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Are You Treating the Symptoms or the Condition?

Analyzing & addressing the root cause of flight

Everyone can recall a time when they had a good old-fashioned head cold, and they took some aspirin and cough syrup to alleviate the awful feelings. Shortly after, the fever subsided, and the endless hacking ceased. For a brief time.

Four to five hours later, the symptoms returned, and the general feeling of malaise seemed to linger for days until the body finally shook the bug. Cold medicines have a purpose: to help the body deal with the effects of a virus or infection as it heals.

However, for many, people believe that treating the runny nose, cough, fever, etc. is solving the problem when, in fact, the runny nose, cough, fever, etc. is simply the body's response to the infection in the first place. It's just that these things make us all feel so miserable.

Companies can end up applying their own brand of cough syrup. Put another way, companies often see a problem and treat it superficially. Speed is imperative in today's market, and deep examination can take time. Applying an immediate solution is both prudent and helps to get things done quickly. However, do the symptoms resurface quickly? Does the condition come back significantly worse the second time around? It is important that organizations not fall victim to treating symptoms, but identify the root causes to navigate their business for the long term.

"Our people are leaving, and it is because we don't pay them enough."

There are strange things afoot in the market.

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8 Wastes to Eliminate With the Use of Technology

Your game plan for ditching inefficiencies & doubling productivity

When it comes to construction, “lean” is a hot topic. It serves as a potential playbook for more operational and jobsite efficiencies — which, for construction companies, is a great way to plan to face challenges on and off the jobsite.

The lean game plan has a key concept for a challenge that affects construction companies everywhere: identifying and aggressively confronting waste. Add technology to the plan, and your company is on its way to becoming an unstoppable force in the construction industry. Before removing waste, you’ll need some tools to sift through it.

3 Lean Tools: What to Use to Sift Through the Waste

1. Genchi genbutsu — This lean tool gets people to see the “place where it happens.” The Toyota Production System (TPS), for example, is well known for utilizing this concept in their company to make sure any problems, their causes, roots and relevant facts are taken into consideration and observed. For construction, genchi genbutsu is quite simple: Go see it yourself. See the jobsites your company operates on. See your team perform. See where there are openings for any waste.
2. Poka-yoke — This lean tool refers to mistake proofing — making sure mistakes aren’t allowed to happen on and off your jobsites in the first place. Examples are everywhere in construction, from lock out/tag out to clutches on cordless drills. If there is room for error, then your company can take the necessary and informed steps to eliminate that risk.
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Adopting these three tools doesn’t require a full-blown lean transformation — but with those tools in your pocket, you can review how waste affects your company. Your team may already use these tools in your company, whether you know the terms or not.

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The goal of the DBE Supportive Services Program is to increase the number of DBEs participating on ARDOT contracts and facilitate the opportunity for DBEs to obtain contracts. The services are designed to:

- Assist established construction firms to move them from bidding as a subcontractor to bidding as a Prime Contractor to produce sound bids.
- Provide access to training increases DBE expertise in handling of daily business operations.



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