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# Welcome!



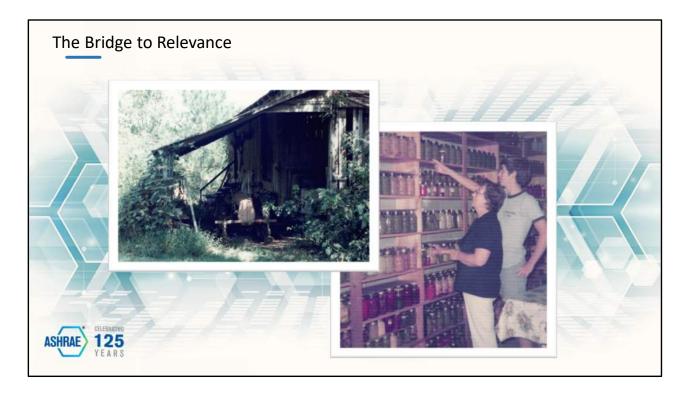
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My grandfather, an immigrant from Italy, was the consummate **Engineer**, **Machinist**, and **Farmer**. He taught me how things were **built**. He taught me how to **farm** the land and put **food** on the table.

Working beside my grandparents over many summers, provided a **bounty** of lessons. One of those was the natural progression of **WORK**; particularly Work on the land.

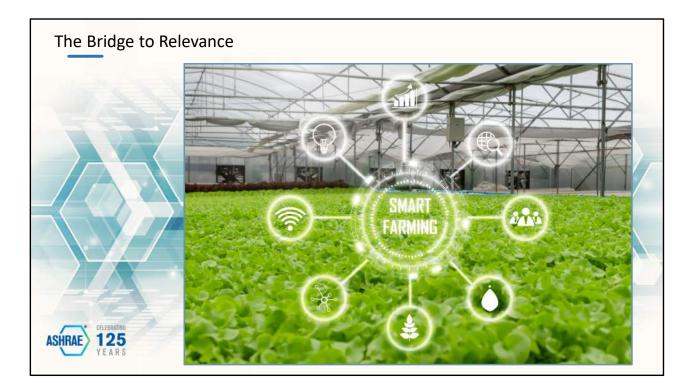
**PLOW**: Soil must be **prepared**, and **configured**.

**PLANT**: The seed we **sow**, turns into the crop that **grows**.

MAINTAIN: What we grow, needs continuous attention.

HARVEST: Reap, what you sow.

I learned, that you can't **cheat** the natural process. There is no **Harvest**; without **Plowing**, **Planting**, and **Maintaining**.



## Engineering & Construction (E&C), is a lot like Farming.

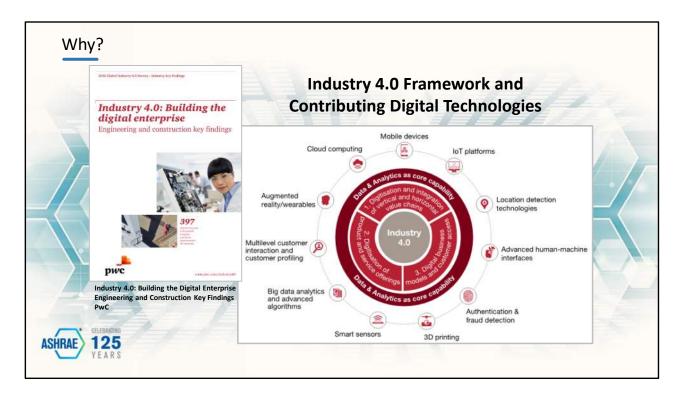
**PLOW**: Preparation, requires assembling the **correct team**.

PLANT: The outcome we desire, needs a well-defined path.

MAINTAIN: Continuous improvement is implemented, to drive value.

HARVEST: Built solutions that exceed expectations, are delivered.

**Yes**, the E&C process, is **no different** than nature's own. We can't **cheat** this natural **Flow!** 



Let's pause for a moment, to ask - WHY?

**Why** should we care; about **Plowing**, **Planting**, and **Maintaining** within the Building ecosystem?

Here's Why! With the expansion of the Digital World, we can:

Differentiate ourselves, from the competition.

Identify ourselves, as the Innovators.

Improve our profit margins.

Attract, and Retain, a digitally savvy workforce.

Deliver Value.

Optimize building performance.

And Mitigate environmental footprint.

Our evolution to Lean and Digital Maturity, can deliver this Harvest, and more!

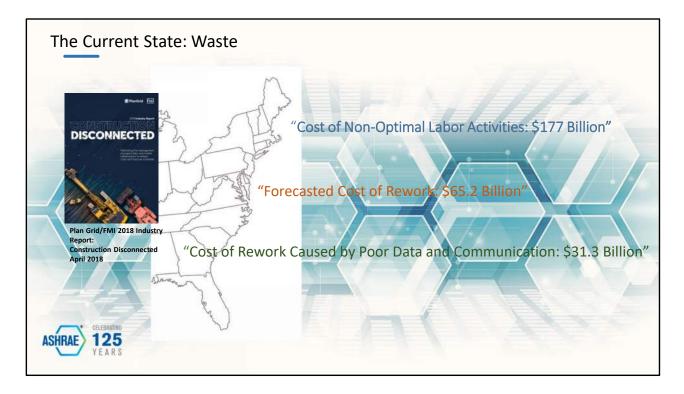




Every journey, has a starting point.

Before **We** explore the **digital path**, let's reflect on our **current** industry state. Let's **start** by considering, how **POORLY** we have **managed** our crops. A busted F&B steam coil provides a good backdrop.

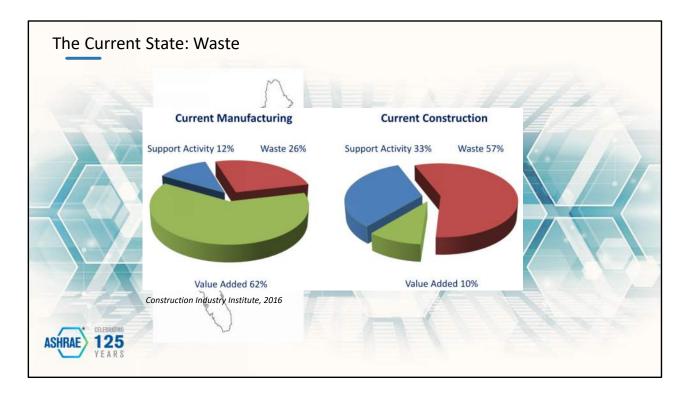
Why are we STILL burdened, with marginal yields?



## First, Our current workflows, are ripe with Waste!

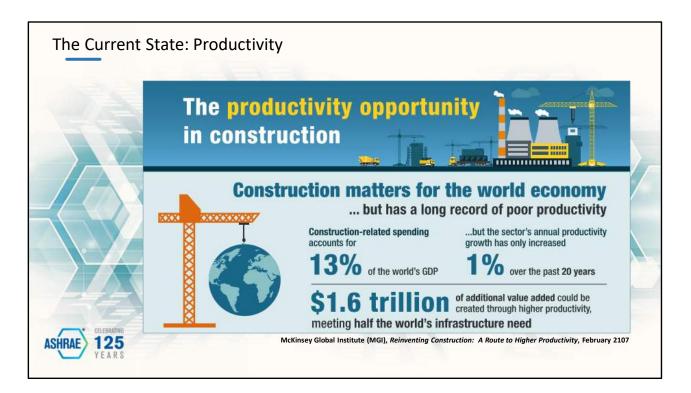
It is estimated that in the US alone, **\$177B** is **lost** annually, on nonproductive labor activities. **Looking** for information, **Engaging** in conflict resolution, **Dealing** with mistakes, and **Performing** rework; **all impact the bottom line!** 

**\$31B** of this loss, is **directly** associated with, poor **data** and **communication**. **Poor**, in this context, is **Inaccurate**, **Inaccessible**, and **Incompatible**.



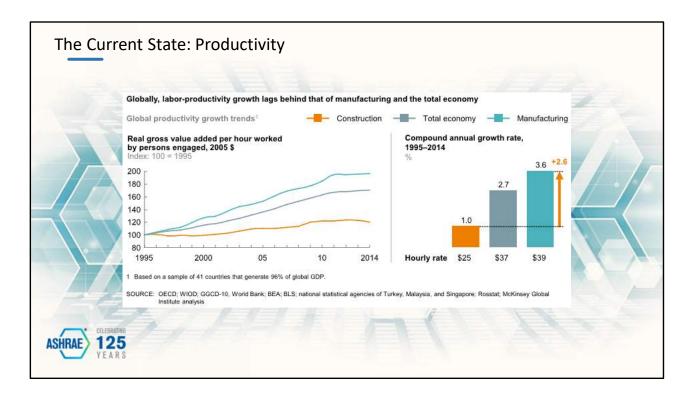
Look at this from a comparison of Manufacturing vs Construction. Waste is **high**, Value is **low**.

Waste, in this solution delivery context, has a direct impact on building performance. When optimization is not achieved, performance waste is embodied in the shortcomings.

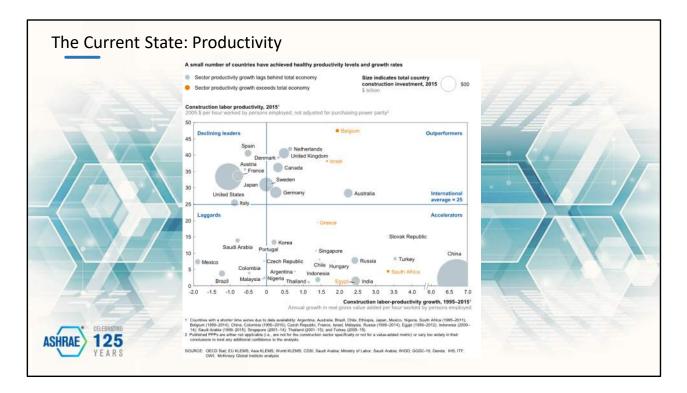


Second, **E&C is a Flat ecosystem!** Data reflects, that we are **NOT** very Productive. Sadly, our annual productivity growth has only increased **1%**, over the past **two decades**.

Stagnation is costly!

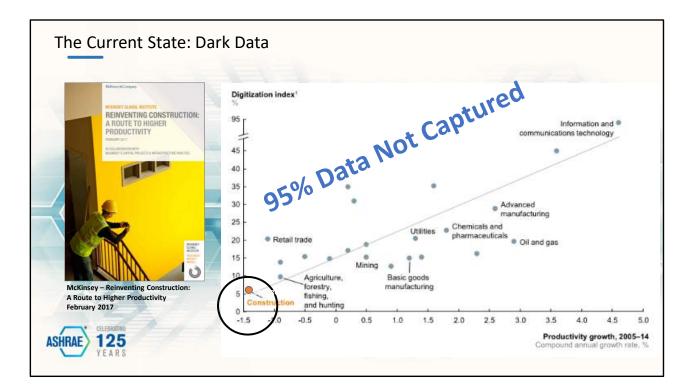


Look at these trend lines comparing Construction to the Total Economy, and Manufacturing. We are relatively **flat**!



What if I presented this in a global manner? McKinsey shows us that the US Construction Market is a **Declining Leader**.

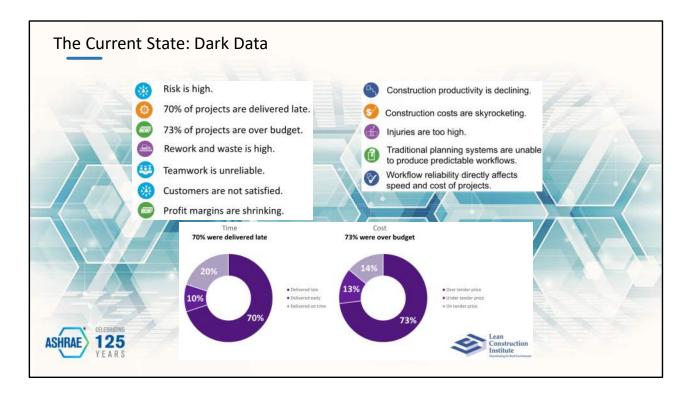
Look at this from another perspective. Stagnation also reveals a paucity of integrated highperformance solutions that are more sustainable, use less energy and optimize holistic building environmental footprint.



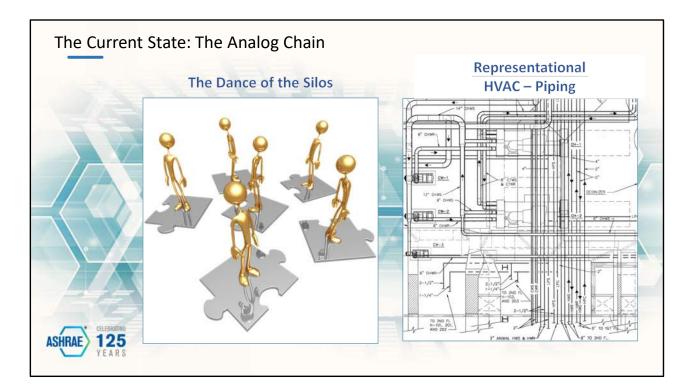
Third, Our ecosystem, remains one of the least Digitized sectors, in the world! Look at Us! [LOW and LEFT].

To **compound** this shortcoming, FMI suggests that up to **95%** of data, that **IS** captured, goes **unused**. We **allow** knowledge to go dark. **DARK** knowledge, becomes **LOST** knowledge!

This LOST knowledge is vital to building resource management!



Fourth, our Logistics are poor. Our projects are late and over budget.



Finally, **we remain shackled, to the Analog Age!** Over many decades, we have perfected, the **Dance of the Silos**.

**Risk** and **Liability** keep us, from optimizing the whole. We **protect** our borders, from the **impact** of "OTHERS".

**We have so many touch points!** We **manually** collect, review, and transfer Data. We continuously **recreate** knowledge.

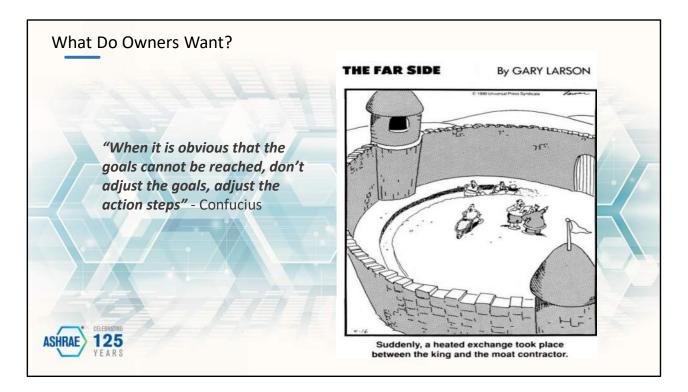
We **rarely** consider cost and schedule, as **INPUTS** to design. Rather, we **delete** scope, when bids are over budget.

We rely on paper for **everything**! Paper **consumes** time.

We focus on the silos of prescriptive normative **minimum**. The whole is not optimized!

We **attempt** to build something; looking across **static** drawings, of **variable** quality, from **multiple** players. Work results get executed by, **Who** arrives **First**.

This, is the world, We know. We excel at Fragmentation, and the Weeds of Waste!



Let's look at our current state, from another **perspective**. What do **Owners**, want **Their Harvest** to be? They want **US** to do the following:

Resolve issues virtually, before they become physical.

Reduce the level of unknowns, eliminate the need for RFIs.

Provide better, cost/schedule certainty.

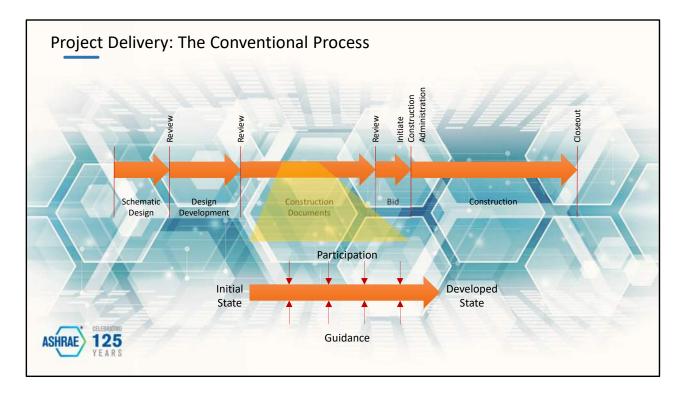
Improve closeout, deliver a complete knowledge base.

Develop holistic, optimized solutions that minimize environmental footprint.

Deliver something that WORKS.

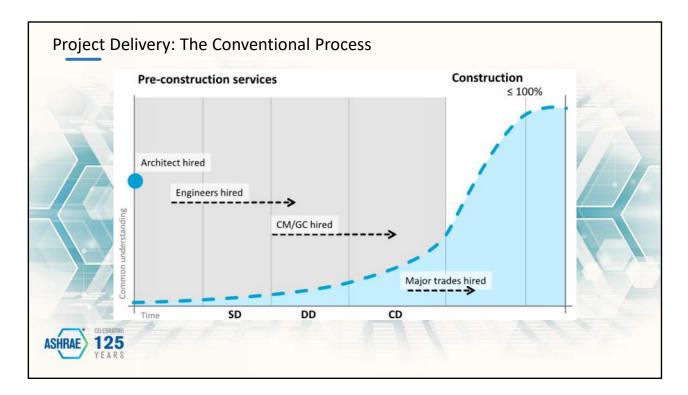
These are **NOT**, onerous expectations. Somehow, our industry has managed to **lose track**, of the Harvest. How do **WE** change course, and **alter**, these **Conditions of Satisfaction**?



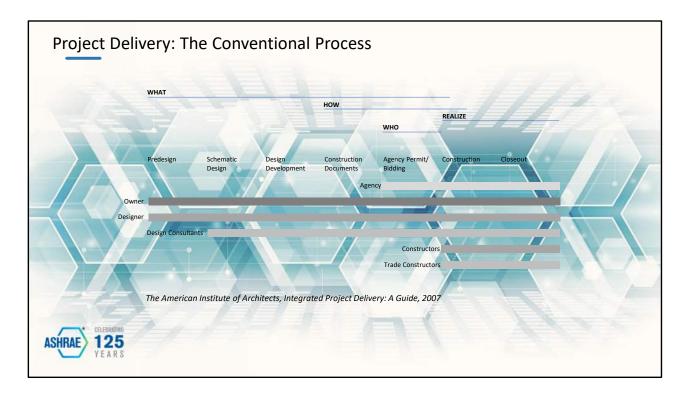


Before we outline the future path, let's reflect on our processes.

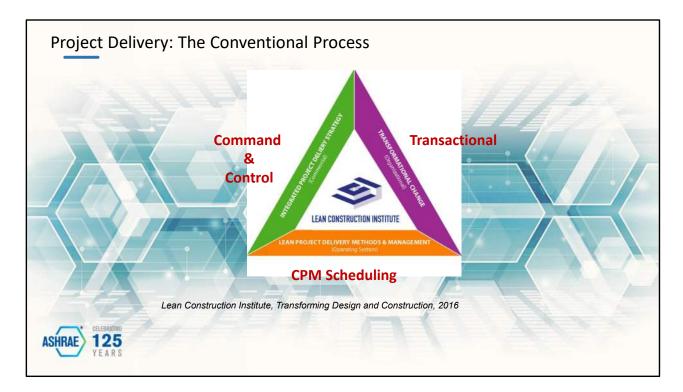
The Conventional Delivery Process (CDP) is characterized as a linear process of sequential response by all project team members. The project builds on previous decisions, regardless of whether or not optimal foundation work is established for the next layer of development. In effect, CDP is similar to making **sausage**.



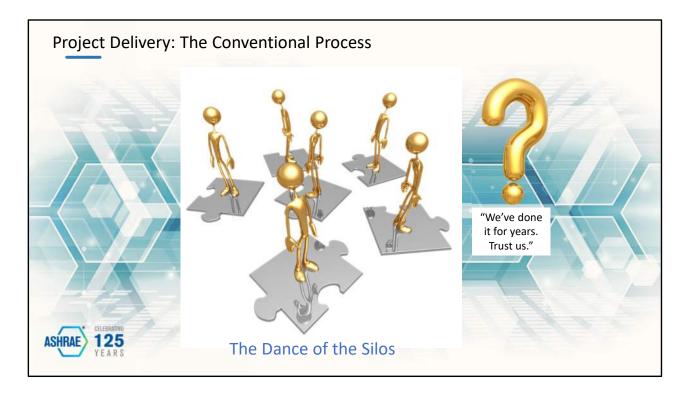
Look at this sequential linearity from a "Common Understanding" perspective.



AIA captures this in a graphic set that sequences **What-How-Who-Realize**.

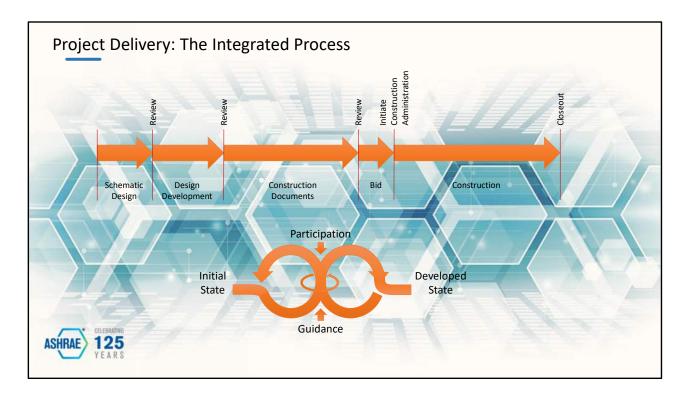


Conventional, is all about Command and Control, Transactions, and Start-to-Finish thought.



Individual risk and liability concerns foster a work environment that does not empower project participants to collaborate. Instead of optimizing interdependencies, we protect against interdependent shortcomings.

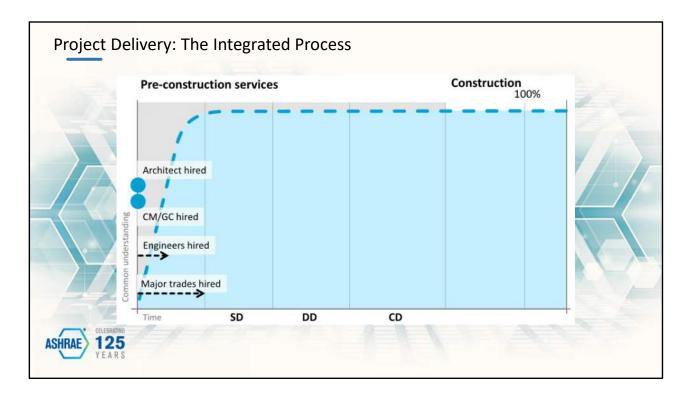
The sequential nature of CDP precludes collaborative input and hampers optimized development of the project.



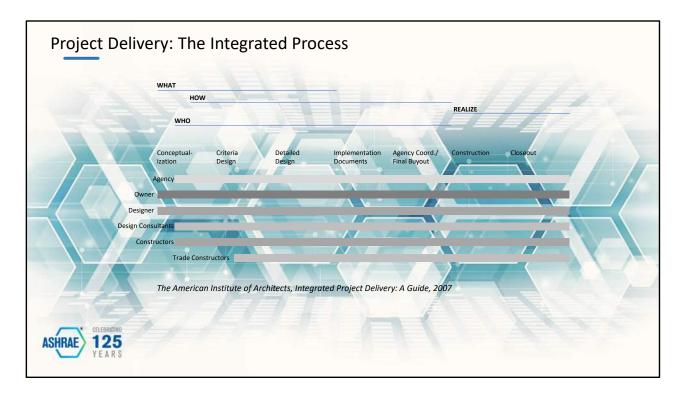
Like CDP, the Integrated Delivery Process (IDP) follows a semi-linear phase progression. Instead of building on sequential response decisions though, workflow is altered to include iterative loops.

Previous decisions are challenged, in an effort to find optimized solutions that fit within the project guidance.

Instead of making sausage in isolation, we seek continuous improvement by making **pretzels**.

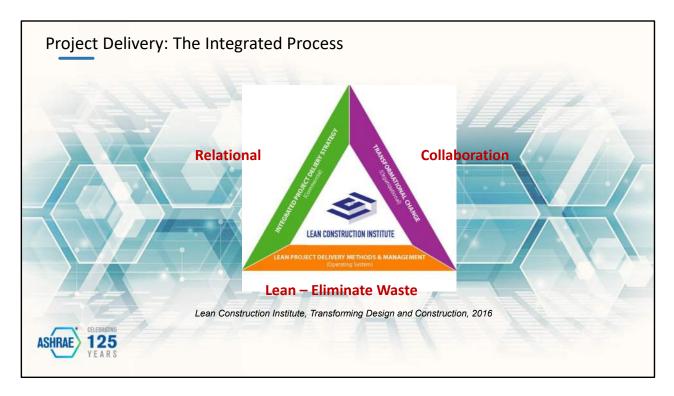


Look at how "**Common Understanding**" changes when all stakeholders are engaged at inception.



AIA captures this in an altered graphic set. What-How-Who-Realize now morphs to What-Who-How-Realize

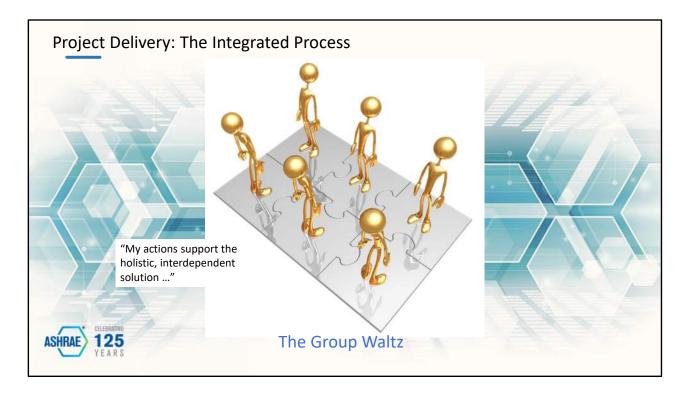
The vital element of IDP is implementation of the collaborative Team concept; with more inclusive roles, and altered participation timing.



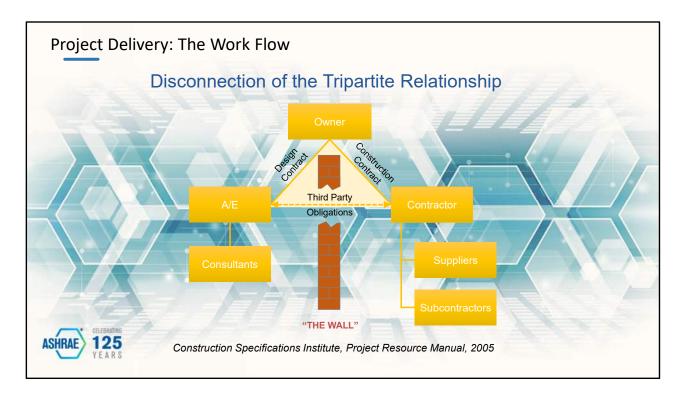
Command and Control yields to Relational.

Transactional is replaced by Collaboration.

Start-to-Finish mindset evolves to Lean and the pursuit of Value.

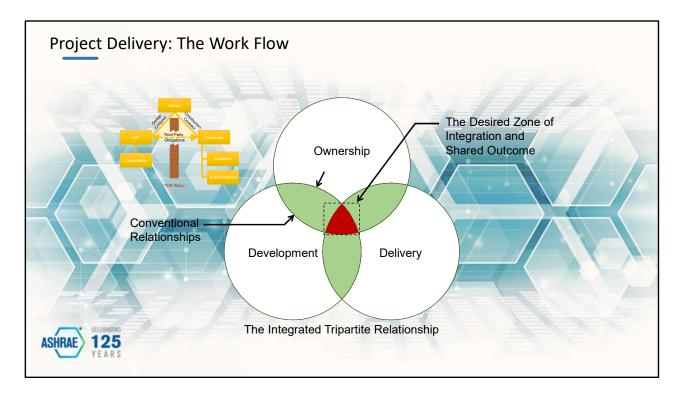


Collaboration fosters solution delivery of integrated systems that, in **aggregate**, form a holistic building. Perspective shifts from isolated stakeholder interests; to one of optimized interdependencies, and group accountability.



CDP can promote a less than desirable dynamic referred to as delivery in isolation. Isolation refers to the potential for work to proceed without collaborative knowledge of what the other stakeholders are doing.

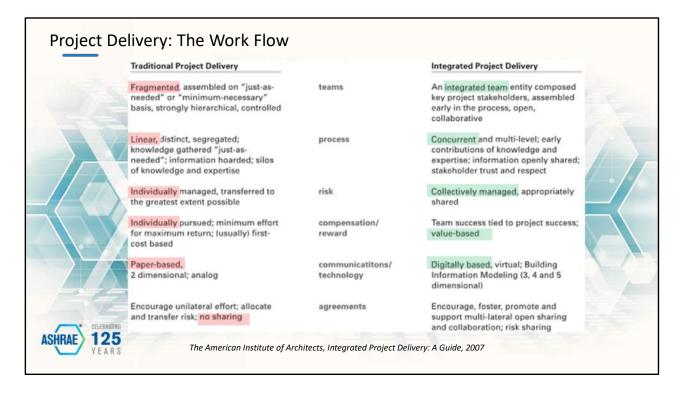
This phenomenon is demonstrated by our adherence to linear hierarchy role management. We see our first example of linearity in the basic tripartite relationship between the Owner, Contractor, and Designer. A contractual disconnect exists between the design and construction paths when employing a Design-Bid-Build model. In effect, we create a collaborative development wall from the outset between design and construction interests.



IDP shifts the structure and mindset of the conventional tripartite relationship pyramid to one of shared outcome.

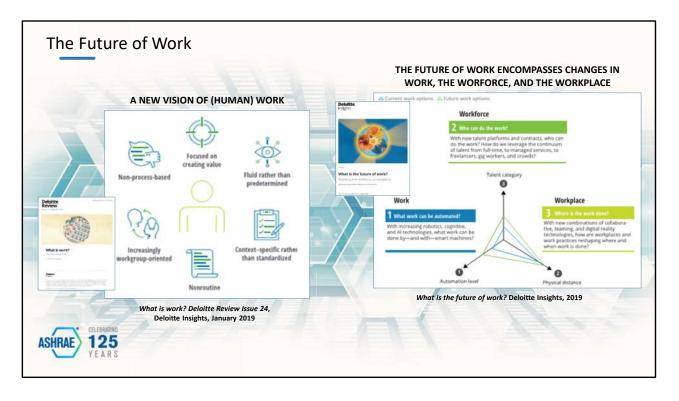
Conceptually, the overlap of the tripartite interests represents the zone of integration.

Silos and hierarchy yield to collaborative intelligence.



AIA summarizes the CDP vs IDP paths for us in simple terms.



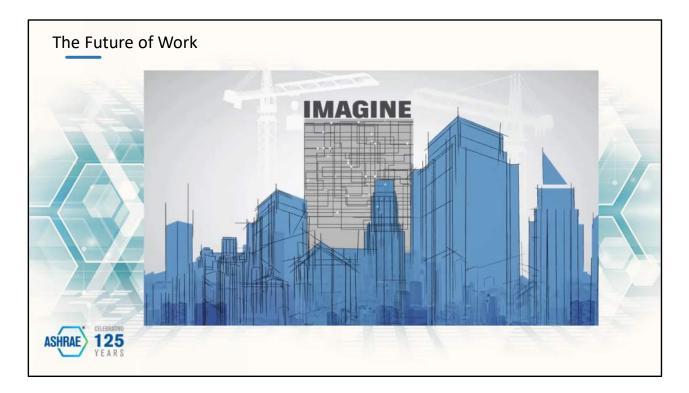


**Improving** our Harvest, begins with altering our view, on the **execution** of Work.

For many of us, **Work** is a place to go perform tasks. We go to work, work on a project, finish work for the day, and go home.

**Our** path to fragmentation, began many decades ago, when the Assembly Line **siloed** Work. The progression thru Industry 2.0 and 3.0, refined **Work Tasks**. Over time, we have systematically **built**, our own **silos!** 

What is the Work that **really**, needs to be done? What if **Work**, itself, was **redefined**? What if we **shifted**, from **Tasks**, to higher value **Activities**? **Prepare yourself**, a **new** vision of Human engagement, awaits **Work**, **Workforce**, and **Workplace**!



**Imagine** a world, where we **break down** Work silos, and become one **integrated** force:

Collaboration, will engage all stakeholders, at inception; to find Value.

Digital intelligence, will **amplify**, Human intelligence. We will be **relieved**, of the exhaustive, and repetitive. We will become, more analytical, and strategic.

Building Performance will **evolve** to real-time management. Static points in time will fade away.

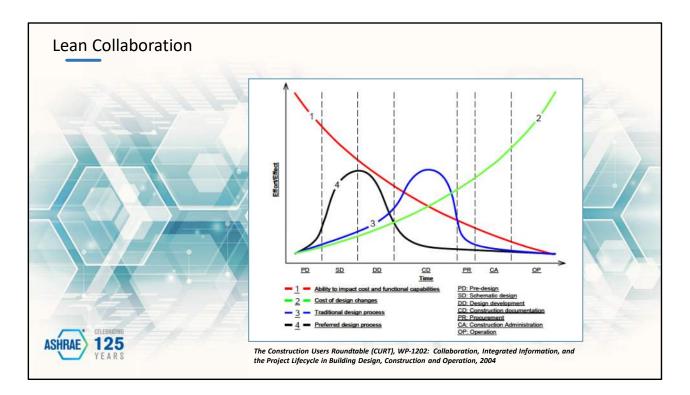
Projects will **move**, from **disconnected** paper, to **connected** platforms. We will **evolve**, from intent to build, to building virtually.

The Cloud, will **facilitate** contribution; from **anywhere** in the world, at **any** time, by **anybody**.

Digital precision will **challenge**, where physical work occurs. "**In the field**", will no longer, be the **only** place, for work results to play out.

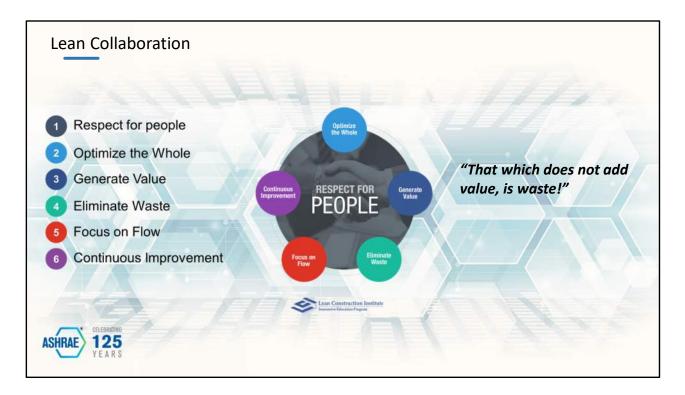
In 3 Steps, we can make this, our new, Reality!





**Step 1**, of Our **transformation**, requires proper **Preparation**, via **Lean Collaboration**.

**Preparation**, must **always** keep **Value Discovery**, in focus. **Beneficial Impact**, is **best** realized, when captured **early**. Effort, that occurs **later** in development, has **minimal opportunity**, to impact Value; changes become **expensive**.



Lean processes, create better customer, **experiences**. Our ecosystem, needs to adopt a **lesson**, from Manufacturing: "That which does not add value, is waste!" But, how do we **uncover** value? Six principles of Lean, illuminate our path.

	Traditional Culture	Lean Culture
t's All About People	Function Silos	Interdisciplinary Teams
	Managers Direct	Managers Teach/Enable
	Benchmark to justify not improving	Seek perfection - the absence of waste
	Blame People	Blame the Process - Root Cause analysis
	Rewards: Individuals	Rewards: Group Sharing
	Supplier is Enemy	Supplier is Ally
	Guard Information	Share Information
	Volume Lowers Cost	Removing Waste Lowers Cost
	Internal Focus	Customer Focus
	Expert Driven, Periodic Improvement	Process Driven, Continuous Improvement
	Efficiency	Value

Respect For People, is the core fundamental. We, must evolve, to:

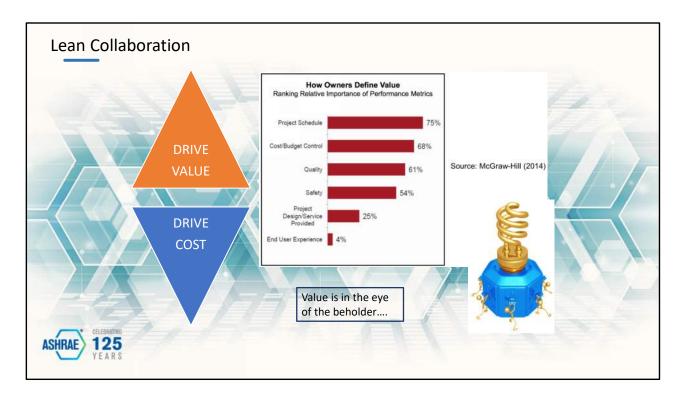
Value stakeholders, and their **knowledge**.

Solve the **issues**, stop blaming the participants.

And, Honor our **commitments** to Team.



Look, beyond the Borders, to Optimize the Whole.

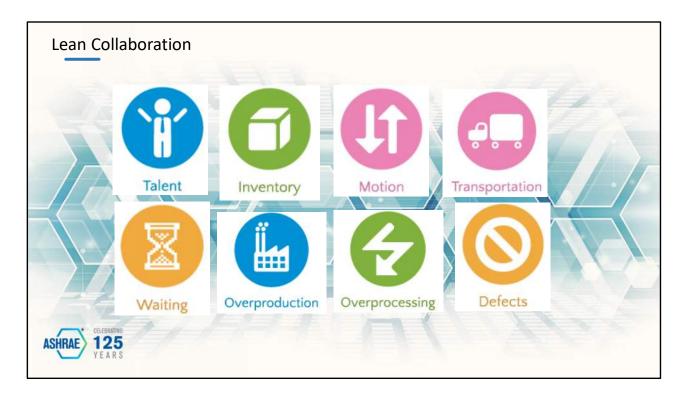


Define, what Customer Value means.

What, do They want?

How, do They want it?

And, What, are They willing to pay, to get it?



Map, the value stream, to identify, and remove Waste.



Execution, of Lean IPD, requires new perspective. Consider,

There is **ONE** narrative.

Risk and Reward, are **shared**.

Decisions, are Value based.

In all phases; **nothing** is done, until it **should** be done. And **yes**, design, is **NO** exception.

I will **never forget** my first visit, to the "**Big Room**". My comfort zone, was **attacked**. My understanding of order, was **threatened**. I was in a New World.

Project Success, wasn't **pre-scripted**. **Humans**, reached across **Borders**, to **define**, what the **Harvest**, should be.

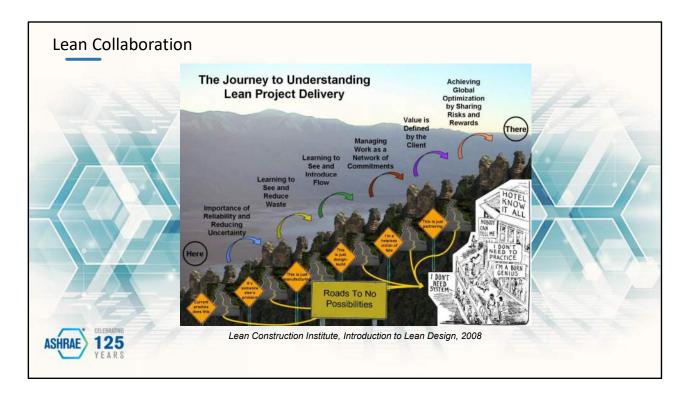
"WE", became the operative word. How are WE, going to deliver this, as a **Team**?

Flow, was no longer associated, with fluid transport. How could this be? Flow, had a far more, important role to play. And just for good measure; Flow, didn't start at the head waters, and move outbound; not at all. Flow, started at the vision of a built solution; and backed up, to understand the path, that needed to be traveled. A path that revealed:

HOW, the project would be, delivered.

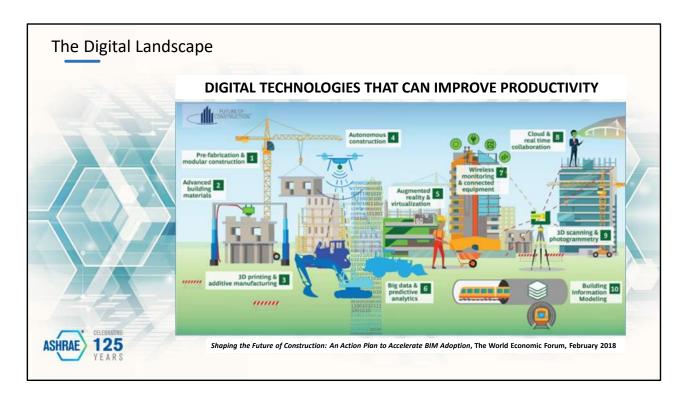
WHAT, the order of events, needed to be.

And **WHO**, owned the **commitments**, along the path.



And finally, **Demonstrate Continuous Improvement**, along the path.

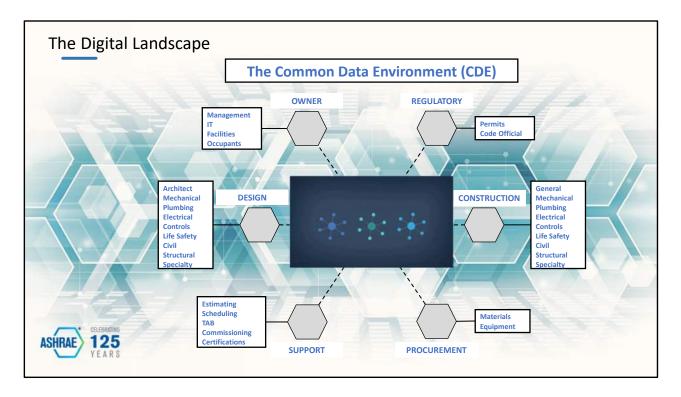




Proper **Preparation**, will **reveal** all aspects, of **Planting** the correct crop. How we **Maintain** that crop, defines how **bountiful**, our Harvest will be. **Step 2, requires embracing, Digital Technology!** 

**Transformation**, is not simply associated with adopting new technology though. **Knowledge**, needs to be **captured**, and **linked**.

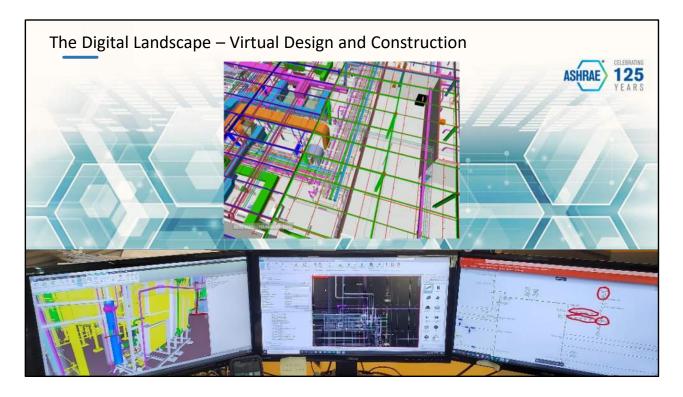
Let's explore critical aspects, of **managing** this process, and what **opportunities**, the Digital Landscape offers.



Digital Technology, is creating **vast** amounts of Data. **We are literally SWIMMING in it!** 

We, must figure out a way, to **connect** all of this knowledge. The evolution of the **Common Data Environment (CDE)**, is warranted, to **manage** information; a **Single-Source**, **Single-Truth**, **Lighthouse**. The CDE platform, sets the table, for **all portable Project knowledge**!

Connected knowledge affords interconnection; which paves the way for gridinteractive buildings and resilient communities.



Virtual Design and Construction, or VDC, is a process that moves us, from static drawings, to 7D BIM models. We are making the transition, from STATIC Geometry, to DYNAMIC Information. Remember when we shifted, from paper to CAD? Well, the shift from CAD to Digital Models, will be just as Disruptive!

**Intelligent Objects**, contain **Knowledge**. **Changing** an object anywhere, becomes an **integrated change**, everywhere.

Our use, of a 7D platform will:

Verify Constructability.

Reveal Time.

Capture Economy.

Integrate Performance Modeling.

And, **Connect** Operations and Maintenance.

**Printed** documents, will **no longer**, be the primary representation of the Project. **The Model, becomes the database, of ALL PROJECT KNOWLEDGE!** 

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**Generative Design**, is a **fascinating** concept. Picture utilizing, an **augmented** strategy, to **automate** design development.

Algorithms, can test **hundreds** of **variables**, in **thousands** of **iterations**. **Humans**, still define the boundaries and goals; but software, handles comparison.

You are watching a simple example of algorithms being used to optimize daylighting solutions.

I still remember, the **countless hours**, that Performance Modeling used to require.

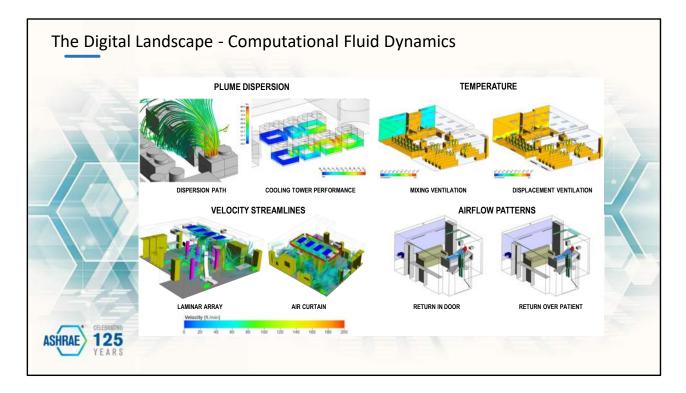
Drawings, had to be **measured** by hand, to capture geometry.

Elements, had to be **found** on details, or in specs.

Systems, had to be **manually** configured, in singular fashion.

One change, required a complete **redo**, of the entire simulation.

**Those** days, are behind us now! Objective based **Integrated Building Design** is at our fingertips.



Airflow patterns, are Vital! Simple throw patterns, and arrows, on 2D drawings; do not reveal Truth. What doors would open to us, if we had **Insight**, into how air should act? Tools, such as **Computational Fluid Dynamics (CFD)**, allow us, to:

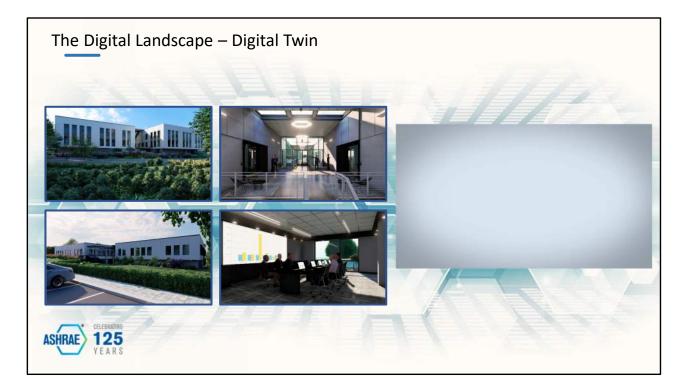
Visualize, thermal impact.

Understand, the path of air.

Compare, ventilation strategies.

Simulate, Thermal Comfort.

And, Demonstrate, Ventilation Effectiveness.



By connecting sensors, to a digital platform, we can create a **virtual mirror**, of our physical asset. This **Digital Twin**, allows us to embark, on a continuous journey. We,

Collect, real-time performance Data.

Provide, an evolving profile of Past, and Current, behavior.

Employ **analytics**, to mine the **Data Lake**; searching for trends and patterns.

Identify, actionable intelligence.

Repeat, the cycle.

Now, consider what the power of this **Insight** yields:

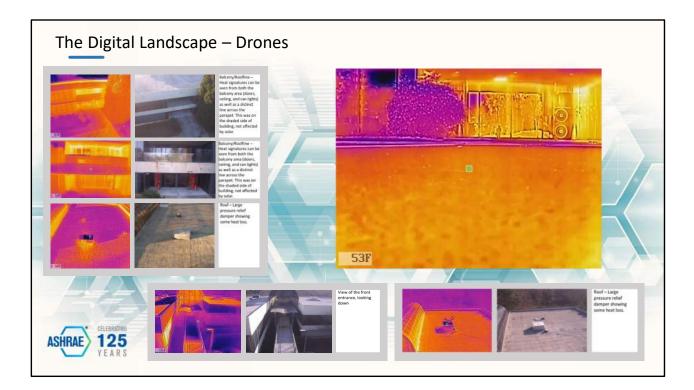
For **Commissioning**, we have a **connected tool**, for tuning performance 24/7.

For **Building Performance**, we have a robust engine that monitors and optimizes real-time facility resource impact.

For **Operations**, we **transition** from **Reactive**, to **Predictive** response.

For **R&D**, we have real-world information, that supports **validation** of performative simulations.

I'm **excited** to announce, that the new ASHRAE headquarters, is going to **have** a Digital Twin to support Effective Building Operations! You've been watching, the **genesis** of **Our** Twin, unfold.



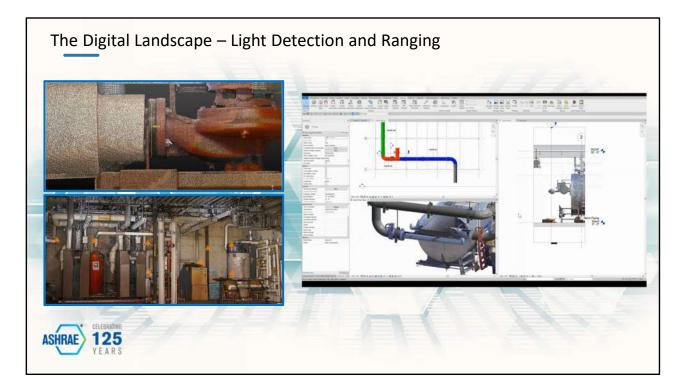
Drones, provide invaluable support logistics:

Aerial Mapping, can capture all site, and infrastructure, content.

**Construction Monitoring**, is available at **any** elevation. We are no longer **tethered** to ladders, lifts, and safety harnesses; to **view**.

**Thermal Mapping**, can be performed, around an **entire** building envelop. This technology, was used to evaluate the As-Built integrity, of the new ASHRAE Headquarters. **Thermography**, provided the **Insight** needed, to modify the existing envelope, for **High-Performance**.

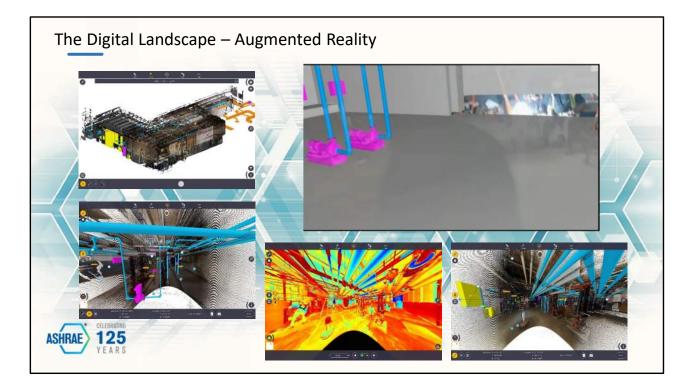
Think of all the energy that can be saved via revitalization of existing building stock assets at scale. We can **identify** thermal weakness; we can **correct** root cause waste.



**Scanning**, via **Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR)**, delivers **precise** point cloud maps, of surfaces, and complex geometries. We, can scan **densely packed** settings, to capture, **true** As-Built conditions.

We no longer need, to **search** for paper, and attempt to **recreate**, what was built. **Manual** measurement, is eliminated. Waste is removed.

Scanned point clouds, can be **integrated**, to our digital models. **Technology, captures the Truth!** 



**Augmented Reality (AR)**, can take model data, and **project** a **precision** reference, in the physical world. Peruse the possibilities, as you explore LIDAR scans, and AR projections, inside the new ASHRAE Mechanical Room.

Imagine, using a simple cell phone, and a positioning device, to:

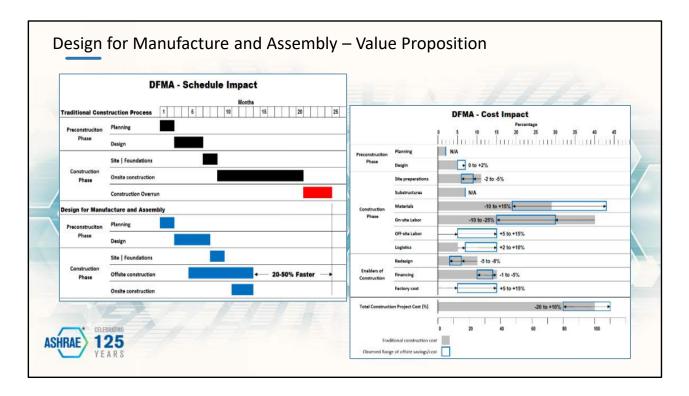
Locate, exactly where penetrations, and attachments, occur.

Project, a virtual installation, onto the target zone.

Reveal, where **hidden** infrastructure, is located.

Wearables, allow us to project, **complete** MEP layouts. Virtual **Insight**, allows us to **SEE**, where work results, **should** be performed. **Installed** work, can be **verified**, with the 7D Platform.





**Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Final Step, moves our journey, Off-Site**. Design for Manufacture and Assembly (DfMA) strategies, challenge where work, **is physically performed**.

What, are the **benefits**, of decoupling Work? Well,

Parallel work, leads to **shorter** schedules, and **reduced** overhead.

Vertically integrated supply chains, drive costs down.

Automation, **reduces** human, and material, waste.

Precision, enhances quality control, and reduces rework.

Applied correctly; this equates to; enhanced Economy, Time, and Quality.



**Modular**, requires us to think differently, about **system** design. **Transport Logistics**, will influence layout and configuration.

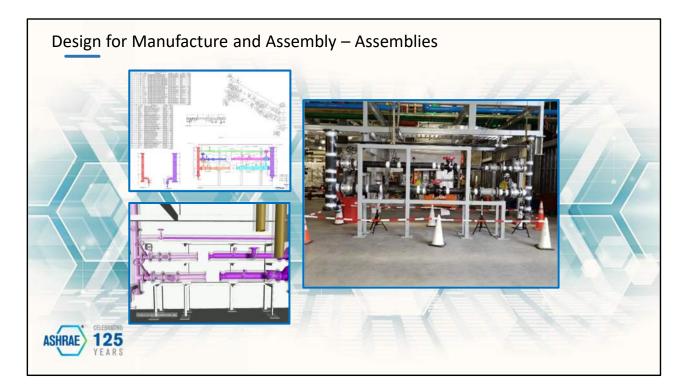


Repeatability and Standardization, enable production efficiency.



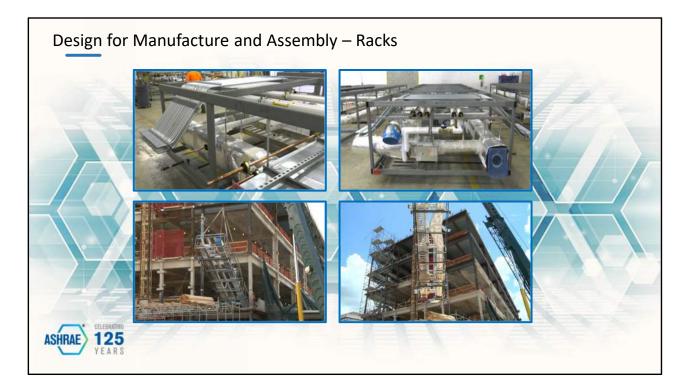
**On-Site Logistics**, determine **interface**.

We are only limited, by what can be shipped, or moved!



Modular, is a **scalable** expression, that can be executed, at **many** levels.

In its **simplest** form, we can prefabricate basic assemblies to support On-Site, or Off-Site, **Just-in-Time Flow**.

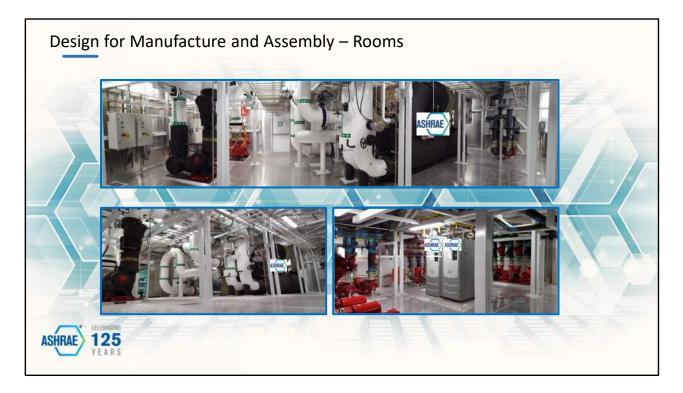


Facility Services can be designed and built on racks to reduce on-site overhead clutter and laydown burden.



Let's **increase** scale, to the equipment level. Unitized skids; can be built, tested, commissioned, and validated; offering **complete MEP setup**.

Wiring integrity, can be **verified**. Sequences of operation, can be **simulated**. Functional attributes, can be **checked off**.



Super-Skids, Rooms, and Floors can all be, **Imagineered**.

Picture a world, where Central Plants, are delivered to the jobsite.



The true definition, of "**at-scale**", can be understood when we realize, complete **BUILDINGS** can be modular.

Pause, and reflect on this a minute. We can now:

Design, a virtually precise Building.

Build it, off-site.

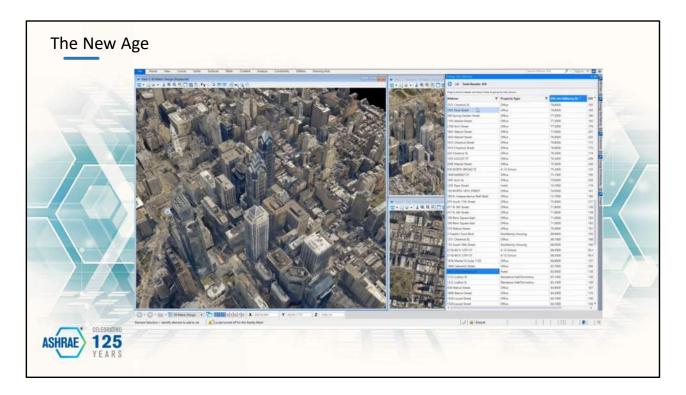
**Prepare** the site, to receive the modular solution.

Ship the modules, to the project site, staged for "Just-In-Time" Flow.

Then **Assemble** the modules, in sequence, to form a complete structure.

Let your takeaway on the DfMA narrative, flow something like this. Work results **no longer** need, to adhere to Start-to-Finish thought. We have evolved. **We have decoupled, the sequential Supply Chain**!





## Welcome to the Future!

A **New Age** awaits. **Collaboration**, **Value**, **Digital**, and **Off-Site** are changing Our ecosystem.

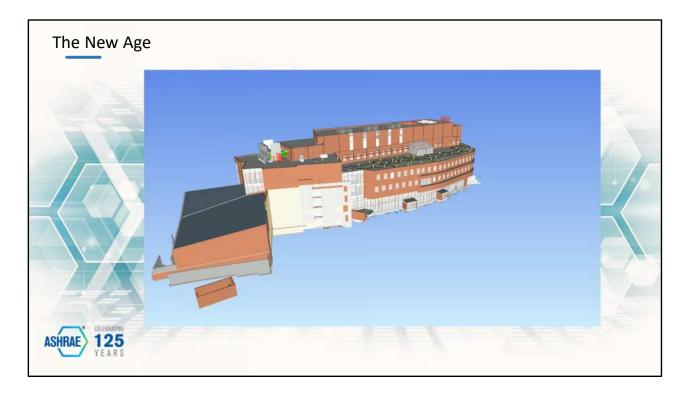
Collaboration, breaks Us from fragmentation.

We, have an opportunity to **challenge** what **Work** is, how it should be **approached**, and where it can be **performed**.

We, can engage our workforce, in activities that seek, and create, Value.

**Data**, becomes a critical resource. Everything, that **unfolds** in the future, **revolves** around **Data**.

I know some of you, have **already** started to travel this path. Many of you, have **not**. **Innovators** and **Novices**, here's a **critical** point to remember. **Our** Harvest, is realized, when **We** implement technology, to improve **Our** productivity. **Humans, are the key!** It is up to **Us**, to determine how **We** benefit, from a **connected** Digital World.



The years 2020-2021, will be remembered, **in infamy**, as the period of the **Global Pandemic**. We are **witnesses**, to **indescribable** tragedy. As for **Our** industry,

Supply chains have been broken.

Projects have ground to a halt.

Worker productivity has been compromised.

Co-location events have **ceased**.

If we **can** look past the tragic aspects of this point in time, **opportunity** can be found. The very tools and procedures, needed to improve our Harvest, are being **thrust** upon us. We are engaging, in **digital** collaboration, to survive.

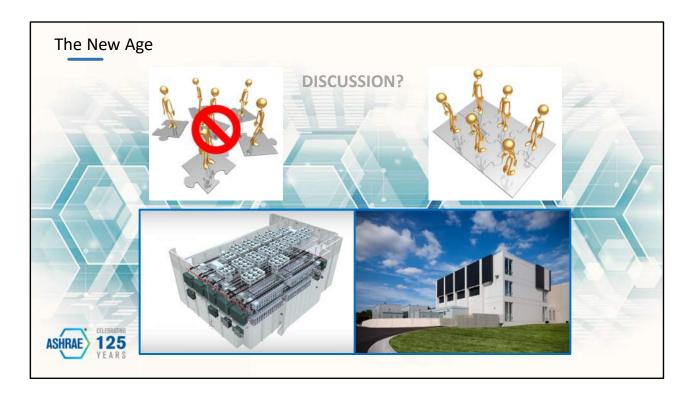
**Reactive** measures, however, do not resolve the question: What can "I" do to **deliver** a bountiful Harvest? Here, is what **You** can do; or better yet, **should do!** 

Implement a corporate **Digital Core**. Work, Workforce, and Workplace must be **connected!** 

Commit to a **Digital Culture**; that **Expands** appetite for risk, **Encourages** experimentation, **Invests** in digital talent, and **Expands** collaboration skills.

Adopt Lean Collaboration, as a core philosophy.

And finally, **Connect** all Stakeholders and the Supply Chain, to expand your understanding, of what **IS** possible.



**Industry 4.0, and the Digital Age of Connection, are here!** Our World, and Industry, are changing dramatically; by **Force** and **Maturation**.

Buildings of the future, whether new or old, **will** become data-driven. The entire **Design–Build–Operate** journey will evolve from silos and static points in time, to dynamic real-time asset management. Are we ready?

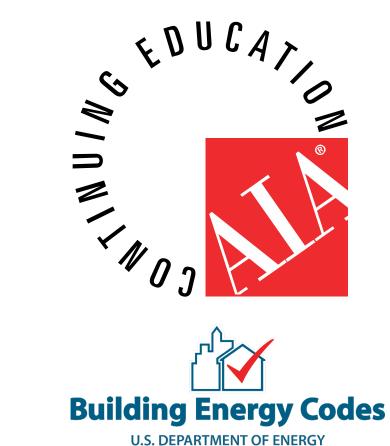
JOIN me, in <u>Preparing</u>, <u>Planting</u>, <u>Maintaining</u>, and <u>Delivering</u> Society's bountiful <u>Harvest</u>!



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