# **Minimizing Construction Time**

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# Welcome!

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- Presentations
- Round table discussion
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- Sign-in sheet



## **Self-Help Housing Program** Methods of Construction

#### **New Construction-** Mutual Concept

- Method by which participating families are organized into groups and utilize their own labor to lower the cost of the newly constructed homes.
- Participants have to meet 65% of labor contribution (tasks listed in Exhibit B-2)

#### **Acquisition Rehab and Owner-Occupied Rehab**

- A method by which a family utilizes their own labor to create a "cost savings" in a home that they are in the process of acquiring or in a home that they currently own and reside in.
- Participants' labor contribution is recommended to be 10 hours for every \$1,000 in self-help repairs

# **Contractor-Built vs Self-Help Housing**

#### **Contractor-Built**

- Shorter timeframe
- Skilled labor
- Ninety days to build a home

#### **Self-Help Housing**

- Homeowner working on their homes
- Unskilled labor
- One year to build home
- Other



*Construct:* to form by assembling parts

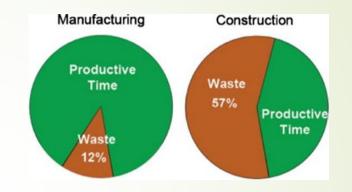
## What Causes Construction Delays? Housing Industry

There are many factors that cause construction delays and some of the most common are:

- Inadequate planning
- Labor and materials handoffs
- Owner changes/change orders
- Injuries
- Weather

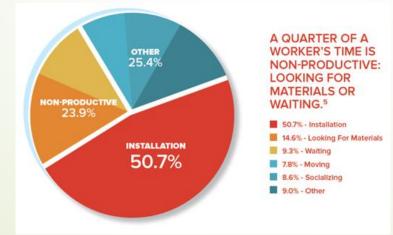


#### Waste percentages of time in manufacturing and construction



#### **Non-productive time in construction**

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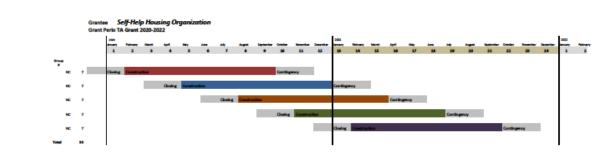
# Can you speed up your construction projects?

There are many factors that can improve construction efficiency and some of the most common are:

- Planning
- Scheduling
- Construction Safety
- Training
- Construction Project Management Skills



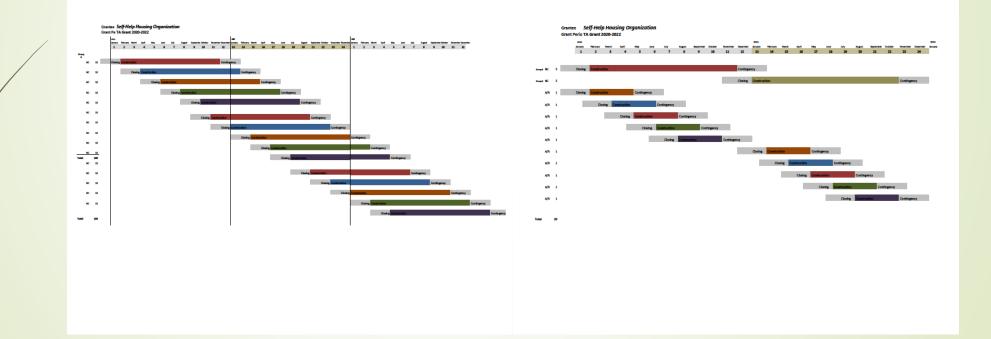
# Planning





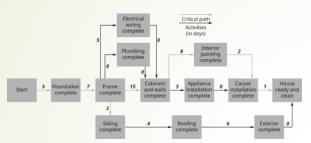


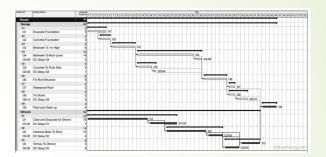
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# ...Scheduling

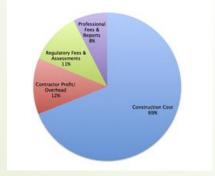
The need to complete the project within a certain time frame or by a specific date





## **Cost Estimating and Budgeting**

An approximate computation of probable costs . A detailed analysis of every item



| Work Item         | Vendor              | Labor       | Equipment  | Materials   | Subcontr.   |              | Markup % |             | Total        |
|-------------------|---------------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------|--------------|
| Permits/Fees      | City of Los Angeles |             |            |             | \$1,500.00  | \$1,500.00   |          | \$0.00      | \$1,500.00   |
| Excavation        |                     | \$6,000.00  | \$8,000.00 | \$500.00    |             | \$14,500.00  | 15.00%   | \$2,175.00  | \$16,675.00  |
| Utilities         |                     | \$3,500.00  | \$2,500.00 | \$2,750.00  | \$1,000.00  | \$9,750.00   | 15.00%   | \$1,462.50  | \$11,212.50  |
| Water Well        |                     |             |            |             |             | \$0.00       |          | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Septic Tank       |                     |             |            |             |             | \$0.00       |          | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Foundation        | Connie's Concrete   |             |            |             | \$3,500.00  | \$3,500.00   | 5.00%    | \$175.00    | \$3,675.00   |
| Concrete Flatwork | Connie's Concrete   |             |            |             | \$1,900.00  | \$1,900.00   | 5.00%    | \$95.00     | \$1,995.00   |
| Framing           |                     | \$3,500.00  | \$1,500.00 | \$9,000.00  |             | \$14,000.00  | 15.00%   | \$2,100.00  | \$16,100.00  |
| Roofing           | Robert's Roofing    |             |            |             | \$3,500.00  | \$3,500.00   | 5.00%    | \$175.00    | \$3,675.00   |
| Windows/Ext.Doors | Wally's Windows     |             |            |             | \$8,000.00  | \$8,000.00   | 5.00%    | \$400.00    | \$8,400.00   |
| Garage Door       | Gary's Garage Doors |             |            |             | \$2,250.00  | \$2,250.00   | 5.00%    | \$112.50    | \$2,362.50   |
| Siding            |                     |             |            |             |             | \$0.00       |          | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
| Electrical        | Ernie's Electric    |             |            |             | \$18,500.00 | \$18,500.00  | 5.00%    | \$925.00    | \$19,425.00  |
| Plumbing          | Mac's Mechanical    |             |            |             | \$16,500.00 | \$16,500.00  | 5.00%    | \$825.00    | \$17,325.00  |
| HVAC              | Mac's Mechanical    |             |            |             | \$23,000.00 | \$23,000.00  | 5.00%    | \$1,150.00  | \$24,150.00  |
| Insulation        |                     | \$3,500.00  |            | \$1,000.00  |             | \$4,500.00   |          | \$0.00      | \$4,500.00   |
| Masonry           | Mason's Masonry     |             |            |             | \$14,500.00 | \$14,500.00  | 5.00%    | \$725.00    | \$15,225.00  |
| Drywall           | Doug's Drywall      |             |            |             | \$12,500.00 | \$12,500.00  | 5.00%    | \$625.00    | \$13,125.00  |
| Interior Trim     | Doug's Drywall      |             |            |             | \$9,000.00  | \$9,000.00   | 5.00%    | \$450.00    | \$9,450.00   |
| Painting          | Paul's Painting     |             |            |             | \$13,500.00 | \$13,500.00  | 5.00%    | \$675.00    | \$14,175.00  |
| Floor Coverings   | Carl's Carpets      |             |            |             | \$16,500.00 | \$16,500.00  | 5.00%    | \$825.00    | \$17,325.00  |
| Cabinets          | Ken's Kabinets      |             |            |             | \$22,500.00 | \$22,500.00  | 5.00%    | \$1,125.00  | \$23,625.00  |
| Appliances        | Abby's Appliances   | \$2,500.00  |            | \$11,500.00 |             | \$14,000.00  | 15.00%   | \$2,100.00  | \$16,100.00  |
| Landscaping       | Sonny's Sodding     |             |            |             | \$2,750.00  | \$2,750.00   | 5.00%    | \$137.50    | \$2,887.50   |
| Overhead Costs    |                     | \$10,000.00 |            |             |             | \$10,000.00  | 20.00%   | \$2,000.00  | \$12,000.00  |
| Other             |                     |             |            |             |             | \$0.00       |          | \$0.00      | \$0.00       |
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| TOTALS            |                     |             |            |             |             | \$236,650.00 | 7.71%    | \$18,257.50 | \$254,907.50 |

# **Working Safely on the Construction Site**

The key factors in creating a safe environment and reducing accident rates are

Promoting a positive attitude towards safety

**TRAINING** 

- Toolbox Meetings
- Weekly safety meetings



## Weather

- Prepare your construction sites for severe weather
- Practical tips for working in warm or hot conditions

## **Construction Project Management**

#### What is Construction Management?

Is a professional service that applies effective management techniques to the planning, design, and construction of a project from inception to completion for the purpose of controlling time, cost and quality



-Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)

*The art of directing and coordinating all resources throughout the life of a project* 

- Project Management Institute (PMI)

# **Construction Project Management**

What are your responsibilities as a Construction Project Manager?

- Project Chronology/Pre-During-Post- Construction
- Project Planning and Scheduling
- Estimating Project Costs/Budgeting/Financing
- Bidding and Procurement
- Construction Contracts: Contract Administration
- Drawings and Specifications/Information Technology
- Controlling Project Cost, Time, and Quality
- Job Site Administration/ Reports
- Close- out
- Construction Law
- Regulatory Authorities
- Liability/Insurance/Bonds
- Ethics/ Professional Responsibility
- Construction Safety and Health



According to the CMAA, Construction Project Managers average about 120 responsibilities

The Profession, Project Participants, Company Organization, Managing a Construction Business, Project Delivery Methods

## **Construction Project Management** Self-Help Housing

## **The Construction Supervisor**

#### Must be skilled in:

- The concepts and practices of construction management
- Managing groups of unskilled labor and providing instruction in construction methods and safety procedures

#### Must be well versed in:

Local and National Building Codes/ Regulations/ RD requirements

#### Must be a good:

 Supervisor, Coordinator, Instructor, Inspector, Troubleshooter, Counselor, Mediator, Motivator

It is not the Construction Supervisor's job to build the homes – but to train and supervise the participating families in building their own homes!

## **Easy Ways to Improve Construction Efficiency**

- Careful planning
- House Plans
  - Simple floor plan, simple process, simple roof lines, simple maintenance...
- Change Orders
  - Build homes according to plans: DO NOT ALLOW ANY CHANGES!
- Give sub-contractors plenty of notice when they will be needed
- Optimize use of materials
  - Value engineering vs conventional framing
  - Green building
- Make sure materials are on build site when needed
- Prepare for inspections
- Process timely payments
  - Verify delivery of materials and completed work
- Maximize the building season
- Identify alternatives...Plan B and C





# Useful Tips

## **Easy Ways to Improve Construction Efficiency**

- Self- Help Participants
  - Establish a work schedule and start on time (weekends, evenings)
  - Be productive on site/ their time has value
  - Set reasonable goals
  - Keep group sizes adequate to make them efficient
  - Create a safe work environment, safety practices
    - Use of safety personal protection equipment ( safety glasses, harnesses, hardhats etc.)
    - Proper use, maintenance and storage of tools/ materials
  - Build a friendly and productive working relationship
  - Establish ground rules for meetings and job site
    - Behavior, mutual respect, dress code, limited use of cell phones, no children and no one under the influence allowed on job site
  - Be firm and fair



# **Training the Self- Help Participants**

- Team Work
  - Grantee's Self-Help Team
  - Self-Help Participants
    - Mutual Concept
    - Rehab

#### TRAINING





# Software, Tools, Equipment

**Construction Project Management** 

- Microsoft Project
- Buildertrend
- CoConstruct
- Procore
- Buildtools
- Excel
- Excel





# **Self-Help Homes**





























#### Pre-Construction Tasks/ Non-Construction Self-Help Housing

#### Construction Tasks Self-Help Housing

- 1. Feasibility
- 2. Planning
- 3. Design
- 4. Scheduling
- 5. Cost Estimating
- 6. Procurement
- 7. Selection Sub-contractors
- 8. Selection/Ordering Materials
- 9. Grantee Team
- 10. Participants
- 11. Training
- 12. Meetings
- 13. Reports
- 14. Safety
- 15. Weather

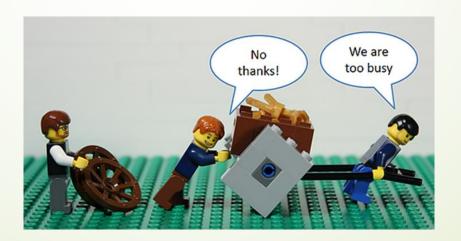
- 1. Excavation
- 2. Footing, Foundations, columns
- 3. Floor slab or framing
- 4. Subflooring
- 5. Wall framing sheathing
- 6. Roof and ceiling framing, sheathing
- 7. Roofing
- 8. Siding, exterior trim, porches
- 9. Windows and exterior doors
- 10. Plumbing roughed in
- 11. Sewage disposal
- 12. Heating roughed in
- 13. Electrical roughed in

- 14. Insulation
- 15. Dry wall
- 16. Basement or porch floor, steps
- 17. Heating finished
- 18. Flooring covering
- 19. Interior carpentry, trim, doors
- 20. Cabinets and countertops
- 21. Interior painting
- 22. Exterior painting
- 23. Plumbing complete fixtures
- 24. Electrical complete fixtures
- 25. Finish hardware
- 26. Gutters and downspouts
- 27. Grading, paving, landscaping

## **Best Practices**



- What tools and strategies have you implemented to streamline your work?
- What best practices for minimizing construction time do you wish to share with your colleagues?





# **The End!**

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