THE BUSINESS PERSPECTIVE (OF IT)

- Slow to respond
- ✓ Inflexible
- ✓ Project failure over promise/under deliver
- Systems anarchy/lack of governance
- Unclear return on investment/value for \$
- ✓ Seem as a "necessary evil"



THE IT PERSPECTIVE (OF THE BUSINESS)

- Endless "firefighting" (unplanned work)
- Conflicting priorities
- Unpredictable demand
- Changing system requirements
- ✓ Constraints time, \$, people, regulations
- Lack of business engagement



THE CHALLENGE/OPPORTUNITY

Most companies spend 80% of their IT operating budget just to keep systems running, not investing in improvement or innovation of the business.

Source: Pricewaterhouse Coopers Technology Forecast, Summer 2009



KLO = Keeping the Lights On

WHAT 23 YEARS OF RESEARCH SHOWS

Essential elements to sustained operational excellence must include:

- Quality information
- Effective information systems
- Active participation of the IT organization in continuous improvement

DEFINING LEAN IT

Engaging people, improving process, leveraging technology

- ✓ Framework of lean principles, <u>systems</u>, and tools
- ✓ Integrate and synchronize with the business
- Provide quality information and information systems
- Enabling the flow of value to the customer



BENEFITS OF LEAN IT

- Alignment and integration with the business
- Co-architect of operational excellence
- Engaged IT staff: morale, retention, results
- Improved communication and collaboration
- √ Value center versus a cost center