

A 30 storey Hotel Building Complete with all furnishings in 15 Days (China)!!

Empire State Building (85 Floors) build in 1931 in Less than 18 months!!!

*Lean Construction is definitely one of the toughest application but what an outstanding result !!!*

***ILCE Welcome Success stories in Collaboration in construction to be published in future Newsletters.***

***More & more to bring home strength of Collaboration in Lean Construction.***