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DSC Newsletter



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The ratio of "We's" to
"I's" is the best
indicator of the
development of a team.
Lewis B. Ergen

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Accela Announces Key Conversion Staff

With the Accela Conversion Kickoff scheduled for September 19th, Accela announced the key staff who will be working with us to complete the project.

Pat Merell is the Regional Vice President of Professional Services, Pat has ownership for all Accela Services projects in the Western half of the United States. Pat has 19 years of Professional Services experience within the Management Consulting and Software Industries, and has 14 years of experience

leading enterprise software implementations across a variety of verticals and horizontals. Pat has been with Accela since early 2009. During that time, he has been responsible for over 40 successful Accela software implementations.

Dan Kalt has over 22 years of industry experience as a Consultant, Project Manager, and Leader of Professional Services teams delivering software solutions. His customers have included many of the largest banks and financial institutions, healthcare organizations, educational institutions, and government agencies. As a Sr Manager for Accela's Services team, Dan has executive oversight and direct project management responsibilities for Accela customer implementations.

Rocky Copeland is the Project Manager for Accela, Rocky brings a depth of technical and practical knowledge to his projects. Rocky is responsible for leading Accela's Services teams in successfully delivering implementations to Accela's customers, and during his close to three years at Accela, Rocky has successfully delivered seven customer implementations, including projects for the Cities of Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and Lexington.

Brenda Berens has over 21 years of hands-on technical experience in the information technology industry and 15 years with Accela, now in a Lead Consultant role, Brenda is the most senior and experienced member of Accela's Implementation Services team. In her time at Accela she has worked with a large number of customers and been involved in many of the most complex implementations Accela has rolled out. Brenda will be providing Technical Leadership for the implementation at Lincoln.



L to R: Jim Walkenhorst, City of Lincoln; Dan Kalt, Rocky Copeland and Brenda Berens all of Accela

Access Management Study Team Meets

On September 8th the Access Management Study Team met for the second time at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce to continue the discussion on the proposed draft document to be completed for the Mayor's review in October. Committee members had the following homework writing assignments to identify areas needing more discussion:

1. Introduction to Access Management Policy Manual – Gretchen Dolson
2. Define redevelopment area – Drew Stange
3. Promoting redevelopment with access management – Rick Krueger
4. Consolidation of access points – Mike Eckert
5. Traffic study issues – Bruce Bailey
6. Variance issues – Tom Huston
7. Coordination between City and NDOR – Jim Knott
8. Matching funds for making improvements with developers – Peter Katt

Final Food Bank Numbers

The total amount raised for the Lincoln Food Bank by all City and County Departments this year was \$22,710.44. The DSC came in first place with the amount of tickets sold for the picnic and 2nd place overall for dollars raised. **GREAT JOB** by everyone.

Accela Weekly News Brief Starting

Starting September 16th, a weekly Accela News Brief will be developed for each of the over 150 users of the new Accela Land Management software. The news brief will attempt to keep all users informed about conversion progress, assignments staff will have, project expectations and deadlines and general information to keep everyone up to date.



Nancy Blum Retires

After working for the city for 28 years, Nancy Blum has retired from the Building and Safety Department. Nancy first started in Personnel at a part time position, which became full time. In 1990, she moved to Building and Safety working as a Permit Assistant. On a daily basis she issued licenses to Journeymen and Master Electricians. Nancy's last day was on Wednesday, September 7th. Happy Retirement Nancy!



Renovations in 202 & 215

Chris & Jared working in Rm. 202.



Adam, from Office Interiors, doing installation in Rm. 215.

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"A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."
John C. Maxwell

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"Having a dog teaches a child fidelity, perseverance, and to turn around three times before lying down."
Robert Benchley