WHY VISUAL MANAGEMENT?

Better Thinking
Visual management using pictures, diagrams, and accessible information leads to better thinking and better results.

Computer Ststems
Computer system are very important to almost every business - including lean companies.

But ...We need to use computer systems for what they are good at, and use visual and hand-written methods for the thinks people are good at.

Computers are very good at arithmetic, data analysis, printing useful charts, and sharing information over long distances.

People are good at doing things that require variability, making decisions, collaboration, resolving errors and problems, improving their processes, and innovation.

On-Time Delivery
The delivery requirements are easy to see.

The delay is seen in real time; not in meetings or computer reportd

Delayed production or administration is immediately seen and prioritized.

Understand Information
Information is open and easy to see

Information is in plain English; not cryptic terms or language

Status information uses colors or shapes or placement so the status can be immediately identified.

Identify Problems
Every one can see when problems occur

Problems are not obscured by other things, other materials or hidden in computer files.

Share improvement Ideas
Everybody can identify improvement opportunities because they can be easily observed.

Sustained Improvement
When problems are resolved it is easy to see if the solution is sustained over time, or falls back to the old way.