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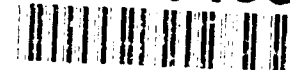
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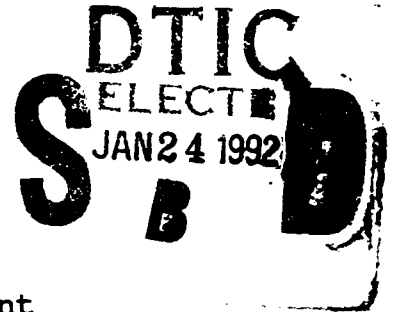
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➤ Expert knowledge and lessons-learned in the construction phase of a project are not being effectively fed back to the design and construction phases of subsequent projects. The advancement of construction since ancient times has been predicated on the communication of lessons-learned. Anecdotal story telling has evolved into case studies and formal systems for the classification and dissemination of lessons-learned. While past efforts have focused on the design phase, opportunities for collection and dissemination exist in all phases of the facility life-cycle. Constructability, the early integration of construction knowledge into all phases of a project, can be improved by effectively utilizing lessons-learned. Traditional methods of collecting and disseminating construction lessons-learned have enjoyed limited success due to the unmanageable format, the lack of a meaningful classification system, and difficulty integrating the new system into existing operations and procedures. Current

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hardware and software environments provide powerful tools for constructors to document and communicate lessons from the field more effectively. This thesis analyzes existing lessons-learned systems, identifies the challenges to effective feedback systems, and proposes a model of a knowledge based information system for construction. Potential benefits of an effective knowledge based feedback system include more efficient construction, higher quality projects, and safe, on schedule completion, for the least cost.



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CHAPTER I - INTRODUCTION

It has been said that the only thing we learn from our mistakes, is that we don't learn from our mistakes.

The inaugural article of the ASCE Journal of Performance of Constructed Facilities [Carper, 1987], highlights the importance of learning from the past:

The concept of learning from failures is fundamental to the practice of engineering. . . In the past, builders based their designs on observations of performance of earlier construction. Failures usually led to a better understanding of physical behavior and to a corresponding improvement in design. Communication among designers about lessons learned from failure has always been an important component in the advancement of the engineering professions.

During the construction of any facility, knowledge is gained and lessons are learned. Over time, those involved in construction processes have the opportunity to accumulate a plethora of knowledge, some of which was learned at great human or financial cost. Benefits in cost, quality, time and safety could be realized on future projects, if this wealth of constructability knowledge could be harnessed effectively.

The Constructability Task Force of the Construction Industry Institute (CII) sponsored a series of studies which advocate construction expert input to the conceptual planning [Tatum 1987], and engineering and procurement phases [O'Conner et al. 1987], as well as field operations [O'Conner et al. 1988], as the key to more efficient construction and

achievement of overall project objectives. While admitting that cost savings are difficult to quantify, the Business Roundtable estimates that constructability improvements saved 20 times the cost of the program ["More Construction" 1983]. Tatum expounds on the difficulties of quantification and enumerates some intangible benefits: team building, improved coordination, greater construction planning, and adoption of a project viewpoint by all team members [Tatum 1987].

Generally, lessons-learned in the construction phase of a project are not effectively being fed back to the design and construction phases of other projects. O'Conner and Davis conclude that **constructors** need to improve documentation of lessons-learned related to field constructability and to communicate them more effectively [O'Conner et al. 1988]. CII advocates a corporate lessons-learned database as a key element in any constructability program ["Guidelines" 1987]. Traditional methods of gathering and using lessons-learned have enjoyed limited success due to the unmanageable format, the lack of a meaningful classification system and the difficulty of integrating new systems into existing operations and procedures.

Knowledge based expert systems (KBES) provide a means of representing and reasoning with heuristics, or rules of thumb, employed by experts. Linking a database, a KBES, and hypertext capability facilitates rapid retrieval of information as well as the ability to reason within the knowledge base using if-

then rules. If the experience and lessons-learned at the construction site could be captured and incorporated in a dynamic, interactive, knowledge based information system and utilized in the design and construction of future facilities, great benefits could be realized. These benefits include more efficient construction and improved cost, quality and safety.

This research focuses on CONSTRUCTION. The goal is to develop a model of a practical tool with which to compile and benefit from the accumulated corporate knowledge of a medium or large size construction firm. The unit of knowledge is termed a lesson learned, and covers a broad spectrum of information from horse sense to technically sophisticated construction methods. We begin by exploring feedback opportunities in the project life-cycle, and analyzing related efforts to classify and utilize lessons-learned in engineering and construction. Challenges to effective feedback systems are then identified. Based on the analysis of existing systems, and consultation with construction industry experts, we develop a classification system for construction knowledge. Finally, we examine knowledge acquisition, knowledge engineering and implementation issues critical to the success of such a system.

CHAPTER II

FEEDBACK IN PROJECT LIFE-CYCLES

Lessons-learned from constructed facilities may have their genesis in any phase of a project's life-cycle. Similarly, these lessons may be applicable in one or more phases of the project life-cycle. The various sources and uses of engineering/construction knowledge are depicted in Figure 1. Three feedback loops from the construction project life-cycle will be examined in detail.

Value Engineering

Some feedback loops, for example, Value Engineering (VE), have become formalized in the construction industry. Value Engineering is traditionally viewed as an intentional reexamination of existing designs or hardware by the construction contractor, usually on an incentive basis [Kavanagh 1978]. Value Engineering, like constructability, focuses on life-cycle cost. VE is a feedback loop generally confined to the design phase.

Obviously, the earlier a value engineering study is conducted, the greater the potential to influence that project. VE studies that occur late in the design phase, or after design is complete, are limited. For example, the suggestion of an alternate structural system after the design

is complete, would most likely be rejected because it would entail substantial redesign and considerable loss of time. This illustrates the importance of feedback occurring, or lessons being available, as early in the process as possible. The concept of greater potential benefit from early feedback is a key element of constructability, and will be explored in the following section.

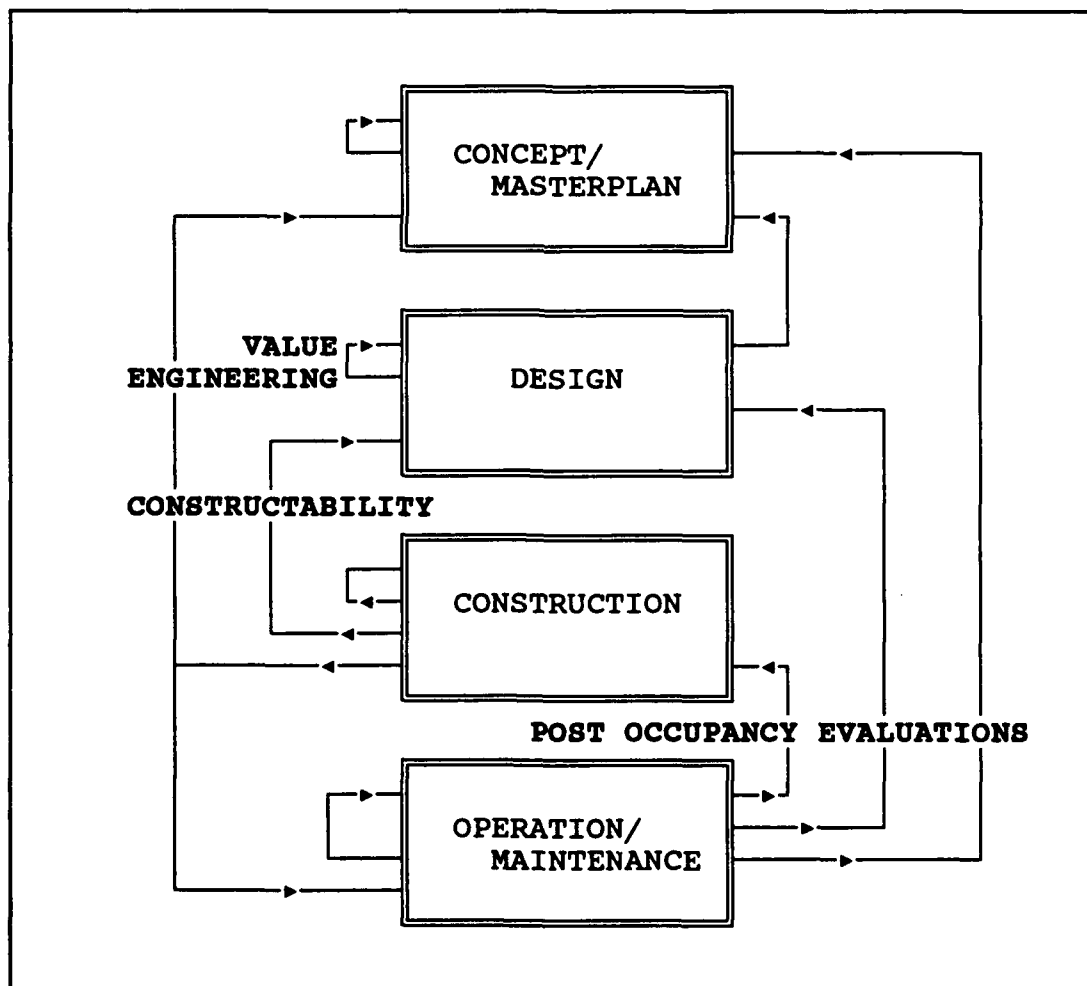


FIGURE 1. Feedback Channels in Facility Life-Cycles

Constructability

Constructability provides yet another feedback mechanism in the life-cycle of a facility. But what exactly is constructability?

The Construction Industry Institute shuns the notion that constructability is merely a review of a completed design by construction experts. Rather, it espouses the basic constructability premise that integration of construction knowledge and expertise into early planning, design, and in fact, all phases of a project is beneficial. It also recognizes the need to bridge the traditional gap between engineering and construction early in the project if full benefit is to be achieved ["Guidelines" 1987]. CII has also commissioned various studies on ways to improve constructability [Tatum 1987, O'Conner et al. 1987, O'Conner et al. 1988].

The Construction Management Committee of the ASCE Construction Division echoes the sentiment that "a constructability program is not just reviewing the plans and specifications after the design is finished and making comments" ["Constructability" 1991]. It defines a constructability program as "the application of a disciplined, systematic optimization of the construction-related aspects of a project during the planning, design, procurement, construction, test, and start-up phases by knowledgeable, experienced, construction personnel who are part of a project

team" ["Constructability" 1991]. CII further recognizes that constructability is not a natural process, rather it demands a conscious, continued effort.

Constructability encompasses all feedback loops that emanate from the construction phase. The input of construction expertise is desirable in all phases of the facility life-cycle, and it is depicted accordingly in Figure 1. The focus of this research is the feedback loop that begins and ends in the construction phase.

Post Occupancy Evaluations

Post Occupancy Evaluations (POEs) represent another formal feedback loop in engineering/construction. The evaluations occur during the operational and maintenance phase of the life-cycle, but can be applied in virtually any phase. Many owners of a large number of facilities employ POEs to assess the effectiveness of their design and construction programs. The Army, Navy and the General Services Administration all have active POE systems [Plockmeyer, 1988].

Comments made in a POE often pertain to the maintainability of the facility: provide adequate space in mechanical rooms to pull shafts from air handling units. Other comments relate to the durability and functionality of the constructed facility: quartz wall coverings are tough enough to withstand typical (ab)use in barracks settings, but light colors should be avoided since they show scuff marks; metal

clad buildings in the vicinity of airport ground control radar can adversely effect operations, reflective/adsorptive properties should be considered carefully.

Lessons gleaned from the operation and maintenance of completed facilities may be too late to benefit that facility but are potentially useful on subsequent facilities. By definition, POE's occur after completion of a facility or structure. Benefits accrue when these lessons are utilized early in the planning, design and construction of subsequent facilities and structures.

Following the axioms postulated by the Construction Management Committee of the ASCE and the CII, this research proposes a practical method to realize some of the goals of a constructability program, focusing on lessons-learned in the **construction** phase. This construction knowledge has the potential to be utilized in all phases of the project life-cycle. We make use of highly knowledgeable, significantly experienced, construction experts to examine the issue of classifying construction knowledge. Chapter three examines various efforts to collect and disseminate knowledge gained in the architecture/engineering/construction world.

CHAPTER III - BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK

To investigate the state of the art in engineering-construction feedback systems, letters were sent, and follow-up phone calls were made to various universities, colleges, organizations (CII, ASCE, AEPIC) and construction firms who have historically conducted research or performed work in this area. The response rate of over 60 percent was encouraging. Finally, personal interviews were conducted.

Many professional organizations have initiated efforts to collect and disseminate failure and performance information in specific disciplines and specialized fields: soil and foundation engineers (ASFE), fire protection engineers (NFPA), National Bureau of Standards (NBS), the Committee on Large Dams (COLD) of the ASCE, and the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

On an inter-disciplinary level, the Architecture and Engineering Performance Information Center (AEPIC) at the University of Maryland [Vannoy, 19837], the Journal of Performance of Constructed Facilities of ASCE [Carper, 1987], and the Center for Excellence in Construction Safety at West Virginia University [Eck, 1987] have attempted to integrate lessons-learned from the performance of constructed facilities into industry practice. We are concerned with performance

information spanning all trades and disciplines in an engineering/construction context.

While many organizations have formal or informal methods of obtaining and utilizing feedback in the DESIGN arena, relatively few attempts have been made to collect, classify, or disseminate lessons-learned from the CONSTRUCTION phase of the project life-cycle. Although the following systems are not construction oriented, the various approaches and classification systems developed by these architecture and engineering professionals are analyzed to gain insight into the essential elements of a successful system. A description and critique of various existing systems is presented below.

Much of the work in this field has been done by forensic engineers. Before delving into these systems, it is imperative to clarify the vocabulary that will be used. In the context of forensic engineering, failure is defined as "an unacceptable difference between expected and observed performance" [Carper 1989]. These failures range in scope from mundane roof leaks to notorious disasters like the failure of the Teton Dam (1976) and the Kansas City Hyatt Regency (1981) walkway collapse.

Minor failures are much more frequent and their cumulative economic effect is more significant. . . It has been suggested that the use of words such as "incident" or "accident" rather than "failure" might encourage discussion of these less spectacular performance problems. The dam and nuclear industries have found it necessary to develop such a vocabulary to deal with events which are less than catastrophic [Carper, 1987].

Architecture & Engineering Performance Information Center

Mr. Neal FitzSimons began the seminal work in forensic engineering performance classification systems in 1964. He subsequently published "Making Failures Pay" [FitzSimons, 1981] and, along with Prof. Donald Vannoy, initiated what was to become the Architecture and Engineering Performance Information Center (AEPIC) at the University of Maryland. The mission of AEPIC is summarized in Architecture and Engineering Performance Notes:

The initial objective of AEPIC . . . is the improved design, construction and performance of buildings, civil structures and other constructed facilities. That objective is based on the premise that collection, analysis and dissemination of information on performance . . . will assist in the improvement of the built environment . . . [AEPIC 1, 1988].

In 1986 AEPIC began to collect information from two major sources to incorporate into the first computerized depository for failure data of this type. The first source was case files from one of the primary companies providing liability insurance for architects and engineers. The second source was Federal and State Appellate Court case summaries involving building and civil structure failures [AEPIC 1, 1988]. The AEPIC system is one of epic proportions with over 4,000 coded cases. This scheme has 67 different data fields [Appendix A] covering numerous of topics, including the parties involved, ordinary project information, extraordinary project details such as the size of the component, property damage, bodily injury/death, and the location, cost, catalyst and cause of he

incident.

The AEPIC Dictionary of Quick Codes is included as Appendix A. As the data fields illustrate, this system catalogs performance incidents from the perspective of a forensic engineer. The original vision was for an all encompassing database of performance information, but the current system is constrained by it's sources of information. Given the sensitive nature of information dealing with actual or alleged failures and litigation, it is very difficult to acquire factual data. Claims cases, purged of incriminating information to protect privacy, are perhaps the only realistic source of large scale data of this sort.

Some of the AEPIC data fields are not applicable to a feedback system customized for construction, but two are noteworthy. The PROJECT USE category defines the purpose of the facility and is split into two broad categories: Structure/Civil and Buildings. A comprehensive list is provided for each. AEPIC utilizes the broad categories of construction outlined in the CSI Divisions but further refines them by adding a COMPONENT/ELEMENT category to cover such things as walls, floors and specific systems. Although this particular classification system is failure oriented, it represents considerable thought in its comprehensive structure.

The volume of encoded information facilitates the analysis of trends over time. The results have been published

in a series of newsletters with various graphical summaries. Performance failure trends were identified and analyzed. For example, siting and excavation problems make up 18 percent of all performance incidents in terms of property damage and management problems. Roofing problems account for 10 percent of the reported failures. Of the roofing failures, 61 percent involve water penetration while 35 percent involve structural failure [AEPIC 4 & 5, 1988].

This classification system is by far the most elaborate developed to date. At its inception, there was tremendous enthusiasm, excitement and support in the trade journals, but in recent years the AEPIC system has not enjoyed widespread use. The objectives are clear and worthwhile, but the system seems to lack focus, and integration into actual practice has not occurred.

The AEPIC target audience is vast and includes architects, engineers, contractors, developers, manufacturers, lawyers, building owners and users, federal and state agencies, insurance underwriters, university and private research organizations and others [Loss 1987]. There are a myriad of potential uses, but no specific customer. The sources and volume of encoded information make the database effective for research and analysis of trends, but perhaps too broad and unfocused for individual clients.

The AEPIC system was initiated almost ten years ago, employing basic database technology. Recent advances in

knowledge based expert systems, hypermedia techniques, and interactive graphical user interfaces (windows) can now be incorporated into feedback systems such as AEPIC to encourage direct user interaction.

American Society of Civil Engineers

Various committees of the American Society of Civil Engineers have collected and categorized information regarding failures, accidents and performance of dams and hydraulic structures for many years ["Lessons," 1975; "Lessons," 1986]. Each publication contains case studies collected through questionnaires and generally includes a narrative description of the structure and the incident. Although substantial work has gone into collecting and disseminating performance information related to hydraulic structures, no attempt at a comprehensive classification system has been made.

The Journal of Performance of Constructed Facilities, is published by the ASCE and jointly sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE/PEPP) and AEPIC. As the first jointly sponsored journal, its objective is the development of professional practices to improve quality and promote public confidence in the engineering design professions. Published since 1987, this journal "seeks to coordinate and expand failure information dissemination strategies" [Carper, 1987].

The journal has featured case studies of performance

failures, as well as a spectrum of professional views on alternate dispute resolution methods. The recent explosion of litigation has prompted engineering professionals to not only consider methods to reduce failures, but to explore creative ways to resolve the disputes that consequently erupt.

Currently, there is no industry standard for classifying performance information. David Nicastro, and the Committee on Dissemination of Failure Information of the ASCE Technical Council on Forensic Engineering is currently studying the matter and hopes to adopt a taxonomy for classifying performance data. He is implementing an expert-system that will incorporate the work done by AEPIC and others, but will go beyond all of the resources of which we are currently aware in systematically classifying failures. In a recent letter, David Nicastro notes:

A common problem with previous classification systems is that they generally start out by pigeon-holing the failure, and then describing its characteristics. For development of a computerized expert-system, the opposite approach is required. Our system is based on a parameter tree model, whereby the characteristics of a failure are checked against a list of parameters, and the sum of the characteristics defines the failure.

The committee hopes to adopt a uniform system for classifying failures, similar to the well known biology taxonomy (kingdom, phylum, species). It believes that the adoption of a common structure by ASCE would be a major step toward industry standardization and would be an enormous benefit for communication and research.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) has developed two systems to improve constructability through design review. The first, Automated Review Management System (ARMS), was developed to help managers track constructability and design reviews of construction projects with the major participants being geographically dispersed. ARMS manages review deadlines at all user levels, provides database management for comment manipulation and analysis, provides for electronic forwarding of comments, and permits on-line or off-line batch comment generation and uploading using standard word processors [Kirby, 1991]. This system is designed as a management tool, and aids in the constructability process, but does not actually contain performance information.

The follow-on system, currently under development, is called BCO Advisor: Expert System for Biddability, Constructability and Operability Review. It is a personal computer based hypertext system designed to help U. S. Army Corps of Engineers personnel perform constructability reviews on construction design documents. The prototype system employs the KnowledgePro expert system shell. It uses a menu-driven knowledge base program with hypertext as the shell for interactive checklists. The user interactively compiles a tailored checklist based on the design stage (35% design, or

95% design) and discipline or CFI division of interest, for later printing. This customized checklist is then used to review the design of a particular project. The prototype contains over 2500 individual comments (check-list items) from various sources, over half of which deal with "routine design construction evaluation" [Kirby, 1991].

The BCO Advisor has a different goal than our construction lessons-learned system. It is design oriented and produces a checklist, while our system endeavors to harness construction expert knowledge. It utilizes a review comment (coordinate roof openings on architectural, structural and mechanical plans) rather than a performance lesson (ensure curing compound used on roof slab is compatible with proposed roofing system) as the basic unit of knowledge.

BCO Advisor is, however, instructive from two points of view. First, it is technically sophisticated and effectively utilizes a KBES with hypertext to rapidly retrieve appropriate comments in an extremely user friendly environment. Second, it is well integrated into the existing operations of the Army Corps of Engineers. Previously, engineers performing design reviews had to root around for an appropriate checklist, or rely on their memory for the myriad details to be reviewed. Upon completion, the comments had to be packaged and mailed to the responsible agency. With the BCO Advisor, a checklist can be interactively compiled, annotated with comments as the review progresses and mailed electronically. It fits nicely

into the traditional method of accomplishing the task, yet improves productivity.

Naval Facilities Engineering Command

The Design Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command has initiated numerous attempts to gather and classify lessons-learned in the design and engineering of facilities for the Navy. Dr. Michael Yachnis, former Chief Engineer, assembled and published a book in 1985 with over one hundred lessons titled "Lessons Learned from the Design & Engineering of Naval Facilities" ["Lessons," 1985]. It is generally organized by discipline (structural, architectural, mechanical), but includes some problematic areas of concern to the Navy (corrosion, cranes, welding & non-destructive testing, and physical security). Each lesson includes the problem, symptoms, collection of facts, and solution as well as sketches where applicable.

Numerous follow-up efforts by the Navy's Design Division have resulted in a number of local systems, including: "Design and Maintenance Observation Feedback System." This system has two components. The first is a database of design criteria feedback from all possible sources, accessible by discipline or by a five digit category code (cat-code). Cat-codes are used by the military to represent very specific facilities (aircraft parking apron, brig, B-52 flight simulator, transmitter building, guided missile spares storage). The

second component contains maintenance feedback, organized by cat-code. It is derived from various sources, though predominantly post occupancy evaluations.

This system and others were considered working prototypes but suffered several short-comings. Their capacity was limited by the software, but was adequate for the start-up phase. A formal method of collecting and inputting the observations was missing. Data collection was sporadic and the quality of the observations was inconsistent. The system was physically located at headquarters, but most of the raw data occurred at the field level. The system was a stand alone; it was not integrated with existing software or procedures. Updating the system required extra effort from a project engineer or a dedicated data entry person.

Drawing on the lessons of their previous attempts, Mr. Tom Hurley, at the Design Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, has developed an exemplary value engineering database. This system has gained widespread use in the Navy in the last year. It is written in "C", uses Clipper database software, and stores information on compact disks. The results of value engineering studies conducted at various Department of Defense field activities around the world are submitted on floppy discs and batch loaded into the Navy's corporate database. This system scores high marks for integration into the existing method of doing business. The database grows from a regular diet of "accepted" value

engineering comments, currently over 16,000. Like the Navy's Guide Specifications, it is distributed on read-only compact disks.

Target users are anyone in the Department of Defense that designs new facilities. Current Navy policy requires all such designers to conduct "0%" value engineering review. Before commencing design, they simply review the accumulated value engineering suggestions by cat-code, for the type of facility under consideration. Project specifications are developed by computerized cutting and pasting and both guide specifications and value engineering lessons are located on the same menu.

This value engineering database overcame the integration problems and was developed with an appreciation of the big picture, or the overall mission of the organization. It's weakness lie's in the collection and verification of data. Many valid value engineering comments are not "accepted" for a particular project because of the advanced stage of design. Acceptance would essentially require redesigning the facility. These "rejected" comments are not appended to the database, although they may be beneficial. Other accepted comments may be appropriate for a facility in one location, but inappropriate in a different location. The system has no way of sorting or classifying except by cat-code and discipline. It relies on the user's expertise to judge the appropriateness of each comment.

International Work

A number of international organizations exist that are pursuing work in failure information dissemination. A review of international publications revealed extensive case studies and compilation of failure data, but did not reveal any information about specific classification systems. Major international organizations include: the Building Research Establishment (BRE) of the United Kingdom; National Research Council of Canada; BYGGDOK, a Swedish organization; the National Timber Research Institute of South Africa; and SOCOTEC, a French organization [Carper, 1987]. Other work was done by Raikar in India [Raikar, 1987] and by Matousek in Switzerland [FitzSimons, 1978].

CHAPTER IV - CHALLENGES OF EFFECTIVE FEEDBACK SYSTEMS

The problems discussed in the preceding chapter illustrate a common theme among various attempts to collect and utilize lessons-learned from the field. Some progressive construction firms and facilities management organizations have attempted to benefit from accumulated construction knowledge and expertise, and typically synthesize experience into a checklist. Previous efforts to effectively utilize lessons-learned were thwarted by the following:

- (1) Lack of a meaningful classification system.
- (2) Unmanageable format that made it difficult to access and retrieve the potentially enormous volume of lessons.
- (3) Failure to effectively integrate the new scheme into the existing operations of the organization.

These challenges will be addressed in turn below.

The Classification Challenge

Principal difficulties in establishing a common classification system include the vast spectrum of potential end users and the different information each considers pertinent. The first level of divergence occurs at the phases of construction: conceptual planning, design, construction and operation/maintenance. Architects tend to group information by discipline: architectural, structural, mechanical, electrical.

Construction practitioners are more comfortable with the 16 CSI Divisions: site work, concrete, masonry, etc.

The second level of divergence relates to the many different types of constructed works. The broad categories are civil structures and buildings [Table 2.]. Civil structures run the gamut from culverts to dams to industrial complexes. Buildings span a wide range in both size and complexity, from single family homes, to high rise towers. Specialization breeds different requirements for information. The dam builder and highway contractor are both concerned with soil conditions, but each at a different level.

Another consideration is the quality or depth of the lessons. These range from superficial, or common sense (don't leave unsecured styrofoam insulation pallets on non-enclosed upper level decks on windy days) to highly technical (an M-60 machine gun firing 7.62-mm ammunition at a distance of 25 yards will not penetrate an 8" cast concrete wall with #5 rebar @ 6" on center with a 10 gauge (3.4 mm) steel front panel).

Accessibility and Retrieval of Information

While checklists of the BCO Advisor and Redicheck [Nigro, 1983] variety can be useful aids in reviewing contract plans and specifications, they do not follow the spirit of constructability. The goal is complete integration of the design/construction effort, bridging the traditional gap.

After the fact design review, implies essentially separate design and construction. To contribute to constructability, the basic unit of knowledge must be an easily accessible, specific lesson (fiberglass dome pans are superior to metal pans), not a general review recommendation (coordinate all mechanical and electrical drawings).

To be truly effective, the system must be appropriate for both designers and constructors. The lessons must be organized for rapid retrieval in a variety of ways (key words, CSI division, component). Recent advances in both hardware and software have contributed to the tools available to construct such a successful system. Lightweight, portable computers are available and easily transportable to the field, with the speed and memory to handle the demands of an enormous database. Software tools such as expert system shells and hypertext capability provide the reasoning, explanation facility and user interface essential to user acceptance. Object oriented programming, now in the early stages of development, will provide an even greater opportunity to link and access related lessons and facts in the future.

Almost all previous attempts to utilize construction feedback have followed the checklist format. In an effort to efficiently input construction knowledge back into the facility life-cycle, we will shun the checklist approach in favor of database or knowledge based expert system formats.

Integration

Perhaps most importantly, a feedback system must be integrated into the way the users (designers and constructors) perform their work. Consider this scenario: as a designer extracts a specification section on reinforced concrete, dome slab construction, from a guide specification, the lessons-learned knowledge base would automatically retrieve the applicable lessons for the designer to peruse and apply as appropriate. How about a project superintendent preparing his schedule for the following week? He knows cold weather is forecast, so he queries the system using cold weather concrete as the keyword and discovers that the mix he intended to order won't flow through the pump below a certain temperature.

Complete integration of a lessons-learned knowledge base into the existing procedures and methods of doing business is not easily achieved. There is a danger in developing a new system of any kind that requires dedicated personnel or demands large chunks of time from already overburdened schedules. Higher priorities and personnel shortages, endemic in today's economic environment, will doom a system that is not easily integrated into existing methods or procedures. For these reasons, speed, ease of use and user friendliness are pivotal in the success of a new system.

When dealing with the introduction of a new system that happens to be computer based, the major barriers are often psychological. There is a reluctance in established businesses

to relinquish manual control or to experiment with emerging technology. While lap-top personal computers may be struggling into some corporate board rooms, many project managers and superintendents are still not computer literate. This only complicates the already formidable integration challenge.

Another important aspect of integration is a grasp of the big picture, or what management specialists call vision. It is crucial to first seeing and then exploiting the potential in any feedback system. We have seen several feedback systems initiated by well intentioned, motivated, individuals that work from the perspective of their particular niche in the firm, but lack the big picture perspective. Technical sophistication is common, but adequate classification and integration are lacking. Lacking this vision, the system may serve well in it's niche, but will fail the overall organization. The goal, after all, of feedback is to achieve the widest possible dissemination and hence benefit of expert knowledge accumulated by the entire firm.

In an effort to better grasp the big picture and integration issues, we enlisted the participation of the research and development committee of a medium size construction company. Input and ideas came from various experts including field operations, project management, research, computing and accounting, construction yard and shops and upper management. The result was a confirmation of the value and direction of the feedback system.

Accentuate The Positive

Facility performance, like feedback and lessons-learned, can include both positive and negative experiences with constructed facilities. However, since most of the effort in collection and classification of performance data has been undertaken by forensic engineers, the focus has been on failures, as previously defined.

This research focuses on lessons-learned during construction. While some of the lessons will undoubtedly involve failures or incidents, the majority will convey positive experiences or advice: methods to optimize productivity, methods to obtain the flattest possible floor, optimal deck space served by a tower crane, and innovative slip form construction. The result of a knowledge based feedback system developed by construction experts will be a corporate knowledge base. The benefits of such a system are well established.

CHAPTER V - THE DEVELOPMENT OF A KNOWLEDGE BASED INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR CONSTRUCTION

As discussed in Chapter II, there are numerous potential feedback channels in the project life-cycle. The primary focus of this research has been lessons that have their genesis and application in the construction phase. While considerable effort has been exerted in developing classification and dissemination strategies almost no work has been dedicated to the construction phase.

In the construction arena, solid lessons are very difficult to extract and collect. For this reason there is a paucity of documented construction knowledge. Successful project managers and superintendents have developed their own individual methods and procedures, proven effective by their longevity in this highly competitive market. Because of their tenacity and success, it is often difficult to achieve a consensus attempting to compile the best methods, products or procedures. This difference of opinion further complicates the process of verifying and validating lessons from the field.

Many firms and organizations synthesize experience into checklists. Specific knowledge and experience is generalized into planning tools. While checklists can certainly be beneficial, other formats can optimize the value of construction feedback. We follow the constructability dictum

that early feedback of construction expertise into all phases of the project life-cycle will achieve the greatest benefits. The optimum format for such a system preserves the integrity of each individual chunk of knowledge or lesson.

The goal of this research is to develop a model of an effective lessons-learned knowledge base for a medium or large size construction firm. Essential elements of the system include (1) a meaningful classification system, (2) knowledge acquisition, or a mechanism for collecting, verifying and inputting information, and (3) implementation and integration into existing operations.

A Classification System For Construction

The goal of the classification system is to categorize all pertinent data or lessons in such a way that they can be efficiently retrieved in a number of possible manners. Since this effort is tailored for construction rather than design professionals, the basic building block of the system is the CSI Division, further defined by the component within the Division. The basic categories of data are:

- A. Project Information
- B. Stage of Project
- C. Project Use: Structure/Civil or Building
- D. CSI Division
- E. Component
- F. Lesson: Problem, Solution, Explanation, Key words

G. Source

The classification system model is illustrated in Figures 2 & 3. The **project information** fields would be tailored to the particular construction firm. By including the various **project stages**, the system is flexible enough to accommodate all members of a project management team. It would also be beneficial to owners of large facilities inventories and construction savvy owners, engaged in partnering.

The next level, **project use**, diverges into the two broad categories of constructed works: Structure/Civil and Buildings. The particular specialization of the construction firm would probably focus on a limited segment of **project uses**, but a representative list of possible uses is contained in Table 1. Both the component and project use breakdowns, have been adopted from the AEPIC classification system, "Dictionary of Quick Codes" shown in Appendix A.

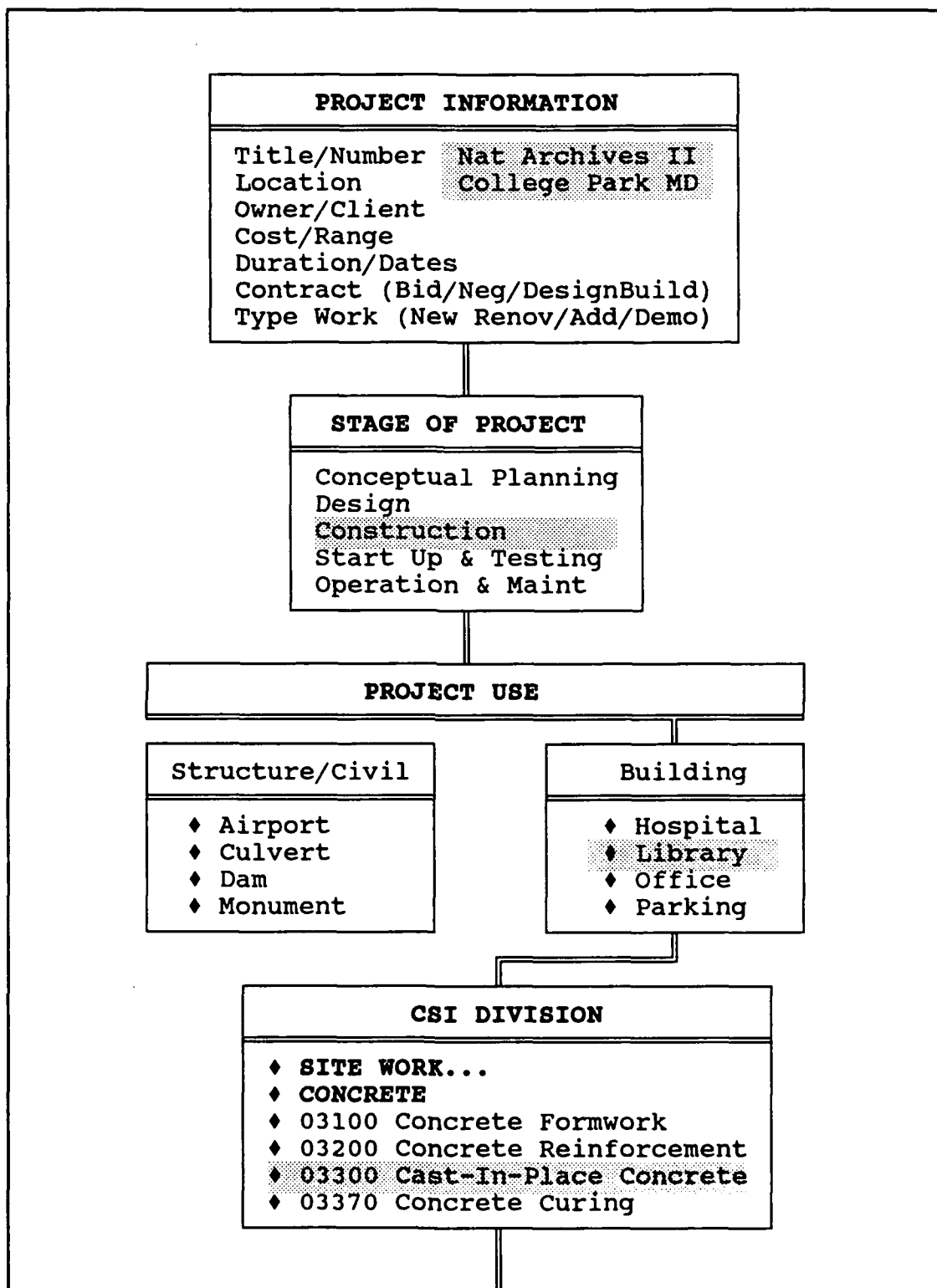


Figure 2. Classification System, Part I

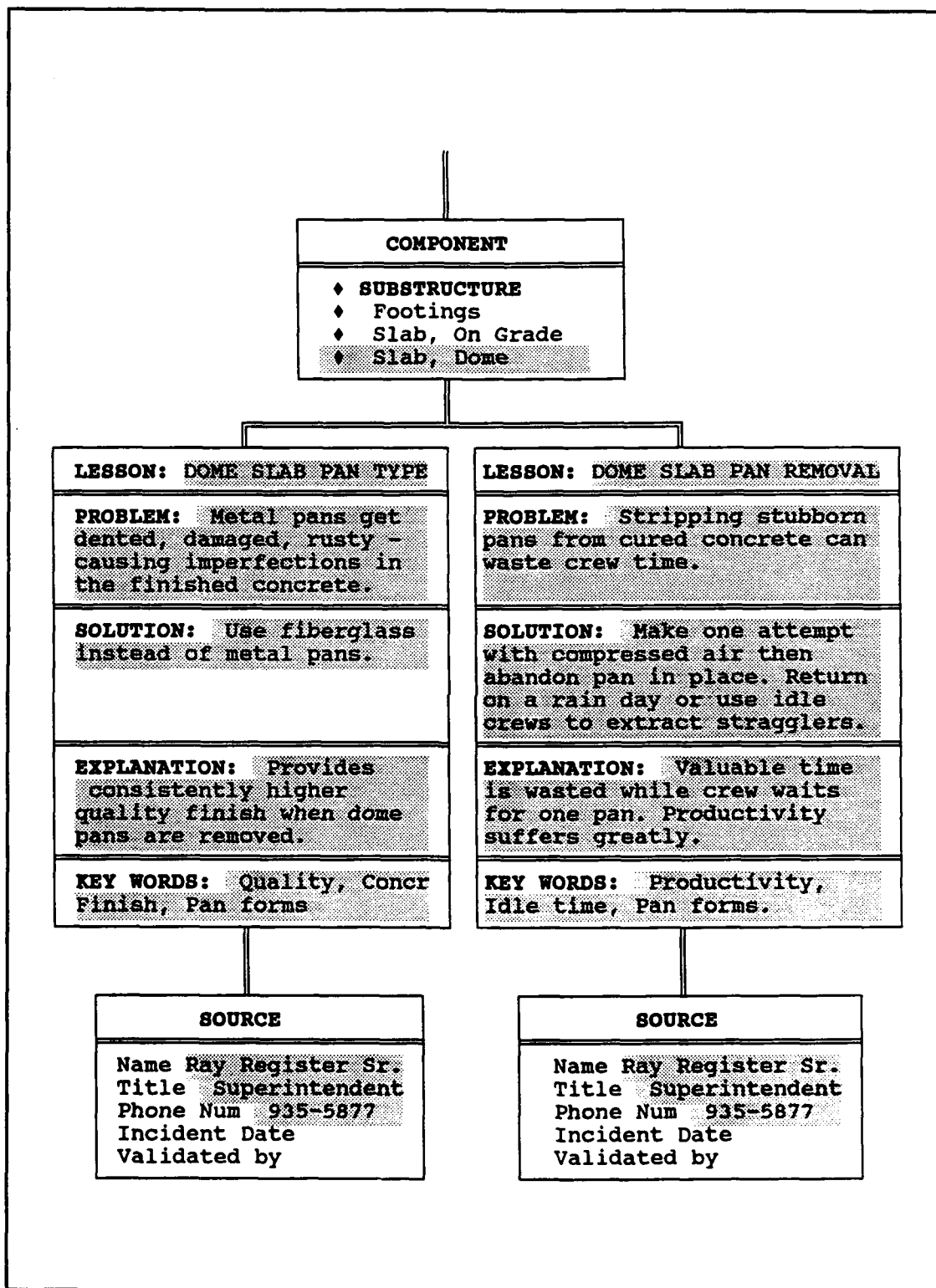


Figure 3. Classification System, Part II.

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM - PROJECT USE

STRUCTURE/CIVIL

Special	Excavation	Retaining Wall
Airport, Nav Aid	Formwork	Scaffolding
Airfield	Foundation	Seawall
Bin, Silo	Harbor, Jetty	Sewage, Waste
Bridge, Trestle	Harbor, Terminal	Stack, Chimney
Cableway	Highway, Road	Subaqueous Str.
Comm Dish	Hoist, Crane	Swimming Pool
Causeway	Hydraulic Struct	Tank
Cemetery	Incinerator	Tower, Cooling
Containment Vessel	Irrigation Sys	Tower, Freestd.
Culvert	Lighthouse	Tower, Guyed
Dam	Monument	Tunnel, Subway
Derrick	Offshore Structure	Wall, Barrier
Dike, Levee	Park/Playing Field	Water Tower
Dock, Wharf	Parking Area	Water Processing
Drainage Works	Pipeway, Distr Sys	Waterway
Elect Generation	Railway	Reservoir
Embankment	Refinery	

BUILDINGS

Agriculture, Barn	Education, Higher	Nursing Home
Airport Terminal	Field House, Gym	Office Building
Airport Freight	Freight Terminal	Parking Structure
Apartment	Funeral Home	Postal Facility
Arena	Grocery Food Store	Public Building
Auditorium, Theater	Hospital, Special	Prison
Bank	Medical Facility	Recreation Fac.
Chemical Plant	Hotel/Motel	Refrig. Facil.
Civic Building	Housing, Duplex	Religious
Commercial, Retail	Housing, Townhouse	Restaurant
Computer Facility	Housing, Detached	Service Station,
Condominium	Industrial, Heavy	Shop Center/Mall
Convention Hall	Industrial, Light	Stadium
Courthouse	Laboratory, Research	Transportation
Dormitory	Library	Warehouse
Education, Elem,	Museum, Gallery	
Secondary	Nuclear Facility	

Table 1. Classification System, Project Use

CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM - COMPONENT

SITE, SUBSTRUCTURE	INTERIOR, cont
Excavation, Grading	Horizontal Circulation
Compaction	Vertical Circulation
Sheeting	Core
Piles, Caissons	Spaces
Drainage	Surfaces
Bedding	Contents
Tunnel Lining	Ceiling
Retaining Wall	Finishes
Dam	TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION
Cofferdam	Bracing
Slurry Wall	Shoring
SUBSTRUCTURE, FOUNDATION	Formwork
Abutment	Scaffolding
Footings, Line	Equipment
Footings, Mat	Fireplace
Footings, Column	Trailers
Pier	Storage Units
Wall	MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL SYS
Buttress	Cooling
Pile Cap	Heating
Slab, Dome	Ventilation
Slab, On Grade	Plumbing
STRUCTURE	Lighting
Membrane	Transport
Continuous Structure	Hazard Detection
Vertical System	Emergency Power, Supply
Horizontal System	Power
Anchorage	PAVING, LANDSCAPE
Connection	Walkway
Joint	Roadway
Arch, Shell	Runway
Suspension	Bridge Deck
EXTERIOR ENVELOPE	Channel Lining
Paint	Trenching
Roof	Drainage
Window	Fence/Wall
Door	Plant Material (Natural)
Wall Pa.	SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION
Insulation	Marine Installation
Waterproofing	Oil, Gas
Flashing	Tower, Stack, Chimney
Caulk, Sealant	Water Containment
Vertical Circulation	Toxic Materials Handling
Horizontal Circulation	Low Voltage Electricity
INTERIOR	High Voltage Electricity
Wall	Sewage Treatment
Floor	Crane, Boom

Table 2. Classification System, Component

CSI Division provides the general classification framework, but is still too general for pin-pointing areas of interest. Components within the CSI Division, Table 2, have been added to further isolate the lesson. The basic unit of the classification system is the Lesson Learned. It has a title, and brief narratives describing the problem, the solution, and an explanation. It is further referenced by key words to allow maximum versatility in querying the system. Finally, the Lesson is credited to a source, again tailored to the user institution.

The explanation facility is critical to a credible system. Telling intelligent construction practitioners that a certain method is superior to another, without providing a rationale, will not create believers. Listing the source adds credibility and provides a resource for further investigation when necessary.

Methods of Inquiry

If a user cares to peruse all the lessons pertaining to a particular type of facility, parking structures for example, he simply enters project use, and buildings then selects parking structures from the menu. This method can be used to gain familiarity with a new type of structure or construction method.

To learn about concrete, one can browse through the **CSI Divisions** until he finds concrete. If this topic is too broad, it can be narrowed to cast-in-place concrete by selecting **CSI** section 03300. To further narrow the search slabs or footings could be chosen from the **component** menu.

Some subjects, such as roof leaks, can occur in any number of facilities and cross many **CSI Divisions**. To accommodate queries of this nature, **key words** are utilized. **Key words** can also cover conditions like cold weather concreting and issues such as productivity or quality.

Knowledge Acquisition and Knowledge Engineering

Extracting expert knowledge from subject matter, or domain experts is perhaps the most difficult step in the development of any knowledge base. "Knowledge acquisition has been reported as the major bottleneck in the development of expert systems" [Bowen et al. 1990]. Experience in knowledge engineering has shown that questionnaires are not effective. For this reason, we elected to pursue unstructured interviews as the primary method of knowledge acquisition. Key issues covered during initial interviews included: existing lessons-learned systems, quality improvement initiatives, years and type of experience, areas of expertise, familiarization with computing technology and existing computer hardware and software, constructability, design-construct experience, construction performance and failures.

The goal of this research was not to accumulate a vast library of construction knowledge, but rather to collect a sample of lessons from various construction disciplines as a point of departure for the development of a classification system. The interview process itself was critical to gaining an understanding of how successful project superintendents approach their business. It allowed insight as to how they categorize, organize and utilize their rich experience. Heuristics, or rules of thumb, are plentiful in construction, but as always, difficult to articulate.

After an extensive literature search, interviews were conducted with a number of experienced construction managers, including project executives, project managers, superintendents, and foremen. Due to their hectic, unpredictable schedules, initial interviews were conducted by simply spending the day following superintendents around job sites. As areas of personal expertise became apparent, further questioning in those areas was pursued. Daily project dilemmas provided other opportunities to gain insight into frequently applied heuristics and problem solving mechanisms. It was immediately apparent that extraction of valuable lessons requires much patience and persistence.

The classification system was developed based on the format these construction experts used to articulate their rules of thumb. For example, when discussing how much concrete to leave in the hopper of a pump truck, the discussion took

place in the context of a particular facility (PROJECT USE). The facility was essentially built from reinforced concrete (CSI DIVISION), the COMPONENT was a topping slab, and the method was pumping (LESSON TITLE). The lesson itself consisted of a brief narrative description of the problem, the solution and an explanation. To accommodate broad issues that span many divisions or trades, such as the quality of the finished concrete, KEY WORDS were included.

Collection and verification methods that rely on the good will of potential users to input applicable information when they have time to do it, have proven ineffective. A structured approach to data input and verification is essential. Routine status reports and meetings as well as various project milestones, provide the ideal opportunity to reflect upon and input lessons-learned.

Based on this research, it is apparent that a dedicated collector of lessons will be required to establish a working prototype. The frantic pace of operations at the project site requires an individual free of daily project pressures to concentrate on building the firm foundation required for such a system. Once a prototype has been developed, it can be demonstrated to potential users. The ease of use and potential benefits will help sell the system to the users, encourage experimentation and lead to faster acceptance of the system. It is imperative to establish a credible prototype with which to lure in skeptical users and reluctant experts.

Implementation Issues

The myriad of potential lessons-learned and construction knowledge can be organized, stored and accessed most efficiently utilizing knowledge processing and hypermedia techniques. The heuristics (rules of thumb based on experience) gathered from construction experts can be organized using the classification system and incorporated into a knowledge base. The result of this task is a common pool for storing, retrieving, modifying, interpreting and reasoning with constructability knowledge.

The first function of the system will be to obtain the project of interest. This single piece of data will cause the system to link to a block of applicable rules. Entry of the World Bank project, for example, would trigger project use data and link to multi-story, cast in place concrete structure, multi-level basement, severely constricted site. This information would activate rules dealing with multi-story concrete structures etc. Rules about steel frame structures would not be activated, while rules about slurry wall construction, and soil anchors would be activated. This linkage of basic project data serves as a first cut to narrow down the field of potentially useful lessons.

The next step would be to query the user for the situation at hand. Information regarding the stage of construction, applicable CSI Divisions, and work component would be solicited by sequential menus. This will provide a

direct link to the classification system, accessing all applicable rules.

The user interface is a critical component to any interactive system. In this case, it is essential to provide the user with an explanation facility. Without such a capability, the integrity of the system is suspect to the new user. A basis for each particular lesson is required, relating to time, cost or quality. This explanation facility will also prove indispensable when debugging or validating the system as it evolves from a prototype to a mature system.

Wherever they exist, alternative solutions to problem situations should be provided. There generally is not one unique, universally accepted solution to any construction predicament, and an alternate solution may be more appropriate considering the peculiarities of a given situation.

Software. A wide variety of database application software is commercially available. Most are programmable to some extent and all can be customized for individual applications. The emerging technology that is best suited for a lessons-learned knowledge base, however, is expert system shells. BCO Advisor, discussed in Chapter III, employed such software. A review of currently available, microcomputer-based expert system shells (ESS) suggests several suitable options. KNOWLEDGE-PRO, LEVEL 5 OBJECT, KAPPA PC, and VP EXPERT all offer hypertext capability, windowed interface, advanced programming capabilities and rule based knowledge

representation. Because new products are being introduced monthly, it is difficult to make definitive recommendations. The essential elements of an ESS for this application would be hypertext capability, windowing capability, rule or frame based reasoning and possibly object oriented programming.

CHAPTER VI - CONCLUSION

Historically, the collection and dissemination of engineering/construction knowledge has proven to be difficult but invaluable when accomplished. The main contribution of this research has been to demonstrate the feasibility and potential benefits of making effective use of construction lessons-learned by developing a knowledge based model from actual construction experience. Key challenges to effectively utilizing feedback channels in the project life-cycle were identified along with methods to meet these challenges.

The CII has called for improved documentation of lessons-learned from the field. The model presented in this thesis will accomplish this goal. The benefits of an effective feedback system are numerous. Although construction of a facility is typically viewed as a one of a kind operation, there is a considerable amount of repetition. Facades, bays and often entire floors are repeated. Lessons acquired in one project by a particular crew, must be communicated to other crews on the same project as well as to other projects. As the CII advocates, a corporate lessons-learned database is a key element in any constructability program.

The significance of such a system is not limited to improvements in cost, time, quality and safety of construction projects. It will also enhance construction education by

providing students with fresh examples from actual construction projects.

APPENDIX A

AEPIC DICTIONARY OF QUICK CODES

DICTIONARY OF QUICK CODES **ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING PERFORMANCE INFORMATION CENTER** (Information Not Available **XX**; None **00**)

A. DATA

10 AEPIC
 20 FIRMS
 21 Architecture and A/E
 22 Landscape Architecture
 23 Engineering and E/A
 24 Land Engineer
 25 Construction
 26 Owner
 27 Legal
 28 Insurance
 29 Testing
 30 Manufacture
 31 Supply/Distribution
 32 Land Surveyor
 33 Forensics
 34 Construction Management
 35 Quantity Surveyor/Estimator

40 SOCIETIES/ASSOCIATIONS/
 INSTITUTIONS
 41 Architecture
 42 Landscape Architecture
 43 Engineer
 44 Land Engineer
 45 Construction
 46 Owners
 47 Legal
 48 Insurance
 49 Testing
 50 Manufacture
 51 Supply/Distribution
 52 Land Surveyor
 53 Education

60 PUBLICATIONS/MEDIA
 61 Technical
 62 Professional
 63 Popular
 70 GOVERNMENT
 71 Federal
 72 State
 73 Local
 74 Foreign

SOURCE DS

TYPE DT

01 Article, Published
 02 Bibliography, Search Index
 03 Conference Report, Proceeding
 04 Directory, Dictionary
 05 Environmental Analyses, Filing
 06 Financial Report, Fiscal Matter
 07 Guide, Handbook
 08 Hearing, History
 09 Investigation, Inspection, Research
 10 Journal, Collected Case Histories
 11 Contract, Agreement
 12 Law, Legislative Document

13 Major Dossier, Case, Claims
 Document
 14 Map
 15 Opinion, Case Law, Decision,
 Ruling, Dicta
 16 Policy Statement, Position Paper
 17 Model
 18 Regulation, Rule
 19 Specification, Code
 20 Trial, Litigation, Brief,
 Memorandum

21 Textbook
 22 Photo, Slide
 23 Drawing
 24 Film, Video
 25 Working Paper, Analysis
 26 Exhibit
 27 Yearbook
 28 Graph
 29 Interview

CLASS DC

01 Design
 02 Construction
 03 Testing, Research
 04 Structure

05 Materials, Products
 06 Information Science, Computers
 07 Legal Matters
 08 Insurance, Risk Management

09 Finance Statistics
 10 Quality Control
 11 Quality Assessment

B. LOCATION

		COUNTRY OR STATE IN WHICH DAMAGE OCCURRED	LD
		COUNTRY OR STATE OF FIRM'S OFFICE	LF
AF	Afghanistan	FJ	Fiji
AL	Albania	FI	Finland
AG	Algeria	FR	France
AQ	American Samoa	PG	French Guiana
AN	Andorra	FP	French Polynesia
AO	Angola	FS	French S & Antarc Lands
AV	Anguilla	GB	Gabon
AY	Antarctica	GA	Gambia
AC	Antigua & Barbuda	GZ	Gaza Strip
AR	Argentina	GC	German Dem Rep
AT	Ashmore & Cartier Is	BZ	Germany, Berlin
AS	Australia	GE	Germany, Fed Rep
AU	Austria	GH	Ghana
BF	Bahamas	GI	Gibraltar
BA	Bahrain	GO	Glorioso Is
PQ	Baker Is	GR	Greece
BG	Bangladesh	GL	Greenland
BB	Barbados	GJ	Grenada
BS	Bassas De India	GP	Guadaloupe
BE	Belgium	GQ	Guam
BH	Belize	GT	Guatemala
BN	Benin	GK	Guernsey
BD	Bermuda	GV	Guinea
BT	Bhutan	PU	Guinea-Bissau
BL	Bolivia	GY	Guyana
BC	Botswana	HA	Haiti
BV	Bouvet Is	HM	Heard Is & McDonald
BR	Brazil	HO	Honduras
IO	Brit Indian Ocean Terr	HK	Hong Kong
VI	Brit Virgin Is	HQ	Howland Is
BX	Brunei	HU	Hungary
BU	Bulgaria	IC	Iceland
BM	Burma	IN	India
BY	Burundi	ID	Indonesia
CM	Cameroon	IR	Iran
CA	Canada	IZ	Iraq
CV	Cape Verde	IY	Iraq-Saudi Ar Neut Zn
CJ	Cayman Is	EI	Ireland
CT	Central African Republic	IS	Israel
CD	Chad	IT	Italy
CI	Chile	IV	Ivory Coast
CH	China	JM	Jamaica
KT	Christmas Is	JN	Jan Mayen
IP	Clipperton Is	JA	Japan
CK	Cocos (Keeling) Is	DQ	Jarvis Is
CO	Columbia	JE	Jersey
CN	Comoros	JQ	Johnston Atoll
CF	Congo	JO	Jordan
CW	Cook Is	JU	Juan De Nova Is
CR	Coral Sea Is	CB	Kampuchia
CS	Costa Rica	KE	Kenya
CU	Cuba	KQ	Kingman Reef
CY	Cyprus	KR	Kiribati
CZ	Czechoslovakia	KN	Korea Dem Peop Rep
DA	Denmark	KS	Korea Rep
DJ	Djibouti	KU	Kuwait
DO	Dominica	LA	Laos
DR	Dominican Republic	LE	Lebanon
EC	Ecuador	LT	Lesotho
EG	Egypt	LI	Liberia
ES	El Salvador	LY	Libya
EK	Equatorial Guinea	LS	Liechtenstein
ET	Ethiopia	LU	Luxembourg
EU	Europa Is	MC	Macau
FO	Faroe Is	MA	Madagascar
FA	Falkland Is	MI	Malawi
		MY	Malaysia
		MV	Maldives
		ML	Mali
		MT	Malta
		IM	Man, Isle Of
		MB	Martinique
		MR	Mauritania
		MP	Mauritius
		MF	Mayotte
		MX	Mexico
		MQ	Midway Is
		MN	Monaco
		MG	Mongolia
		MH	Montserrat
		MO	Morocco
		MZ	Mozambique
		WA	Namibia
		NR	Nauru
		BQ	Navassa Is
		NP	Nepal
		NL	Netherlands
		NA	Netherlands Antilles
		NC	New Caledonia
		NZ	New Zealand
		NU	Nicaragua
		NG	Niger
		NI	Nigeria
		NE	Niue
		NF	Norfolk
		CQ	Northern Mariana Is
		NO	Norway
		MU	Oman
		PK	Pakistan
		LQ	Palmyra Atoll
		PM	Panama
		PP	Papua New Guinea
		PF	Paracel Is
		PA	Paraguay
		PE	Peru
		RP	Philippines
		PC	Pitcairn Is
		PL	Poland
		PO	Portugal
		RQ	Puerto Rico
		QA	Qatar
		RE	Reunion
		RO	Romania
		RW	Rwanda
		SC	St Christopher & Nevis
		SH	St Helena
		ST	St Lucia
		SB	St Pierre & Miquelon
		VC	St Vincent & Grenadines
		SM	San Marino
		TP	Sao Tome & Principe
		SA	Saudi Arabia
		SG	Senegal
		SE	Seychelles
		SL	Sierra Leone
		SN	Singapore
		BP	Solomon Is
		SO	Somalia
		SP	South Africa
		SP	Spain
		PG	Sprattly Is
		CE	Sri Lanka

SU Sudan
 NS Suriname
 SV Swalbard
 WZ Swaziland
 SW Sweden
 SZ Switzerland
 SY Syria
 TW Taiwan
 TZ Tanzania, Un Rep
 TH Thailand
 TO Togo
 TL Tokelay
 TN Tonga
 TD Trinidad And Tobago
 TE Tromelin Is

NQ Trust Terr Of Pacific Is
 TS Tunisia
 TU Turkey
 TK Turks & Caicos Is
 TV Tuvalu
 UG Uganda
 UR Union Of Soviet Soc Reps
 TC United Arab Emirates
 UK United Kingdom
 US United States Of America
 UV Upper Volta
 UY Uruguay
 NH Vanuatu (New Hebrides)
 VT Vatican City
 VE Venezuela

VM Vietnam
 VQ Virgin Is Of US
 WQ Wake Is
 WF Wallis & Fortuna
 WE West Bank
 WI Western Sahara
 WS Western Samoa
 YS Yemen (Aden)
 YE Yemen (Sanaa)
 YO Yugoslavia
 CC Zaire
 ZA Zambia
 ZI Zimbabwe

UNITED STATES

01 (AL) Alabama
 02 (AS) Alaska
 03 (AZ) Arizona
 04 (AK) Arkansas
 05 (CA) California
 06 (CO) Colorado
 07 (CT) Connecticut
 08 (DE) Delaware
 09 (DC) District Of Columbia
 10 (FL) Florida
 11 (GA) Georgia
 12 (HI) Hawaii
 13 (ID) Idaho
 14 (IL) Illinois
 15 (IN) Indiana
 16 (IA) Iowa
 17 (KS) Kansas

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 19 (LA) Louisiana
 20 (ME) Maine
 21 (MD) Maryland
 22 (MA) Massachusetts
 23 (MI) Michigan
 24 (MN) Minnesota
 25 (MS) Mississippi
 26 (MO) Missouri
 27 (MT) Montana
 28 (NB) Nebraska
 29 (NV) Nevada
 30 (NH) New Hampshire
 31 (NJ) New Jersey
 32 (NM) New Mexico
 33 (NY) New York
 34 (NC) North Carolina

35 (ND) North Dakota
 36 (OH) Ohio
 37 (OK) Oklahoma
 38 (OR) Oregon
 39 (PA) Pennsylvania
 40 (RI) Rhode Island
 41 (SC) South Carolina
 42 (SD) South Dakota
 43 (TN) Tennessee
 44 (TX) Texas
 45 (UT) Utah
 46 (VT) Vermont
 47 (VA) Virginia
 48 (WA) Washington
 49 (WV) West Virginia
 50 (WS) Wisconsin
 51 (WY) Wyoming

C. PROJECT

		TYPE PT
01 Building	02 Structure/Civil	03 Landscape

MATERIAL PM

01 Steel	07 Poured In Place Concrete	13 Wood/Timber
02 Cast Iron	08 Stone	14 Prestressed Concrete
03 Wrought Iron	09 Concrete Block	15 Masonry (unspecified)
04 Aluminum	10 Brick	16 Prestressed Masonry
05 Other Metal	11 Asphalt	
06 Precast Concrete	12 Earth Work	

STRUCTURAL SYSTEM PS

01 Footing	09 Girder	17 Tension Membrane
02 Caisson	10 Grid	18 Tension Cable
03 Pilings	11 Slab	19 Shell
04 Tubular	12 Frame	20 Folded-Plate
05 Column	13 Arch	21 Truss
06 Pier	14 Vault	22 Space Truss
07 Bearing Wall	15 Dome	23 Continuous
08 Beam	16 Pneumatic	24 Berm/Fill/Grading

USE PU**STRUCTURE/CIVIL**

101 Special	119 Excavation	137 Retaining Wall
102 Airport, Nav Aid, Fueling	120 Formwork, Shoring	138 Scaffolding
103 Airfield Paving	121 Foundation Structure	139 Seawall, Breakwater
104 Bin, Silo	122 Harbor, Jetty, Pier	140 Sewage/Waste Processing
105 Bridge, Trestle, Viaduct	123 Harbor, Terminal	141 Stack, Chimney
106 Cableway	124 Highway, Road	142 Subaqueous Structure
107 Communications Dish	125 Hoist, Crane	143 Swimming Pool
108 Causeway	126 Hydraulic Structure	144 Tank
109 Cemetery	127 Incinerator	145 Tower, Cooling
110 Containment Vessel	128 Irrigation System	146 Tower, Freestanding
111 Culvert	129 Lighthouse	147 Tower, Guyed
112 Dam	130 Monument	148 Tunnel, Subway
113 Derrick	131 Offshore Structure	149 Wall, Barrier
114 Dike, Levee	132 Park/Playing Field	150 Water Tower
115 Dock, Wharf	133 Parking Area	151 Water Processing
116 Drainage Works	134 Pipeway, Distribution System	152 Waterway
117 Electricity Generation	135 Railway	153 Reservoir
118 Embankment	136 Refinery	

BUILDINGS

553 Agriculture, Barn	569 Education, Higher Education	585 Nursing Home
554 Airport Terminal, Hanger	570 Field House, Gymnasium	586 Office Building
555 Airport Freight, Storage	571 Freight Terminal	587 Parking Deck, Structure
556 Apartment	572 Funeral Home	588 Postal Facility
557 Arena	573 Grocery Food Store	589 Public Building
558 Auditorium, Theatre	574 Hospital Special Medical Facility	590 Prison, Correctional
559 Bank	575 Hotel/Motel	591 Recreational Facility
560 Chemical Plant	576 Housing, Duplex	592 Refrigeration Facility
561 Civic BuildingS	577 Housing, Townhouse	593 Religious
562 Commercial, Retail	578 Housing, Detached	594 Restaurant
563 Computer Facility	579 Industrial, Heavy	595 Service Station, Garage
564 Condominium	580 Industrial, Light	596 Shopping Center/Mall
565 Convention Hall	581 Laboratory, Research	597 Stadium
566 Courthouse	582 Library	598 Transportation Terminal
567 Dormitory	583 Museum, Gallery	599 Warehouse
568 Education, Elementary, Secondary	584 Nuclear Facility	

CLASSIFICATION PC

01 New/Original
02 Renovation/Retrofit
03 Addition
04 Demolition

DIMENSIONS OF PROJECT (Rounded To Nearest Unit)

LENGTH	PL
WIDTH/CROSS SECTION	PW
HEIGHT	PH
BAY SPAN	PB
LONGEST SPAN	PX

FRACTIONS OF AN INCH

001	1/16th	Inch
002	1/8th	Inch
003	3/16th	Inch
004	1/4th	Inch
005	5/16th	Inch
006	3/8th	Inch
007	7/16th	Inch
008	1/2th	Inch
009	9/16th	Inch
010	5/8th	Inch
011	11/16th	Inch
012	3/4th	Inch
013	13/16th	Inch
014	7/8th	Inch
015	15/16th	Inch

INCHES

101-199	(1 - 99)	Inches
FEET		
201-299	(1-99)	Feet
301-399	(1-99)	Hundred Feet

MILES

401-498	(1-98) Miles
499	(>99) Miles
(Please note in abstract any miles over 99)	

DATE

YEAR OF DESIGN	COMMISSION	PY
MONTH/DAY	PP	
YEAR OF CONSTRUCTION	COMMISSION	PR
MONTH/DAY	PO	
YEAR OF OCCUPANCY/PUBLIC USE	PS	
MONTH/DAY	PN	

YEAR

(State actual year)

SEASONS

2001	Spring
2002	Summer
2003	Fall
2004	Winter

DURATION

3001-3999	Actual Months Duration
	(1-999)
4001-4999	Actual Years Duration
	(1-999)

MONTH

01-12 January - December

DAY

01-31 (1-31)

COST PD

0001-0999	(1 - 999) Dollars
1001-1999	(1 - 999) Thousand Dollars
2001-2999	(1 - 999) Million Dollars
3001-3999	(1 - 999) Billion Dollars

PB/PC/PD/PH/PL/PN/PO/PP/PR/PS/PW/PX/PY

D. INCIDENT/PROBLEM**TYPE IT**

- 01 Property Damage (If None Skip F)
02 Bodily Injury (If None Skip G)
03 Management/Delivery Of Services (If None Skip H)

DATE**YEAR INCIDENT NOTICED IY****MONTH/DAY IM****YEAR INCIDENT NOTIFICATION MADE IR****MONTH/DAY IO****YEAR**

(State actual year)

SEASONS

2001 Spring
2002 Summer
2003 Fall
2004 Winter

DURATION

3001-3999 Actual Months Duration
(1-999)
4001-4999 Actual Years Duration
(1-999)

MONTH

01-12 January - December

DAYS

01-31 (1-31)

E. COMPONENT

CSI REFERENCE CODE C

00010 Pre-Bid Information
00100 Instructions To Bidders
00200 Information Available Bidders
00300 Bid Forms
00400 Supplements To Bid Forms
00500 Agreement Forms
00600 Bonds And Certificates
00700 General Conditions
00800 Supplementary Conditions
00850 Drawings and Schedules
00900 Addenda And Modifications

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

01010 Summary Of Work
01020 Allowances
01025 Measurement And Payment
01030 Alternates/Alternatives
01040 Coordination
01050 Field Engineering
01060 Regulatory Requirements
01070 Abbreviations And Symbols
01080 Identification Systems
01090 Reference Standards
01100 Special Project Procedures
01200 Project Meetings
01300 Submittals
01400 Quality Control
01500 Construction Facilities And Temporary
01600 Material And Equipment
01650 Starting Of Systems/Commissioning
01700 Contract Closeout
01800 Maintenance

SITE WORK

02010 Subsurface Exploration
02050 Demolition
02100 Site Preparation
02140 Dewatering
02150 Shoring And Underpinning
02160 Excavation Support Systems
02170 Cofferdams
02200 Earthwork
02300 Tunneling
02350 Piles And Caissons
02450 Railroad Work
02480 Marine Work
02500 Paving And Surfacing
02600 Piped Utility Materials
02660 Water Distribution
02680 Fuel Distribution
02700 Sewerage And Drainage
02760 Restoration Of Underground Pipelines
02770 Ponds And Reservoirs
02780 Power And Communications
02800 Site Improvements
02900 Landscaping

CONCRETE

03100 Concrete Formwork
03200 Concrete Reinforcement
03250 Concrete Accessories
03300 Cast-in-Place Concrete
03370 Concrete Curing
03400 Precast Concrete
03500 Cementitious Decks
03600 Grout

03700 Concrete Restoration/Cleaning
03800 Mass Concrete

MASONRY

04100 Mortar
04150 Masonry Accessories
04200 Unit Masonry
04400 Stone
04500 Masonry Restoration And Cleaning
04550 Refractories
04600 Corrosion Resistant Masonry

METALS

05010 Metal Materials
05030 Metal Finishes
05050 Metal Fastening
05100 Structural Metal Framing
05200 Steel Joists
05300 Metal Decking
05400 Cold-Formed Metal Framing
05500 Metal Fabrications
05580 Sheet Metal Fabrications
05700 Ornamental Metal
05800 Expansion Control
05900 Hydraulic Structures

WOOD AND PLASTICS

06050 Fasteners And Adhesives
06100 Rough Carpentry
06130 Heavy Timber Construction
06150 Wood-Metal Systems
06170 Prefabricated Structural Wood
06200 Finish Carpentry
06300 Wood Treatment
06400 Architectural Woodwork
06500 Prefabricated Structural Plastics
06600 Plastic Fabrications

THERMAL MOISTURE PROTECTION

07100 Waterproofing
07150 Dampproofing
07190 Vapor And Air Retarders
07200 Insulation
07250 Fireproofing
07300 Shingles And Roofing Tiles
07400 Preformed Roofing And Cladding/Siding
07500 Membrane Roofing
07570 Traffic Topping
07600 Flashing And Sheet Metal
07700 Roof Specialties And Accessories
07800 Skylights
07900 Joint Sealers

DOORS AND WINDOWS

08100 Metal doors And Frames
08200 Wood And Plastic Doors
08250 Door Opening Assemblies
08300 Special Doors
08400 Entrances And Storefronts
08500 Metal Windows
08600 Wood And Plastic Windows
08650 Special Windows

08700 Hardware
08800 Glazing
08900 Glazed Curtain Walls

FINISHES

09100 Metal Support Systems
09200 Lath And Plaster
09230 Aggregate Coatings
09250 Gypsum Board
09300 Tile
09400 Terrazzo
09500 Acoustical Treatment
09540 Special Surfaces
09550 Wood Flooring
09600 Stone Flooring
09630 Unit Masonry Flooring
09650 Resilient Flooring
09680 Carpet
09700 Special Flooring
09780 Floor Treatment
09800 Special Coatings
09900 Painting
09950 Wall Coverings

SPECIALTIES

10100 Chalkboards And Tackboards
10150 Compartment And Cubicals
10200 Louvers And Vents
10240 Grilles And Screens
10250 Service Wall Systems
10260 Wall And Corner Guards
10270 Access Flooring
10280 Specialty Modules
10290 Pest Control
10300 Fireplaces And Stoves
10340 Prefabricated Exterior Specialties
10350 Flagpoles
10400 Identifying Devices
10450 Pedestrian Control Devices
10500 Lockers
10520 Fire Protection Specialties
10530 Protective Covers
10550 Postal Specialties
10600 Partitions
10650 Operable Partitions
10670 Storage Shelving
10700 Exterior Sun Control Devices
10750 Telephone Specialties
10800 Toilet And Bath Accessories
10880 Scales
10900 Wardrobe/Closet Specialties

EQUIPMENT

11010 Maintenance Equipment
11020 Security And Vault Equipment
11030 Teller And Service Equipment
11040 Ecclesiastical Equipment
11050 Library Equipment
11060 Theater And Stage Equipment
11070 Instrumental Equipment
11080 Registration Equipment
11090 Checkroom Equipment
11100 Mercantile Equipment
11110 Commercial Laundry And Dry Cleaning
11120 Vending Equipment
11130 Audio-Visual Equipment
11140 Service Station Equipment

11150 Parking Control Equipment
 11160 Loading dock Equipment
 11170 Solid Waste Handling Equipment
 11190 Detention Equipment
 11200 Water Supply And Treatment Equipment
 11280 Hydraulic Gates And Valves
 11300 Fluid Waste Treatment Equipment
 11400 Food Service Equipment
 11450 Residential Equipment
 11460 Unit Kitchens
 11470 Darkroom Equipment
 11480 Athletic, Recreational And Therapeutic Equipment
 11500 Industrial/Process Equipment
 11600 Laboratory Equipment
 11650 Planetarium Equipment
 11660 Observatory Equipment
 11700 Medical Equipment
 11780 Mortuary Equipment
 11850 Navigation Equipment

FURNISHINGS

12050 Fabrics
 12100 Artwork
 12300 Manufactured Casework
 12500 Window Treatment
 12600 Furniture And Accessories
 12670 Rugs And Mats
 12700 Multiple Seating
 12800 Interior Plants And Planters

SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION

13010 Air supported Structures
 13020 Integrated Assemblies

13030 Special Purpose Rooms
 13080 Sound, Vibration, And Seismic Control
 13090 Radiation Protection
 13100 Nuclear Reactors
 13120 Pre-Engineered Structures
 13150 Pools
 13160 Ice Rinks
 13170 Kennels And Animal Shelters
 13180 Site Constructed Incinerators
 13200 Liquid And Gas Storage Tanks
 13220 Filter Underdrains And Media
 13230 Digestion Tank Covers And Appurtenances
 13240 Oxygenation Systems
 13260 Sludge Conditioning Systems
 13300 Utility Control Systems
 13400 Industrial And Process Control Systems
 13500 Recording Instrumentation
 13550 Transportation Control Instrumentation
 13600 Solar Energy Systems
 13700 Wind Energy Systems
 13800 Building Automation Systems
 13900 Fire Suppression And Supervisory Systems

CONVEYING SYSTEMS

14100 Dumbwaiters
 14200 Elevators
 14300 Moving Stairs And Walks
 14400 Lifts
 14500 Material Handling Systems
 14600 Hoists And Cranes

14700 Turntables
 14800 Scaffolding
 14900 Transportation Systems

MECHANICAL

15050 Basic Mechanical Materials And Methods
 15250 Mechanical Insulation
 15300 Fire Protection
 15400 Plumbing
 15500 Heating, Ventilating, And Air Conditioning (HVAC)
 15550 Heat Generation
 15650 Refrigeration
 15750 Heat Transfer
 15850 Air Handling
 15880 Air Distribution
 15950 Controls
 15990 Testing, Adjusting, And Balancing

ELECTRICAL

16050 Basic Mechanical Materials And Methods
 16200 Power Generation
 16300 High Voltage Distribution (Above 600-Volt)
 16400 Service And Distribution (600-Volt And Below)
 16500 Lighting
 16600 Special Systems
 16700 Communications
 16850 Electric Resistance Heating
 16900 Controls
 16950 Testing

COMPONENT/ELEMENT CE

110 SITE, SUBSTRUCTURE
 111 Excavation, Grading, Compaction
 112 Sheet piling
 113 Piles, Caissons
 114 Drainage
 115 Bedding
 116 Tunnel Lining
 117 Retaining Wall
 118 Dam
 119 Cofferdam
 220 SUBSTRUCTURE, FOUNDATION
 221 Footings, Line
 222 Footings, Mat
 223 Footings, Column
 224 Pier
 225 Wall
 226 Buttress
 227 Pile Cap
 228 Abutment
 229 Slab
 330 STRUCTURE
 331 Vertical System
 332 Horizontal System
 333 Continuous Structure
 334 Anchorage
 335 Connection
 336 Joint
 337 Arch, Shell
 338 Suspension
 339 Membrane
 440 EXTERIOR, ENVELOPE

441 Window
 442 Door
 443 Roof
 444 Wall Panel
 445 Insulation
 446 Waterproofing
 447 Flashing
 448 Caulk, Sealant
 449 Paint
 450 Horizontal Circulation
 451 Vertical Circulation
 550 INTERIOR
 551 Wall
 552 Floor
 553 Ceiling
 554 Horizontal Circulation
 555 Vertical Circulation
 556 Core
 557 Spaces
 558 Surfaces
 559 Contents
 660 TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION
 661 Bracing
 662 Shoring
 663 Formwork
 664 Scaffolding
 665 Equipment
 666 Fireplace
 667
 668
 669

770 MECHANICAL/ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
 771 Cooling
 772 Heating
 773 Ventilation
 774 Plumbing
 775 Lighting
 776 Transport
 777 Hazard Detection, Protection
 778 Emergency Power, Supply
 779 Power
 880 PAVING, LANDSCAPE
 881 Walkway
 882 Roadway
 883 Runway
 884 Bridge Deck
 885 Channel Lining
 886 Trenching
 887 Drainage
 888 Fence/Wall
 889 Plant Material (Natural)
 990 SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION
 991 Marine Installation
 992 Oil, Gas, Other Installation
 993 Tower, Stack, Chimney
 994 Water Containment
 995 Toxic Materials Handling
 996 Low Voltage Electricity
 997 High Voltage Electricity
 998 Sewage Treatment
 999 Crane, Boom

COMPONENT MATERIAL CM		
SUB-SYSTEM MATERIAL CS		
01 Steel, Steel Components	09 Paint	17 Wood
02 Other Metals, Alloys	10 Coatings	18 Interior Coverings
03 Cement, Mortar	11 Sealants	19 Finishes
04 Masonry	12 Plastic	20 Synthetics
05 Concrete, Mineral Aggregates	13 Rubber	21 Equipment
06 Glass	14 Membrane	22 Fiber/Insulative Material
07 Tile, Ceramics	15 Building Stone	23 Gravel, Crushed Rock
08 Bituminous, Asphalt	16 Earthworks	

DIMENSIONS OF COMPONENT (Rounded To Nearest Unit)			
LENGTH CL			
WIDTH/CROSS SECTION CW			
HEIGHT CH			
BAY SPAN CB			

FRACTIONS OF AN INCH

001 1/16th Inch
002 1/8th Inch
003 3/16th Inch
004 1/4th Inch
005 5/16th Inch
006 3/8th Inch
007 7/16th Inch
008 1/2th Inch
009 9/16th Inch
010 5/8th Inch
011 11/16th Inch
012 3/4th Inch
013 13/16th Inch
014 7/8th Inch
015 15/16th Inch

INCHES

101-199 (1 - 99) Inches

FEET

201-299 (1-99) Feet
301-399 (1-99) Hundred Feet

MILES

401-498 (1-98) Miles
499 (>99) Miles
(Please note in abstract any miles over 99)

CB/CH/CL/CM/CS/CW

F. PROPERTY DAMAGE/EFFECT**CATALYST EY**

01 Loads
02 Cold
03 Heat
04 Wind
05 Water

06 Condensation
07 Vibration
08 Impact
09 Equipment
10 Soils

11 Fire
12 Maintenance
13 Earthquake
14 Corrosion
15 Flammables/Liquid, Gas

RESULT/EFFECT ER

01 Cosmetic/Aesthetic
02 Cracks
03 Moisture Penetration
04 Infiltration/Thermal
05 Mechanical Malfunction
06 Electrical Malfunction

07 Acoustical Impairment
08 Plumbing Malfunction
09 Environmental Dysfunction
10 Deformation
11 Movement/Deflection
12 Partial Collapse

13 Significant Collapse/Destruction
14 Interior/Spatial Dysfunction
15 Fire/Explosion
16 Falling Objects
17 Inundation/Liquid, Water

COST TO REMEDY ED

0001-0999 (1 - 999) Dollars
1001-1999 (1 - 999) Thousand Dollars
2001-2999 (1 - 999) Million Dollars
3001-3999 (1 - 999) Billion Dollars

G. BODILY INJURY/DEATHS**PHASE OF ACCIDENT BA**

01 Construction

02 Occupancy

03 Demolition

LOCATION OF ACCIDENT BL

01 Roof

02 Floor

03 Hallway

04 People Mover

05 Bridgeway

06 Escalator

07 Elevator

08 Stair

09 Ramp

10 Ladder

11 Window

12 Door

13 Pool

14 Special Room

15 Furniture

16 Fixture

17 Tool

18 Machine

19 Electrical Apparatus

20 Mechanical Apparatus

21 Plumbing Apparatus

22 Platform

23 Sidewalk

24 Parking Lot

25 Roadway

26 Scaffolding

27 Tunnel

28 Trench

29 Construction Equipment

30 Maintenance Equipment

TYPE OF PERSON(S) BP

01 Construction Worker

02 Building Worker

03 Public/User

CATALYST BC

01 Oily

02 Wet

03 Slippery

04 Fixed Object

05 Rough

06 Broken

07 Uneven

08 Openings

09 Debris

10 Weakness

11 Insecurity

12 Pollutants

13 Safety Precautions

14 Hot

15 Cold

16 Wind/Lateral Pressure

RESULT BR

01 Fall

02 Burial

03 Electrocution

04 Trip

05 Collision

06 Exposure

07 Explosion

08 Falling Object/No Collapse

09 Collapse Including Falling Objects

10 Fire

DEATHS BD**INJURIES BI**

0001-0999 (1-9,999) Persons

(Please note in abstract all deaths and/or injuries over 10,000)

BA/BC/BD/BI/BL/BP/BR

H. MANAGEMENT/DELIVERY OF SERVICES

DELAY MD

01-98 (1-98) Months
99 (>99) Months

(Please note in abstract all delays over 99 Months)

OVERRUN MO

EXTRAS ME

0001-0999 (1 - 999) Dollars
1001-1999 (1 - 999) Thousand Dollars
2001-2999 (1 - 999) Million Dollars
3001-3999 (1 - 999) Billion Dollars

STAGE MS

01 Permits, Liens
02 Design
03 Equipment

04 Site Preparation
05 Construction
06 Punch List

07 Occupancy

CATALYST/PERSON MC

01 Surveyor
02 Designer
03 Contractor

04 SubContractor
05 Owner
06 Manufacturer

07 Labor (Strike)
08 Material Supply, Distrib
(Shortage)

MC/MD/ME/MO/MS

I. PARTIES INVOLVED**ALLEGED DEFENDANT/RESPONSIBLE PARTY FD**
CLAIMANT/PLAINTIFF/CONCERNED PARTY FP

01 Architect
02 Landscape Architect
03 Interior Designer
04 Planner/Urban Designer
05 Architect/Engineer
06 Engineer/Architect
07 Structural
08 Civil
09 Mechanical

10 Electrical
11 Geological
12 Contractor
13 SubContractor
14 Construction Worker
15 Building Worker/Employee
16 Fabricator/Manufacturer
17 Distributor/Supplier
18 Surveyor

19 Insurance Company
20 Owner
21 Unrelated Individual
22 Developer
23 Federal Government
24 State Government
25 Local Government

SIZE OF RESPONSIBLE FIRM/DEFENDANT FS

0001-0999 (1 - 999) Persons
1001-1999 (1 - 999) Thousand Persons

OWNER OF PROJECT FO

01 Federal Government
02 State Government
03 Local Government
04 Non-Profit Organization

05 Profit Organization
06 Speculative Developer
07 Design/Build
08 Partnership

09 Joint Venture
10 Individual
11 Foreign Government

FD/FO/FP/FS

J. SERVICES**TYPE OF SERVICES RELATING TO PROBLEM SP**

01 Architectural
02 Structural
03 Civil
04 Mechanical

05 Electrical
06 Geological
07 Surveying
08 Construction

09 Fabrication
10 Distribution/Supply
11 Landscape

TYPE OF DESIGN CONTRACT SC

01 ALA/NSPE
02 ACBC
03 Federal

04 State
05 Military
06 Other Written

07 Oral
08 Local Government

TYPE OF SERVICES RELATING TO CONTRACT SR

01 Survey
02 Bid/Estimates
03 Study/Report/Testing
04 Basic/Full Services
05 Plans, Specifications

06 Shop Drawings
07 Design Drawings
08 Construction Documents
09 Construction Management
10 Observation/Inspection

11 Fabrication
12 Distribution
13 Construction
14 Maintenance

TYPE OF SELECTION PROCESS SS

01 Lump Sum, Competitive
02 Selected Bidders
03 Lump Sum, Negotiated

04 Unit Price, Competitive Bid
05 Unit Price, Lump Sum
06 Cost Plus Fixed Fee

07 Mandatory Low Bid

SC/SP/SR/SS

K. ALLEGATIONS**TYPE OF SUIT/CLAIM/INTENT TO SUE AT**

01 Single	03 Multiple, Secondary/Many Parties	04 Counter
02 Multiple, Primary Party Named	Named	05 Counter & Multiple

STATUS OF CHARGES AC

01 Notice Of Problem	07 In Trial	13 State Board Review
02 Investigation	08 Settlement	14 Appeal Civil Suit Verdict
03 Informal Claim	09 In Arbitration	15 Appeal Criminal Verdict
04 Claim	10 Arbitration/Decision	16 In Mediation
05 Negotiation	11 Civil Suit Verdict	17 Mediation/Decision
06 Litigation, In Suit	12 Criminal Verdict	

**AMOUNT PLAINTIFF SUED FOR AS
AMOUNT OF SETTLEMENT AD**

0001-0999 (1-999) Dollars
1001-1999 (1-999) Thousand Dollars
2001-2999 (1-999) Million Dollars
3001-3999 (1-999) Billion Dollars

ACTIVITY CAUSING ERROR AA

01 Bidding	07 Fabrication	13 Maintenance
02 Planning, Service	08 Transportation	14 Testing
03 Design	09 Construction	15 Nonpayment
04 Specifications	10 Inspection/Observation	16 Installation (Equipment, Etc.)
05 Field Order/No Cost Change	11 Repair	17 Survey (Land)
06 Change Order	12 Occupancy	18 Demolition

REASON FOR FAILURE AR

01 Poor Assumptions	09 Drafting/Copy Error	17 Improper Codes/Standards
02 Survey Error	10 Communications Error	18 Negligent Practice
03 Design Error	11 Poor Quality Fabrication	19 Criminal Negligence
04 Design Omission	12 Poor Quality Material	20 Intentional Conduct
05 Practice Error	13 Poor Quality Construction	21 Natural Causes
06 Improper Specifications	14 Poor Quality Workmanship	22 Normal Aging Of Materials
07 Mismanagement/Rush	15 Poor Observation/Inspection	23 Misuse Of Area
08 Poor Scheduling	16 Poor Maintenance	24 Vandalism

AA/AC/AD/AR/AS/AT

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