

# BEGINNING WITH THE END IN MIND:

How **Digitalizing Project Closeout** Can Eliminate  
One Of The Greatest Risks To A Successful Project

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Project Controls  
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PROVEN PROJECT CERTAINTY.

# TODAY'S SPEAKERS



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# A CAUTIONARY TALE: **DENVER BAGGAGE HANDLING SYSTEM**

**United axes troubled baggage system at  
Denver airport**  
The complicated system never worked as designed  
**COMPUTERWORLD**



**Denver Airport Saw the Future. It  
Didn't Work.**  
**The New York Times**

# TODAY'S DISCUSSION: **NIMBLE, MODERN PROJECT CONTROLS**

## **Construction:**

- The world's largest ecosystem, representing 13% of global GDP...
- ...but also lagging in technology adoption
- Highly regulated, cyclical demand, significant projects extremely customized
- Greatly affected by COVID outbreaks in the workplace

## **Los Angeles World Airports (LAX):**

- Essentially the same infrastructure and project control needs of a city
- Embarked on ambitious 15-year, \$17B (US) modernization project
- Digitalized processes, systems and documentation with asset operation in mind
- Digital platform improves efficiency, mitigates risk and enhances owner satisfaction

# EFFECTIVE CLOSEOUT: **THE PROJECT VERSION OF A HEALTHY DIET**

- You know you need to do it...
- It's hard because ...
- Working remotely – we can make it more efficient
- It's even more important now



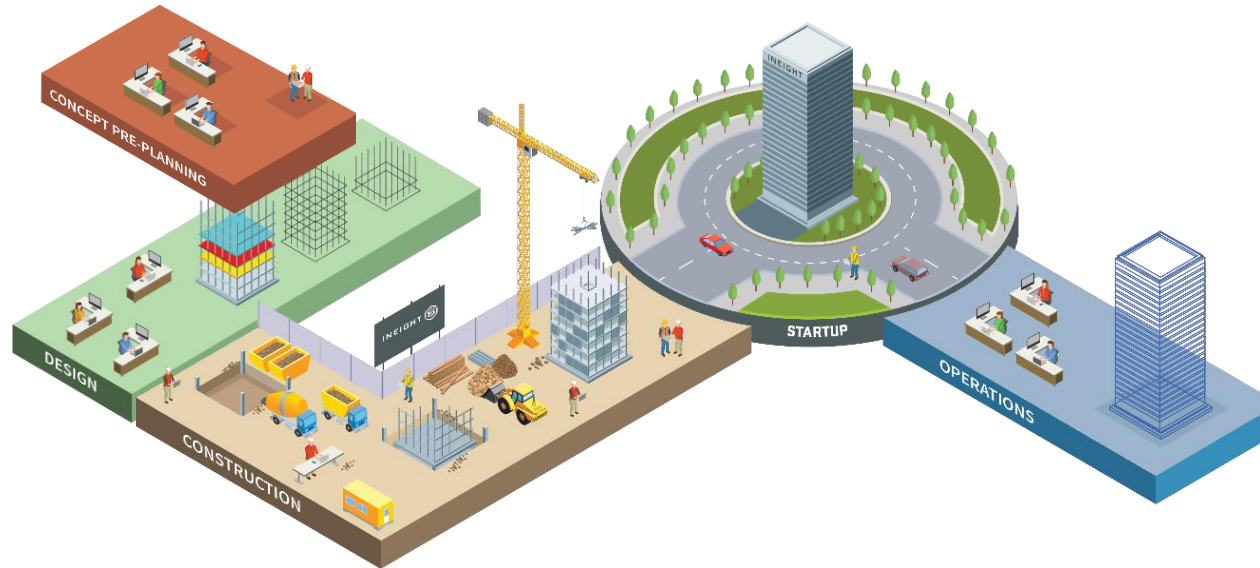
# THE END-TO-END PROJECT & ASSET LIFECYCLE

## Concept/Pre-Planning

- Manage all applications and workflow through a single landing page
- Create conceptual, budgetary estimates and schedules for early-stage projects based on previous projects
- Properly evaluate schedule and cost risk using machine learning and benchmarking

## Design

- Create detailed estimates and schedules based on latest scope and design
- Easily assess cost and schedule impacts from scope and design changes
- Manage contracts and document control with workflow through the design phase



## Construction

- Update earned values, budgets and forecasts based on real-time progress
- Create work packages, manage crews/subs/suppliers and track progress
- Manage contracts, bid buyout and procurement

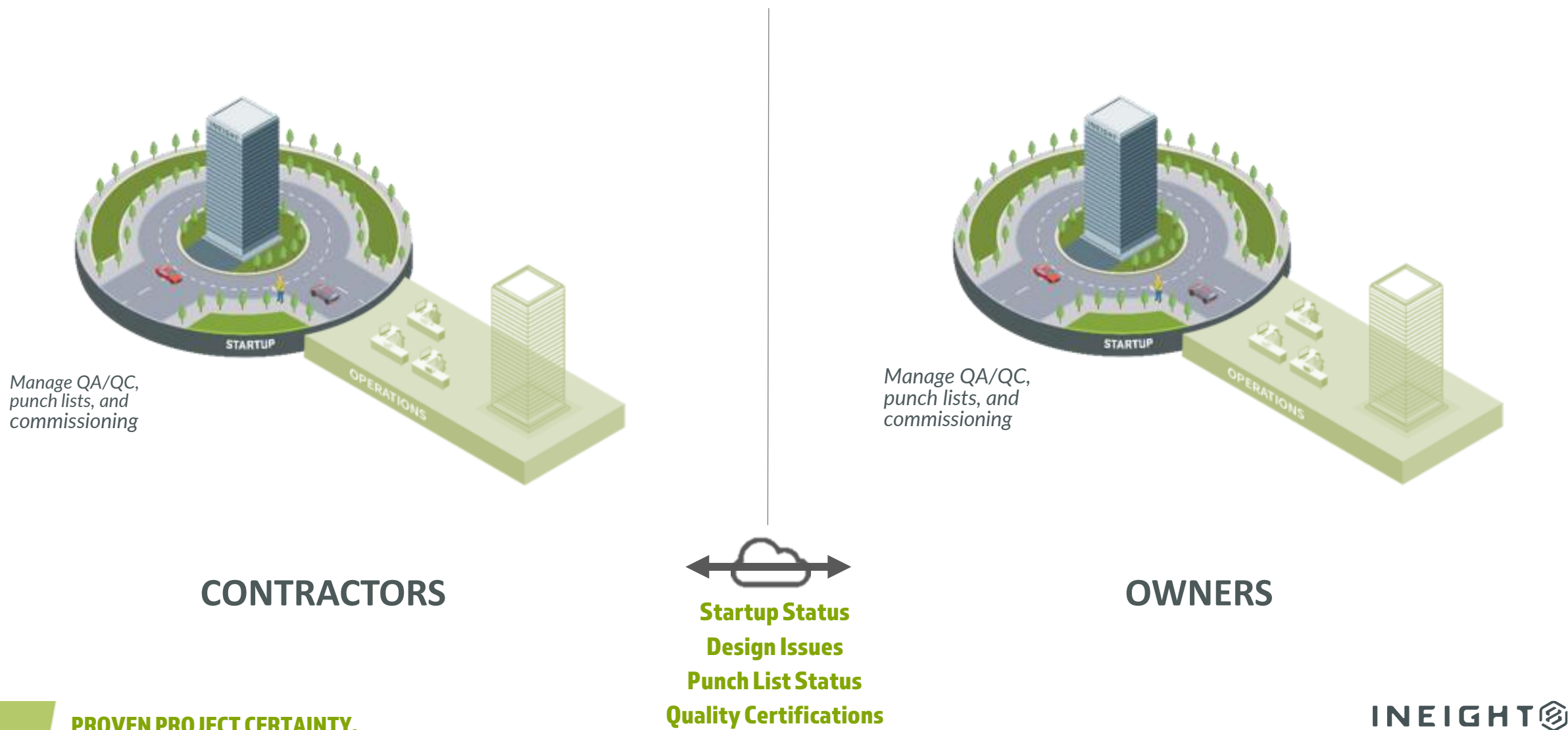
## Commissioning / Closeout

- Manage QA/QC requirements
- Manage punch lists
- Plan and execute commissioning and startup activities

## Operations

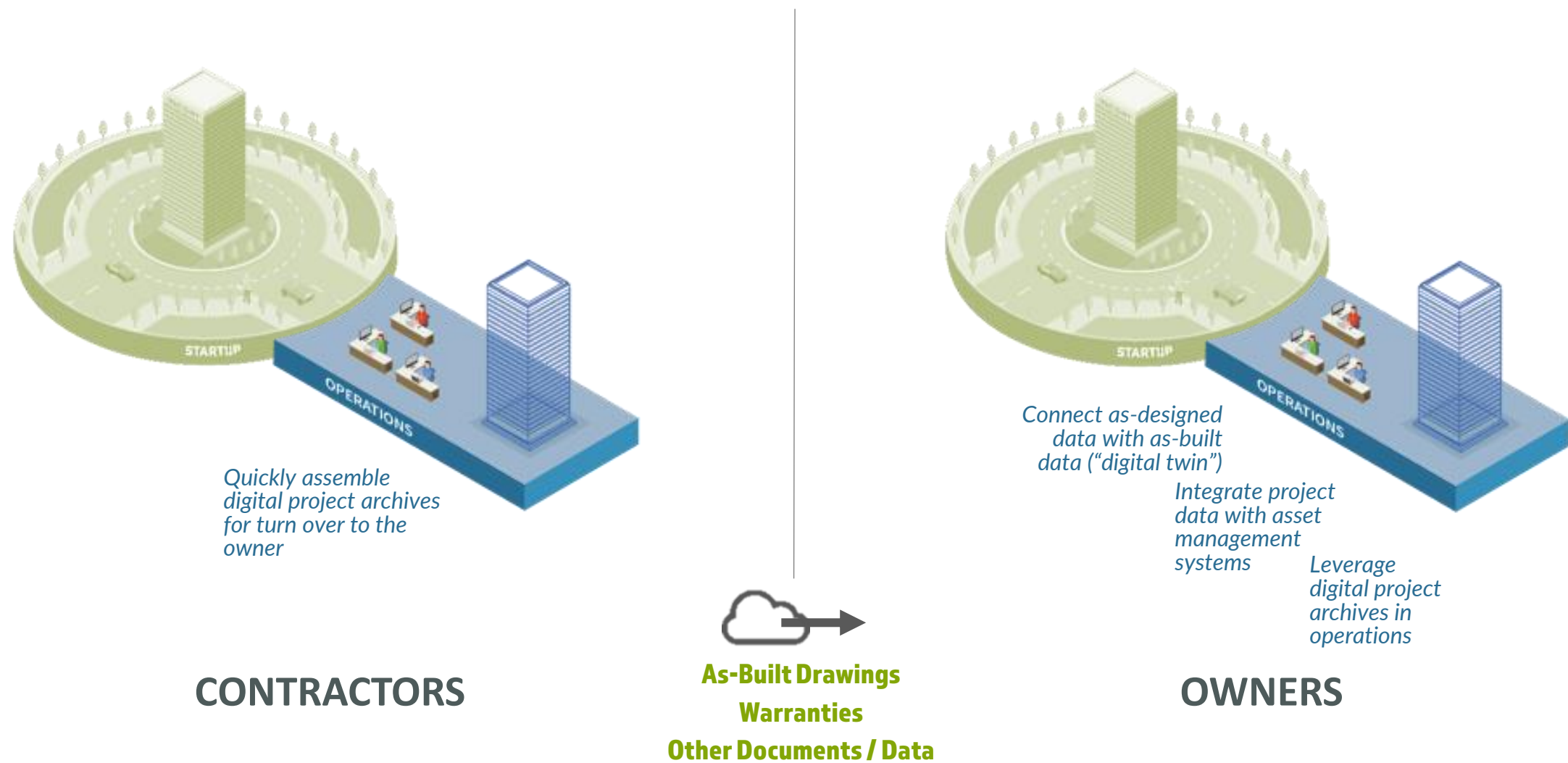
- Plan maintenance/shutdown and ongoing upgrades to the facility/asset
- Integrate project data with asset management systems
- Leverage digital project archives in operations
- **DIGITAL TWIN** connects as-designed and as-built data

# LATER LIFECYCLE STAGE: COMMISSIONING / CLOSEOUT





# LATER LIFECYCLE STAGE: **OPERATIONS**



# 8 KEY IMPERATIVES FOR A **SUCCESSFUL CLOSEOUT**

1

**Leverage BIM** to develop a model with the end in mind

2

Recognize the technology needs to **support both Project Delivery AND Operations**

3

Institute consistent **checks and balances** throughout the project

4

Develop and implement a **contractually binding owner's standard**

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**Check and validate deliverables** throughout project design and construction phases

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Provide **a single source** of easily accessed, usable and **updated as-built information**

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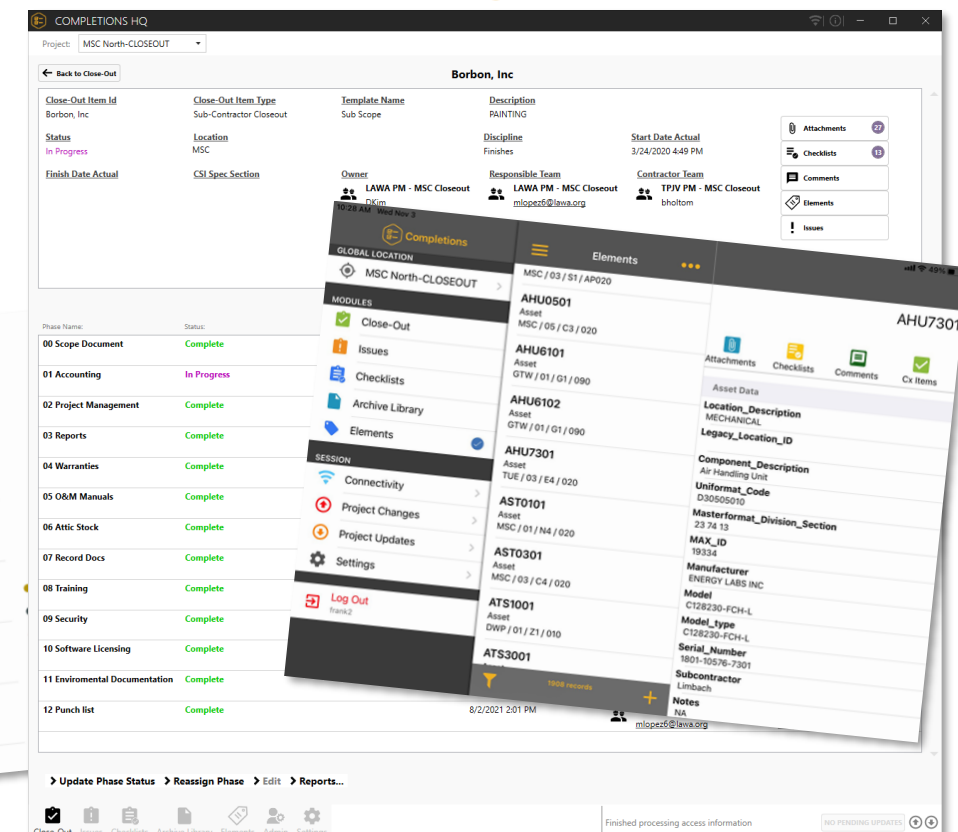
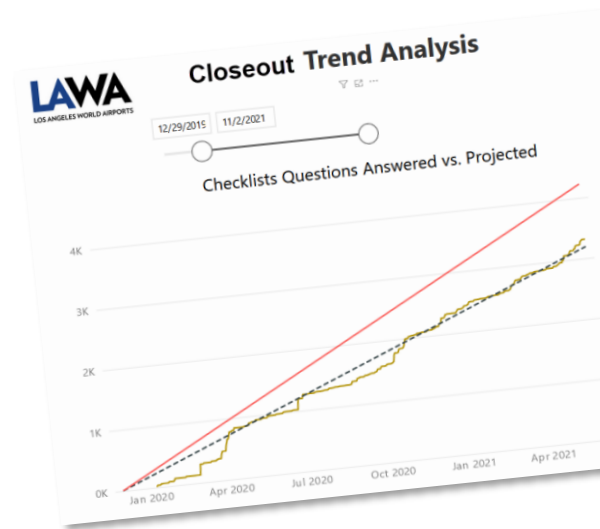
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**Maintain as-built data in its native file format** for easy re-use

# DIGITIZED CLOSEOUT DURING COVID: THE LAX APPROACH

- Make it familiar and use legacy framework
- Implement as workflow in an existing system
- Adapted SQC Module to automate manual workflow





# DIGITIZED CLOSEOUT: **THE BENEFITS TO LAX**



# DIGITIZED CLOSEOUT: THE BENEFITS TO LAX

- Consistent collection of important information from capital projects
- Consolidation of related activities such as punch, commissioning, training, etc..
- Focused process to feed LAX campus master (digital twin database)
- Improved data transfer to operations (CMMS)
- Improved visibility - holistic campus-wide view



# BACK TO DIA: COULD IT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED?

- 1 Go beyond BIM to develop a model with the end in mind
- 2 Recognize the technology needs to support both Project Delivery AND Operations
- 3 Institute consistent checks and balances throughout the project
- 4 Develop and implement a contractually binding owner's standard
- 5 Check and validate deliverables throughout project design and construction phases
- 6 Provide a single source of easily accessed, usable and updated as-built information
- 7 Reduce risk of repeated as-built efforts and cost for the same location
- 8 Maintain as-built file format for

No real way to know for sure, but – what could have been different?

- Starting with the end in mind
- Integrate Information workflows in the Delivery process
- Reporting analytics– punch list management can be an indicator.
- Technology won't save you – and don't wait until the end





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