



## **Owners Hold The Key To Controlling Costs**

There are many factors that influence the cost of construction. Some are obvious: land acquisition, permits and construction costs. Then, there are the future costs or "life-cycle" costs to consider: maintenance, repair and replacement the cost of keeping the facility and its systems up and running.

One of the most effective ways to control construction costs is to establish early involvement on behalf of the owner and the contractor. This may seem obvious, but under the traditional method of construction delivery, the owner commissions an architect or engineer to prepare drawings and specifications, then separately selects a builder by negotiation or competitive bidding at a later stage in the project's development.

In contrast, the most effective way of achieving early contractor involvement is by employing the design/build project delivery method.

Design/build streamlines project delivery through a single contract between the owner and the design/build team, creating an environment of collaboration and teamwork.

As illustrated in the accompanying graph, decisions made early in the conceptual planning and design phases have a dominant influence on the cost and completion time of the project. It becomes evident that the owner holds the key to controlling project construction costs because all decisions made at the onset of a project have far greater influence than those made at later stages. In addition, design and construction decisions made early-on will influence the continuing life-cycle costs.

When the owner works with a single team under one contract, it is far easier to balance his or her facility needs and budget with the design, materials, systems and construction processes required to maximize the owner's revenues.

United from the beginning, an integrated team works to successfully complete a project faster, safer, more costeffectively and with fewer change orders.

Learn more about how Lacy Construction Company can help you with your construction project from start to finish. Visit us online at *www.lacygc.com* or call 308.384.2866.



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## Hall Student Union

## Hastings, Nebraska

The new pizza oven and serving line in the Hall Student Union on the CCC campus is complete.

The 8,400-square-foot ground floor level of the Student Union has been completely remodeled to create "the place to be" if you are a student at the Hastings campus. The new Student Union includes a gaming center, a snack bar/dining center, a multicultural center, and a Veteran's Center.



## Why Lacy?

Our experience enhances your experience. As a family-owned and operated company that's been in business for more than 60 years, our team and our processes are designed to produce great buildings and great customer experiences.

Our quality is non-negotiable. At Lacy Construction Company, we've engineered our processes to produce quality that's evident in every project we build, unlike others who occasionally achieve it by chance. That quality is made possible by the longevity of our dedicated staff and attested to by our many customers who choose Lacy Construction again and again to meet their building needs.

We are committed to your success. We take the time to understand your goals so that we can help create buildings and environments which augment your business, provide for your associates and serve your customers...now and well into the future.

For new construction, major additions and interior renovations, Lacy Construction has the experience to turn your dreams into reality. From office buildings to industrial facilities, schools to medical facilities, and churches to just about any type of structure, we can handle the entire process from start-to-finish. Let's talk!



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