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Sage Project Lifecycle Management

Online Collaboration Tool Provides Centralized Hub For Efficient Project-Related Document Management

Headline News

Sage was honored with a *Constructech* magazine's 2009 Vision award. The awards honor companies that have realized the advantages of applying innovative technologies to their businesses, and the technology enablers that have helped them achieve their goal. Award winners were honored during a special ceremony at the fourth annual Technology Day conference, held this year at the Crowne Plaza Chicago O'Hare Hotel.

Miscommunication is often the cause of the delays or errors that negatively impact the bottom line of your projects. Current economic pressures make it more critical than ever for construction industry organizations to work with maximum efficiency. Sage Project Lifecycle Management (PLM) is a comprehensive, Web-based collaborative platform that can simplify your overall workflow by making all your project-related information and documentation available online in a secure, centralized location. Let's learn more.

Centralized Project Information

Construction project teams tend to be widely dispersed and productivity is often negatively impacted by inefficient information-sharing methods. Sage PLM acts as a centralized hub allowing project teams to exchange ideas and information with ease. Team members can collectively view, edit, and manage documents to carry out project plans more efficiently. Even customers and suppliers can be integrated into the system. Sage PLM allows you to break through the road blocks in your current workflow, enabling teams in multiple locations to collaborate online, in real time, throughout the building design, construction, and occupancy phases.



Secure 24/7 Access

Sage PLM leverages the power of the Internet, so your project team can work online at any time of the day or night. Sage PLM allows authorized individuals to access, view, exchange, and work on stored information—all of your documents, schedules, contracts, drawings, budgets, and forecasts, are available to project team members with Internet access, anytime, anywhere.

Data is hosted on secure servers and monitored 24/7. Regular system and data backups ensure availability of the latest data. All user transactions are time and date stamped, retaining a full record of who changed what and when, providing a full audit trail.

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Easy To Implement And Customize

Sage PLM is offered through a SaaS (Software as a Service) model, so you can be up and running quickly, with no need for additional hardware and minimal expenditure of IT resources. Sage PLM can be customized to match your organization's current workflow and procedures.

Full Range Of Editing Tools

Sage PLM facilitates online revisions with a drawing tool that allows project team members to view and mark up drawing files and insert comments. They will be able to develop dialog threads about potential design changes, and draw attention to issues that may trigger a change. Once entered, mark-ups and comments are permanently associated with the document. As a result, there is far less reliance on printing, reproduction, distribution, and storage of the many drawings and documents

typically produced during the course of a project, so your organization can experience significant savings in costs associated with printing, reproduction, and delivery.

Microsoft Outlook Integration

Sage PLM includes a launch point within Microsoft Outlook that links directly to project folders. From within Microsoft Outlook, team members quickly can see if new project information has been issued without having to login to the system. Team members can view their outstanding actions, manage project-related e-mail, and toggle directly between e-mail and Sage PLM.

Historical Reporting

As documents are uploaded for your projects, you will build an electronic archive of your data. When a project is complete, you can choose to maintain your project data online, or receive a self-contained, fully

searchable electronic archive file. Team members also can receive an archive of project data specific to their access rights.

Exchange Standards Information

The Sage PLM Standards Manager allows you to coordinate standards information across more than one project. Both your internal and external team members, with security privileges that you set, can share written specifications, policy statements, contracts, proforma templates, design drawings, pictures, models, graphics, branding information, and even Web site links.

The Web service platform of Sage PLM was developed in partnership with BIW® Technologies, a global leader in Web-based business applications. Please give us a call with your questions about Sage Project Lifecycle Management. ✨

Easy Update Installation With Sage Installation Manager

Do you have a number of workstations attached to your Sage Timberline Office server? If so, installing software updates can be a time-consuming process. Now, the Sage Installation Manager, included in the summer update to Sage Timberline Office, streamlines this process.

Sage Installation Manager allows you to install software updates to multiple workstations from a single location. For example, working directly from the Sage Installation Manager on your server, you can automatically install updates to all workstations instead

of manually installing the update on each workstation—a much more efficient use of your time.

With Sage Installation Manager you also have the ability to perform a variety of other functions directly from the server. You can:

- Download and manage available updates.
- View workstation status to determine the software version and whether the workstation is currently active.
- Reboot individual workstations, if needed.

- Install and monitor the progress of a workstation update.
- Access a log that provides an overview of each workstation installation.
- Check to see whether an update from Sage is available.

Note: You also will continue to receive e-mail notifications as updates become available.

Please call us for more information or [click here](#) for instructions on using the Sage Installation Manager. ✨