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Mobilizing the Construction Workforce

Construction - Partner Solution Brief

Market Overview

In the construction industry, mobile devices and apps have transformed how projects get completed. Paper documents traditionally used to track project workflows are expensive and often lead to major errors and delays. Construction companies now rely more on mobile apps to efficiently edit and share up-to-date, large blueprints, high-resolution project photos, and project plans in real time to keep projects on schedule.

To address the growing use of construction mobile apps, Egnyte has joined forces with an ecosystem of best-in-class construction partners. These partners provide leading mobile apps that reduce paper and enable instant sharing of project photos, blueprints, and PDF files through Egnyte's file services. By having these apps integrate with Egnyte, project teams can easily upload, access, and securely share these project files to increase user productivity and save money.

FotoIN is the leading provider of a mobile-first solution for photo documentation and reporting. The integration between FotoIN and Egnyte enables project managers and contractors to snap, tag, and annotate photos on mobile devices, and then seamlessly upload those files directly to existing folders in Egnyte. FotoIN automatically files and organizes photos and reports by project, site, date, user, purpose or other project variables, while Egnyte enforces permission controls on which users can access the photos and reports to comply with security policies.

Bluebeam Revu for iPad combines powerful PDF editing, mark-up, and collaboration technology in an easy-to-use iPad app. The Bluebeam Revu for iPad app allows construction workers to view, annotate, and mark up PDFs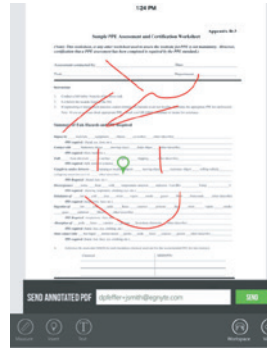 of drawings on iPads. Thanks to the joint solution utilizing WebDAV, project managers can edit the PDFs of drawings using Bluebeam Revu and directly upload the marked-up PDFs instantly to Egnyte. With this integration, the marked-up PDF files can be synced to Egnyte to ensure project managers always have the most recent PDFs for their projects.

PlanGrid

PlanGrid replaces paper blueprints and provides a cloud-based app that allows construction workers to store blueprints and construction documents on mobile devices. PlanGrid enables project teams to view, share, mark up, and track blueprints in real time, regardless of where users are located. By integrating with Egnyte, project teams can quickly upload drawings to PlanGrid's app directly from Egnyte. Once uploaded to PlanGrid, any field notes and mark-ups done on the drawings can be directly uploaded via mobile devices back to an Egnyte folder. The joint PlanGrid and Egnyte solution enables project teams to view the latest blueprints, keep blueprint files separate per project, and have the ability to restrict access to certain project workers or contractors.

smartuse

SmartUse (a Newforma company) allows construction workers to collaborate on plans in real time from anywhere and on any device using the touch-friendly SmartUse app. Project teams can instantly share, view, compare, and mark up plans from different locations and on different devices, such as iPads, Macs, Windows 7 PCs, and Windows 8.1 touch-capable devices. With SmartUse and Egnyte, project workers can manage and redline plans, collaborate on files, and then automatically sync those files to the cloud via Egnyte for instant access from any location. The combined solution ensures that project teams are working on the most updated plan versions at all times, avoiding any costly project mistakes or delays.

Summary

As the use of mobile technology expands in construction, companies will leverage mobile apps as a competitive advantage that eliminates paper documents and allows project teams to collaborate on files through the cloud. Egnyte is a proven file-sharing platform for more than 1,500 construction companies. We recognize the growing need of mobile content sharing and, as a result, partner with best-in-class construction mobile app vendors to help construction firms access and share files from these mobile apps in the cloud, on premises, or through a hybrid approach.

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