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Autodesk Buzzsaw Used to Save Time and Money

With a network of clients and partners, maintaining top-notch communication has been a challenge for DPR, a Silicon Valley-based contractor whose annual revenue is now up to \$1 billion. The firm somewhat improved its distribution of project materials and information to team members by using an in-house online collaboration space, but it didn't have the functionality DPR was looking for. That's when DPR turned to **Autodesk® Buzzsaw™**. It gave the contractor a secure, centralized location for storing and sharing information, as well as the means to track all the activities within a project.



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IT Project Manager,
DPR, Inc.

The Situation

DPR Construction is a forward-thinking, fast-growth industry leader. In the 11 years since its founding, DPR has seen its annual revenues rocket from just under \$30 million to more than \$1 billion. Its clients have included MCI, E*Trade, AMD, Charles Schwab, Novell, and General Magic.

The Challenge

With its vast web of clients, partners, suppliers, and subcontractors, a key challenge for DPR has been maintaining clear lines of communication. "Our average project is in the \$10–20 million range," says Rick Moreland, IT Project Manager at DPR. "Each one involves multiple contractors for electrical, civil engineering, cabling infrastructure, and so on. Hundreds of individuals are involved. And one lost detail in any of those relationships—something as seemingly minor as getting a paint color wrong—can be catastrophic."

Like all general contractors, DPR devotes a lot of time to distributing project materials and documents, and informing team members about design changes, scheduling issues, and daily events. DPR tried to get better control over this process by developing an in-house online collaboration space, a central storehouse for project information and updates. It did help project teams improve organization, but it lacked functionality. Plus, as an in-house solution, it wasn't compatible with the systems of DPR's partners. The company realized it needed a better application—one that could serve as a standard in an industry that is quickly adopting online solutions.

The Solution

DPR improved project management by adopting Autodesk Buzzsaw as its online workspace. By using Autodesk Buzzsaw—a secure application that enables building teams to store and share project drawings and documents in a central location—DPR project team members reduce

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time spent distributing materials and alerting team members to changes. They are also able to monitor site activity at a high level or in detail and automatically track all activities within a project. In addition, DPR can customize Autodesk Buzzsaw to fit the company's needs. "We've found we can better manage our content and processes by maintaining one site within Autodesk Buzzsaw and subdividing for individual projects," Moreland says.

The Result: Money Earned—and Saved

DPR's clients and subcontractors have embraced Autodesk Buzzsaw software as well, helping the company to earn, as well as save, money. "The owners we work with certainly like Autodesk Buzzsaw software," says Moreland. "One of our selling points when we're pursuing new business is that we have this advanced functionality—Autodesk Buzzsaw is really delivering that for us." Commenting on the Autodesk Buzzsaw service's ease of use, Moreland added: "By making Autodesk Buzzsaw and the other resources and tools so easy to learn and use, Autodesk has saved us lots of time on training and support."

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