



Join the Knowledge Exchange!

LPPDE North America 2026 - Seattle **September 28 - October 1**



Come Exchange Knowledge and Learn with us.

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The Lean Product and Process Development Exchange, Inc. is a nonprofit organization created to foster opportunities to grow and share the knowledge, expertise and experiences that help organizations use lean product development to dramatically improve product development performance.

Machinery of Innovation

LPPDE North America 2026 in Seattle, WA is approaching!

Dear participant!

Recent years have shown how important supply chains and manufacturing are to our daily lives. Even great products can fail if production has problems—delays keep customers waiting, and poor quality hurts trust. As companies rethink their strategies and focus more on manufacturing, we must look at how we create and deliver value. This year's Lean Product & Process Development Exchange North America will explore the key role of Process Development.

Our 2026 theme, "Machinery of Innovation" asks us to think about two aspects of innovation:

- *First, we want to build product development systems that create new ideas and solutions again and again—smoothly and reliably, like a well-run machine.*
- *Second, we know that every great product depends on the processes that make it real: the production systems, supply chains, factories, and machines that turn ideas into products for customers.*

As we learned in our June Virtual Series: what we don't learn during development, we suffer in manufacturing. This fall, we'll look closely at how learning happens in product and process development. Join us in Seattle to share ideas, practical tools, and inspiration with experts and peers from around the world. Let's build the Machinery of Innovation together.

Let's come together to build a stronger, smarter, and more innovative future—one idea, one conversation, and one connection at a time.

We hope you'll join us Seattle, WA, September 28 - October 1, 2026!



Andy Wagner and Marcos Easterman, 2026 North America Conference Chair and Co-Chair

One workshop day followed by two days full of learning and knowledge exchange ending with yet another workshop day. Many qualified presenters telling their stories about what worked and what didn't. Meet peers and speakers during the breaks and learn even more! Read more: www.lppde.org Welcome to the 33rd LPPDE Conference.

The slides from most of the presentations will be shared as a pdf after the conference and the speakers are normally very open to answering questions and to continue the EXCHANGE of knowledge.

The conference hosts speakers from the following organizations:



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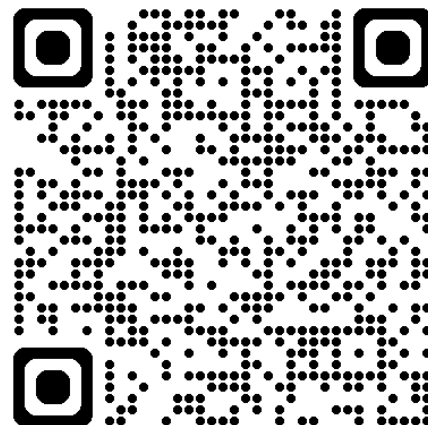


Conference site:

Seattle

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Program:





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The Science of Improving Innovation

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Monday, September 28, 2026: Pre-Conference Workshop		
7:30am-11:00pm	Bengt Johansson + Peter Palmér, LPPDE – <i>Lean Product and Process Development Basics</i>	Rick Pedersen, Old Norse, LLC – <i>Practicing Advanced LPPD – Applying The Methods You’ve Heard About</i>
12:00pm-3:30pm	Lunch	Lunch
	Andy Wagner + Peter Palmér, LPPDE – <i>The Wright Brothers were the First to use LPPD</i>	continued
Tuesday, September 29, 2026: Conference Day		
7:30am	Welcome by Andy Wagner, Conference chair LPPDE	
8:00am	Keynote: Ramy Mourad, Boeing – <i>Evolving Needs for the Future</i>	
8:40am	Learning Session + Break	
9:10am	Steven C Holt, Boeing – <i>The Chief Engineer’s Role in Creating High Performance Teams and Successful Products: Learning from History</i>	
9:50am	Monica Rossi, University of Milan – <i>Set Based Thinking</i>	
10:30am	Networking Break	
10:50am	Geoff Neiley, Rapiscan Systems – <i>Key Decisions – The Critical Step to Innovation</i>	
11:30pm	Networking Lunch – Open Space	
12:50pm	TBD, Co – Title	
1:30pm	TBD, Co – Title	
2:10pm	Networking Break	
2:30pm	Allan Coletta, Lean 3P Associates and Encouraging Leaders – <i>Using 3P to Grow Your Business by Growing Your Leaders</i>	
3:10pm	Learning Session + Wrap-up	
3:30pm	Break for the Day!	
5:30pm	Networking buffet – Location TBD	
Wednesday, September 30, 2026: Conference Day		
7:30am	Welcome back and reflection by Marcos Esterman, Conference co-chair, LPPDE	
8:00am	Keynote: April K Mills, Engine for Change – <i>Driving Change in Lean Product & Process Development: Everyone is a Change Agent</i>	
8:40am	Networking Break	
9:10am	Peter Palmér, TRATON – <i>LPPD and Agile – The Chief Engineer in an Agile World</i>	
9:50am	Larry Navarre, Kettering University – <i>Systems Thinking Applied to Innovation Development</i>	
10:30am	Learning Session + Break	
10:50am	Peder Fitch, Philips – <i>Execution Excellence – Experiences in Process Simplification, Training and AI</i>	
11:30pm	Networking Lunch	
12:40pm	Panel Discussion – <i>Machinery of Innovation</i>	
1:30pm	Matt O’Brien, Boeing – <i>Precedence-Based Project Management</i>	
2:10pm	Networking Break	
2:30pm	TBD, Co – Title	
3:10pm	Andy Wagner, Chair of the conference, LPPDE – <i>Closing Address</i>	
3:30pm	End – Let’s work in a new way!	
Thursday, October 1, 2026: Post - Conference Workshops		
7:30am	Bengt Johansson, LPPDE – <i>Industrialization</i>	Monica Rossi, University of Milan – <i>Set-based Simulation</i>
11:00pm	Lunch	Lunch
12:00pm-3:30pm	Russ Field, Boeing – <i>Shadow of the Engineer on Society & Sustainability</i>	Continued