

WORK SMARTER, FASTER AND LEANER

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The Lean Construction Institute of Canada (LCI-C) was established in 2015 as a special committee of the Canadian Construction Association to help transform the building industry in Canada by making a difference in how projects are planned, designed and managed in all forms of project delivery.

What Is Lean Construction?

Lean construction embodies the principles of lean, and can help deliver construction projects more efficiently, while increasing productivity in all aspects of a project. Its principles are already being utilized in other industries, and projects around the world are benefiting from the use of lean construction.

“The principles behind lean construction are designed to find value throughout the construction process, including in the design and actual building of the project,” said Serge Massicotte, co-chair of LCI-C.

What Does LCI-C Do?

LCI-C is dedicated to sharing and promoting lean construction



Lean Construction Institute of Canada Co-Chairs, Kathleen Lausman (l) and Serge Massicotte

principles in all aspects of building, including new approaches to planning and control, the use of cross-functional teams, the utilization of modeling in project definition and design, and new tools for production workflow in construction. Through local Communities of Practice (CoP) and its national membership, LCI-C is dedicated to transforming the Canadian building industry by making it work smarter, faster, and leaner.

LCI-C's objectives are to:

- Develop the environment

to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experience;

- Deliver education and training;
- Deliver a certification/ accreditation program;
- Challenging conventional thinking; and
- Create industry awareness.

Membership in LCI-C is open to individuals and firms interested in gaining a competitive advantage. By joining the institute, members have access to a network of lean practitioners across Canada, and discounted access to



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training, seminars, workshops, and the LCI-C conference. Members are listed in the member directory on the LCI-C website.

How to Start with Lean?

Visit lccanada.ca to learn more and bit.ly/LCI-Csubscribe to get our newsletter directly to your inbox. Our website's resources section features blog posts, videos, project profiles, a list of recommended literature and white papers related to lean construction. Our website's Communities of Practice section lists who to contact if you are interested in joining or starting a

CoP. CoPs help owners, designers and contractors understand and find their way in the lean world.

LCI-C will deliver the Lean Construction Education Program (LCEP) that was developed by the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) and Lean Construction Institute (LCI). AGC's LCEP consists of seven units that instruct all aspects of lean, allowing practitioners to benefit from these principles. The seven-unit series is intended for those individuals who will design and implement a lean transformation strategy within an organization.

LCI-C annual conference will take place May 4 - 5 in Toronto with a separate training day on May 3. Registration will open on January 16. If you would like to share your "lean journey story" or "lean bites" and present at the conference, submit your presentation proposal by January 18.

"It was fantastic to see so many enthusiastic delegates who were interested to learn more about lean and, more importantly, looking to improve the overall performance of our industry," said Kathleen Lausman, co-chair of LCI-C, referring to the 2016 inaugural conference in Calgary. 🇨🇦

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