

Collaboration Fuels Remarkable Project Delivery

Regardless of the project type, teamwork is essential from concept to completion. However, there is no team without collaboration, and there is poor collaboration without communication.

Everyone involved in a project, from concept to delivery, is the team. Of course, not everyone involved in the project will work directly with everyone else, but everything everyone does as part of the project affects the project. Therefore, it affects the entire project team.



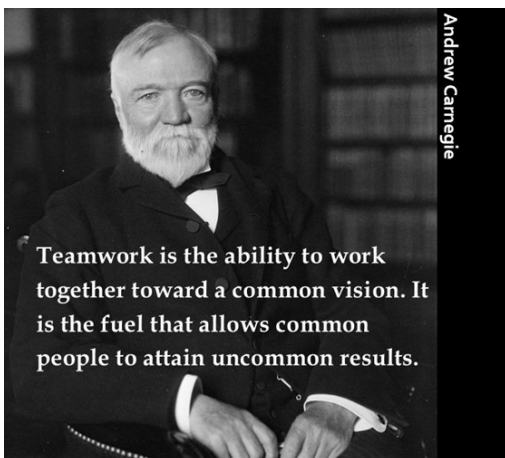
When everyone on the project understands that each is one piece of a giant jigsaw puzzle necessary to complete the big picture, remarkable things happen.

- Fewer delays
- Lower costs
- Innovation
- Quality of work/product
- Fewer accidents involved in project completion.

To achieve the remarkable, communication of ideas, intentions, and progress at varying levels is necessary:

- Between the workforce and supervisors
 - Between supervisors and superintendents
 - Between superintendents, schedulers, and project managers
 - Between designers, estimators, owners, contractors, and project managers

Collaboration and communication are vital during planning; critical to scheduling accuracy and relevance; important for tracking progress; keys to problem-solving; and necessary for documenting lessons learned so that the next project and team can learn from them.



A Scottish American, Andrew Carnegie (November 25, 1835 – August 11, 1919), was one of the most successful business magnates of the late 19th century, leading the growth of the steel industry [1]. He knew something about collaboration. Take his advice for improving project delivery. Improve your teamwork.

Follow this foundational principle to improve your teamwork:

Improve communications to improve collaboration, which in turn improves teamwork.

References: [1] https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andrew_Carnegie