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Lean Construction Pioneer John Strickland Joins Burns & McDonnell in the Pacific Northwest

VANCOUVER, Washington — With more than 40 years of construction management experience, [John Strickland](#) joins Burns & McDonnell in the Pacific Northwest to lead [integrated design-build](#) projects across the U.S.

“From hands-on experience as a carpenter to leading major design-build projects for industrial, manufacturing, commercial and advanced technology clients, John has a deep, holistic understanding of what it takes to make a project successful, from start to finish,” says [Mike Fenske](#), senior vice president and Global Facilities Group general manager at Burns & McDonnell. “John was among the first wave of professionals to develop and implement lean construction principles and has been a driving force in enhancing project delivery methods within the industry. His expansive knowledge of lean construction and focus on integration and flow further strengthens our team and ability to deliver efficient, cost-effective projects for our clients.”

John was a formative leader in developing Incident and Injury-Free Environment safety practices for the construction industry. He has led innovation initiatives and lean system development on more than 20 industrial projects and multi-site programs with values ranging from less than \$5 million to more than \$1 billion. He has been an active member of the Lean Construction Institute since it was established in 1997 and he’s been involved in major Construction Industry Institute (CII) research projects focused on innovation and fast project execution. The key concepts of Respect for People and Continuous Improvement are deeply embedded in Strickland’s approach to project delivery and the lean construction mindset, as well as within his personal values.

“I’ve worked in construction my entire career and I’ve seen a multitude of project delivery methods employed,” Strickland says. “My personal mission is to reimagine how projects can be executed to reach cost and schedule objectives that would be difficult to achieve with traditional

methods, while creating a safer and more satisfying experience for all those involved. I'm excited to join one of the industry's premier design-builders with an incredible culture of innovation, and I look forward to being part of the next step in moving our industry forward to meet the growing demands our clients face."

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