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Construction Partnering

Construction partnering is a project management practice where transportation agencies, contractors, and other stakeholders create a team relationship of mutual trust and improved communications. Partnering builds relationships and connections among stakeholders to improve outcomes and successful completion of quality projects that are built on time and within budget, focused on safety, and profitable for contractors.

Benefits

- Increases Transparency. Partnering builds a relationship of mutual trust and an enhanced understanding of stakeholder roles and responsibilities, while resolving issues and minimizing disputes.
- **Saves Time.** Partnering strengthens collaborations that can reduce project schedules by eliminating misunderstandings.
- **Saves Money.** Partnering reduces project costs by minimizing change orders and claims through improved relationships, trust, and communication.