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Spitfire Project Management System: A Smart Solution

In the search for an accessible, user friendly, construction management program that fully integrates all aspects of a business, Spitfire Project Management System will exceed expectations. Codell Construction Company required a program that would integrate the project management side of its business with the accounting side. This program needed to allow for extensive electronic documentation while providing an accessible environment for all employees and external users where they might view information and communicate effectively. After a lengthy search, Spitfire along with Microsoft Dynamics SL was the best fit.

Codell Construction Company provides services for a variety of construction project types; while most often serving as Construction Manager, Codell also performs as Construction Manager At-Risk or General Contractor. On-Site responsibilities and required documentation vary depending on the type of service Codell is providing. This contract type also significantly impacts the accounting department. Spitfire, with Dynamics SL, offers flexibility for project documentation, and a reliable means to account for Project Revenue and Costs. Spitfire allows Codell to differentiate between Owner Direct Costs and Codell Costs in order to maintain an accurate Project Budget, as well as an accurate General Ledger. Before Spitfire & Dynamics, the Accounting Department would spend weeks preparing for an Audit—now, with an integrated system, this preparation is complete within a matter of days.

Spitfire Project Management is available to all Codell employees as well as external entities who have internet access. Each person involved with a project, from on-site Construction Managers to the Architect to the Owner, may log-in at any time and view or respond to information and documents within the program. All documents and processes related to a job take place within Spitfire, creating an accurate, extensive and complete accounting of a Project—from beginning to end. Codell Project Managers and On-Site Construction Managers utilize the program to record and distribute vital information through such documents as Daily Reports, Meeting Minutes, Inspections, Punch Lists, Submittal Packages, RFI's, Contractor Claims and Proposed Change Orders.   All crucial documents, from Initial Contracts to Final Closeouts, are generated, distributed and filed within Spitfire.

Spitfire Project Management Software is a very flexible and highly customizable program. Project documentation is constantly evolving, requiring over twenty-five custom Spitfire Documents and at least fifty custom templates. While the process of customization is tedious, the Spitfire staff continues to be attentive, informative and extremely helpful. Change, of any sort, is always met with resistance; however, the benefits of implementing Spitfire highly outweigh the obstacles, as we utilize an accessible, fully integrated and efficient program.