

PennDOT

Deltek's project management software selected by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to coordinate massive slate of road construction projects

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THE CHALLENGE

PennDOT needed more than just a stand-alone software package to help with a massive construction program. They needed a product with the ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously.

THE SOLUTION

PennDOT purchased approximately 600 copies of Open Plan Professional and Open Plan Desktop, which integrate with an engineering and construction management system designed and implemented by KPMG.

The overall system allows the department to manage thousands of design and construction projects that are underway at any given time. PennDOT is encouraging its hundreds of contractors and subcontractors to use Deltek software as well.

THE BENEFITS

PennDOT chose Open Plan for several reasons, but a key reason was its open architecture and resulting ability to easily integrate with other software applications. PennDOT also found Deltek's software easier to use than other packages and needed Open Plan's ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously.

The flexibility of Open Plan also allows users to quickly and easily transport data into and out of the system. Furthermore, PennDOT can use Open Plan in various settings. For example, an engineer can use Open Plan Desktop in the field to enter data on materials, tasks, and resources. That data can subsequently be uploaded into Open Plan Professional at the district offices.

PennDOT's overall goal is to make optimum use of its resources as it launches a massive program to maintain and enhance the Department's infrastructure.



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To handle the increased workload, PennDOT is reorganizing along project lines, so that designers, engineers, bridge specialists, and others can be assembled to take on a particular project. Historically, each functional unit would work on a project as another unit finished, but the various groups did not always operate as an integrated team.

In addition, PennDOT aims to balance its workload between its staff and outside consultants and contractors. The comprehensive data generated by Deltek's software working with PennDOT's new Engineering and Construction Management System helps in that effort.

Open Plan is the most technically advanced client/server project management system on the market, using the latest in Microsoft Windows® development technology. These attributes were instrumental in PennDOT's selection of Deltek software.

"Because the department can have 1,000 or more design jobs underway at any one time, PennDOT needed more than a stand-alone project package," says Jim Sideris, senior project manager for KPMG, which assisted PennDOT in the selection process. "Open Plan's ease of use, consistent interface, and ODBC compliance combined to set Open Plan apart from the competition."