A/E-Led Integrated Project Delivery

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Traditional Tri-Partite Construction



-Must have been designed by a lawyer

-Sets A/E & Contractor against each other as adversaries

-Maximizes likelihood of disputes and litigation -

Minimizes A/E's scope: no control of construction -

Minimizes A/E's profits: no profits from construction

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Integrated Project Delivery ("IPD")

-More efficient

-Faster

-Better

(Reasons and details to follow)

But what exactly is IPD?

What project structure does it employ?



TEAMING STRUCTURES FOR INTEGRATED PROJECT DELIVERY

• There is no single (or even most common) teaming structure for IPD

• Some teaming structures include the Owner (e.g., AIA Document C195), and some do not (e.g., AIA Document A195).

• The following structures have all been used for IPD:



Single Integrated Company





Multiple Integrated Company





Joint Business Venture (With Owner)





Joint Business Venture (Without Owner)



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Integration by Contract Only



Other Variables in Structuring Integrated Projects

- Engineers and major trade contractors (or even vendors) may be prime participants
- Individual companies may be "subdivided" for insurance and liability purposes
- The degree of ownership participation may vary
- The number of permutations of various project structures is too large to categorize usefully.



The Little-Known Truth About Project Structure

Project Structure isn't as important as:

- Attitude
- Behavior
- Incentives

Successful integrated teams always work together in pretty much the same ways – regardless of project structure.



IPD Is Attitude and Behavior, Not Structure

• Structure is important primarily insofar as it creates incentives to cooperate closely.

• The key to integrated behavior: furthering teammates' interests as if they were your own.

• "Old Dogs" need to learn "New Tricks."



•Quality:

• High quality design and construction because the A/E plays a major role and is responsible directly to the owner.

• Direct contract and communication between owner and A/E regarding issues of quality and design.

 Complete continuity regarding preferences and objectives throughout the design and construction process

• A win-win process whose economics encourage participation by quality A/E and contractors.



• Ease of Budgeting:

• Early determination of project costs in the design development stage.

• Cost-effective design due to the designer's access to construction and pricing information during the design phase.

• Delivery of project within budget (lump sum or GMP) with reduced likelihood of cost increases and overruns.



•Flexibility in Procurement:

• No need for a cumbersome bidding or RFP process, but typically "open book" for the trades.

• The Owner can begin a project traditionally while maintaining the option to convert to integrated delivery later in the design phase.

• Fast Delivery:

• Shortened project duration from fast-tracking without loss of cost control.



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Fewer Claims and Disputes:

- Avoidance of "lowball bidding" where the Contractor wins the project by bidding below actual cost, counting on change orders and claims to make a profit.
- Improved and more efficient administration of construction due to absence of adversity between the A/E and Contractor.
- Low incidence of claims or litigation seeking additional compensation.
- Single point responsibility for the project, with the project team accepting responsibility for functional problems without the Owner having to adjudicate finger-pointing among project participants.



Benefits to the Architect

Additional Profits:

- Sharing in project savings.
- More efficient design less labor during Construction Documents phase.
- Sharing in the construction revenue (profiting from increased efficiency).
- IPD is more efficient: it minimizes waste.

Minimizing Waste

- Per project structuring expert James Young of Lillibridge:
- Almost 50% of the construction process is waste.
- 50% + of design process is waste.
- In IPD minimizing waste adds enormous value/return



Manage Cost Efficiently





The Construction Dollar - Waste and Value

in Typical Construction Projects



Value-added activities Non-value-added activities





Waste and Value...

A wasteful cycle of design, overbudget, propose changes, return to users, un-design, re-design, repeat

IPD team saves time, money, achieves higher quality design documents, better built quality through a conversational process





•Contractor's Design Phase Services in an Integrated Project

- Costing, estimating value engineering
- Assistance in analyzing owner-provided information
- Constructability analysis
- Preliminary scheduling
- Checking design to anticipate problems
- Acquisition of long-lead items
- Procuring subcontractor participation and quotes
- Negotiation with subcontractors/vendors



•Architect's Design Phase Services in an Integrated Project

- System-by-system design, with "looping" feedback from trade contractors
- Informal communications rather than "defensive detailing"
- Greater number of alternative designs
- MEP design only schematic, completed by trade contractors
- Acceptance of greater-than usual price constraints
- Out-of-sequence provision of design details, bid packages
- Heavier reliance on performance specifications



•Construction Phase Services in an Integrated Project

By the Contractor:

- Anticipation and avoiding or minimizing the consequences of design problems
- Fast-tracking the construction

• By the Architect/Engineer:

- Informal provision of supplemental design information
- Cooperative approval of substitutions
- Cooperative trouble-shooting and problem-solving



Benefits to the Architect/Engineer

Marketing Advantages:

- Ability to guarantee price and schedule.
- Offering Owner the option of delaying the project structuring decision.
- Cultivating contractors as a source of work.
- Ability to promise maximum efficiency.



Benefits to the Architect/Engineer

•Control Over Construction:

- Avoiding unwise design changes.
- Minimizing bad publicity from design problems.

• Increased satisfaction from accepting responsibility for entire project.



Benefits to the Architect/Engineer

•Reduced Liability:

- Minimizing claims due to cooperative rather than adversarial administration.
- No claims from obvious design omissions.
- Construction accidents insured by Contractor.



Benefits to the Contractor

 Projects often developed by A/E and presented to Contractor "on a silver platter."

- Negotiated pricing rather than competitive bidding.
- Enhanced relationships with Subcontractors/Suppliers.
- Reduced likelihood of claims/litigation.
- Increased profits from reduced overhead (see next slide).



Increased Profits for Contractor

- Little or no marketing overhead for the project.
- Cost analysis virtually certain to result in winning the project or being compensated.
- Minimal contingency for bidding errors/oversights.
- No contingency for adversarial administration.



A/E-Led Design-Build as Integrated Project Delivery







"Sequential" Design-Build: Structure of the Relationship (Private Sector)

Owner

Construction Contract

A/E

A/E's Design-Build Company

Design-Build Proposal

G.C.

Consultant Consultant



Design

Contract

"Sequential" Design-Build: Structure of the Relationship (Private Sector)





•Considerations in Selecting General Contractor Teammates

Mandatory Qualities Issues of Judgment

- Financial Security Size
- Professional Approach Geography
 - Industry Niche



A/E's Contract



The Design-Build Proposal: "Price/Schedule Guarantee"



- A/E's Design-Build Company's guarantee contingent on building project
- A/E's Design-Build Company supplants A/E during construction phase
- Legal safeguards included re budget and estimating
- Construction Contract eventually supersedes Proposal

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"Construction Agreements"





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