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PROGRESSIVE PROJECT DELIVERY®

When the design/build project delivery method first emerged, it was hailed as a way to improve the speed of project delivery versus the traditional design/bid/build methodology. Yet in the intervening years, many who have tried design/build found that it does not come without a price: Clients can lose control over the project and rarely receive any cost savings.

STANDING BEHIND OUR WORD AND OUR WORK

Hixson created Progressive Project Delivery® (PPD), a Hixson project methodology, to realize the speed-of-completion benefits of design/build without the inherent hassles of design/bid/build. PPD is comprised of a combination of five key contractual components:

CAPABILITIES

- Commitment to cost. Hixson takes responsibility for estimating the project and designing to the budget, which is provided at the end of Preliminary Design for capital approval.
- Selection/integration of the construction entity. Hixson takes an active role in determining the timing of engaging the Construction Manager or General Contractor (CM/GC) so that a “partnership” can be established early in the project cycle. This allows both parties to focus on working as a team to represent the client’s best interests.
- Execution that is as fast or faster than other methods. Thanks to the CM/GC pre-selection process, the team can create a preliminary project schedule that meets project requirements, using fast-track or hyper-track as appropriate. We then deliver our design work within the agreed upon time frame. Plus, once a schedule is established, clients are assured that no other client’s design project will take precedence over their project.
- Representation of the client’s interests during construction. Hixson documents communicate the expectations of the client. Hixson also provides an Owner’s Representative in the field to ascertain the owner’s needs are met in areas such as conformance to contract documents, schedule, quality, etc.
- Resolution of issues – equitably. Hixson is the point of responsibility to resolve field issues. Working as a team with the contractor, we take the necessary actions to swiftly and equitably resolve project issues– even if the issue stems from Hixson.

BENEFITS

One reason Hixson clients receive maximum value when they use PPD is the involvement of our associates, who work in Hixson’s 16 integrated, in-house disciplines and apply their specialized knowledge and insight to serve as the client’s advocate. Additional benefits of PPD include:

- Knowledge based design/engineering from the start. We are known for our areas of project specialization.
- No hidden costs - all savings go to the client.
- Lower or similar project costs. When it comes to total project costs, PPD projects cost no more than other project delivery methods.
- Significant customization to the client’s needs with greater project control and faster time-to-completion.
- More effective use of capital - money is spent where it will provide the most value to the client.
- Greater accountability with less finger pointing.