

Wyoming Department of Transportation



SYNOPSIS

In 2004, the State of Wyoming Department of Transportation (WyDOT) conducted an evaluation of its project management solution. Led by Ken Spear and the pre-construction group, WyDOT began reviewing alternatives to its installed pre-construction, construction and project management solution in order to solve key problems including:

- Inefficiencies resulting from an unfriendly user interface
- Non-integrated project development system—duplicate data entry
- Upgrades and enhancements depended on the software vendor's steering committee—larger states, greater influence
- Software modifications were very expensive
- If modifications were available, the process took years to complete

After researching and identifying current system shortcomings, WyDOT began looking for an easy-to-use, customized solution to meet the specific needs and business processes of the DOT and provide a high level of service, support, and attention to the users. After an extensive evaluation, WyDOT determined that the Project Development Business System (PDBS) in use by the State of Utah (UDOT) fit all of the criteria for WyDOT's new

project development solution. The award-winning PDBS solution was rewritten by ExeVision in cooperation with the State of Utah, and made commercially available to the market as ExeVision's *iPD* integrated project development solution. As an enhanced and re-developed application, ExeVision implemented a customized version of the *iPD* solution for WyDOT, modifying and augmenting the functionality based on the product specification developed by ExeVision, WyDOT users and the state AGC.



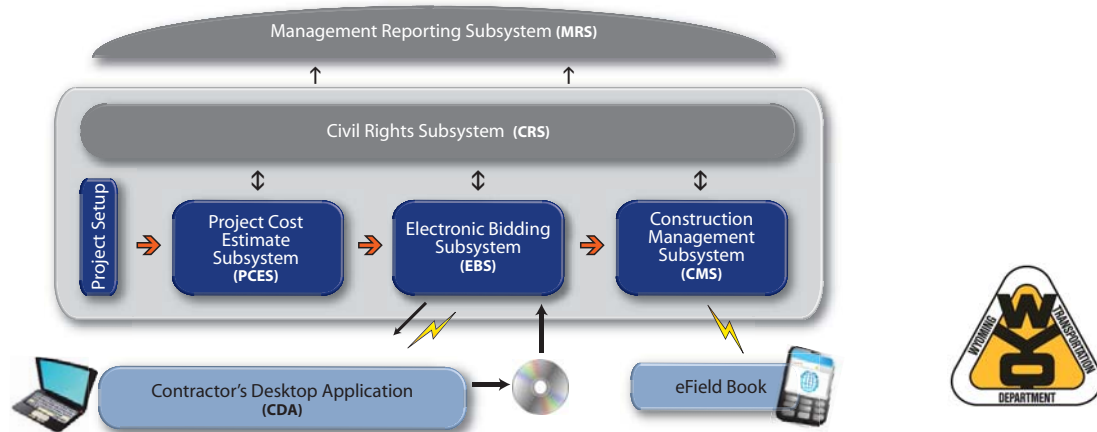
iPD subsystems implemented for the Wyoming Department of Transportation include:

- Project Setup
- Contractor's Desktop Application (CDA)
- Electronic Bidding (EBS)
- Project Cost Estimate (PCES)
- Construction Management (CMS)
- Management Reporting (MRS) - partial
- System Maintenance (SMS)

WyDOT also expects to add *iPD* Civil Rights (CRS) pending budget approval.

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- Ken Spear
Project lead,
Engineer for WyDOT Contracts & Estimates group



WyDOT Comments

For the initial implementation, WyDOT installed a bid system that enabled contractors to create an electronic version of their bids in the Contractor's Desktop Application and deliver them in person at centralized bid letting events, rather than submitting the bids via an electronic vault. When the Contractor's Desktop Application (CDA) is used, the resulting bids are guaranteed to be "responsive." The elimination of non-responsive bids and the intuitive nature of the CDA has been well-received by the contractor community. In fact, after using the Contractor's Desktop Application to complete a bid, one contractor commented, "You'd really have to work at it to screw this software up." Ken Spear, Project lead and engineer for WyDOT Contracts and Estimates group commented "That speaks volumes for the ease-of-use of the Contractor's Desktop".

ExeVision also completed installation of the Plans Desk subsystem. Ken observed:

"It has saved us numerous hours of work monthly and a lot of stress in that it provides a dynamic planholders list automatically to our website. We have not had one question, problem or concern with the list since we incorporated that subsystem."

Another problem that WyDOT solved by selecting ExeVision as their new solution provider was the ability to quickly and cost-effectively modify the solution as needed. Ken explained:

"I had asked our previous software vendor to perform some work that seemed quite simple to me (importing spreadsheet information into the estimating software) over 5 years ago. They are just now working on that and said it would take about a year to get done and would require tens of thousands of dollars. As soon as my budget was approved, ExeVision did this for us for a nominal fee, completed in less than a month. We can import a tab delimited TEQ (total estimated quantity) and have it automatically load the bid items, descriptions, quantities and price them with historical data in about 10 seconds. This saves us hours of work for new projects."

The implementation of the initial subsystems was an unqualified success. One user from the Contracts and Estimates department commented:

"I am amazed with the *i*PD solution and love using it. At first, I had to make a check off list because I thought I was forgetting some of the steps - I was getting done with my projects so quickly! On this latest Bid Letting, it saved me over four hours in information entry. Thank you for making my job so much more enjoyable."

In addition to the deployment of new *i*PD subsystems, WyDOT is actively modifying and enhancing the currently deployed subsystems to reflect business process changes, improve the efficiencies of their staff, and streamline their business processes. An example of these modifications include the use of the *i*PD estimating system to populate the database with, and utilize, WyDOT's historical bid information.

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