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Designed for all staff and departments who use Accela

Accela Project News Blast!

Our Accela Automation project is undergoing some changes! After more than 12 months providing his guidance and experience, our Accela Project Manager Rocky Copeland is changing assignments. Rocky, Lincoln extends its full appreciation for all of your hard work and diligent efforts on our behalf! You will be missed Rocky! Accela has named a replacement for Rocky. This replacement is no stranger to Lincoln's project and many of you are already familiar with her. She has been a part of the project team since the onset of the project last fall. Many of you have come to know Accela's Brenda Berens during the Accela Analysis Center activities. Brenda has been a visible and an integral part of the project on-site as well as her work off-site for the entire duration of the project. We will be relying heavily upon her 12+ years of Accela software experience. We are anxious to increase Brenda's involvement as we bring this project to closure.



Accela's Brenda Berens



Accela's Rocky Copeland

And, on that note! There have been a number of meetings this past week regarding the selection of a new "go-live" date. Project and management staff have been discussing the many facets of the project, remaining work and other project considerations. A meeting is scheduled with Mayor Beutler next Tuesday to determine the final "go-live" date and we will report on this important topic again next Friday.

Project Status Report

Here is a mini project status report:

Conversion is moving ahead nicely. It has taken some time to get to this point; however, we turned the corner and one of the final conversion passes is scheduled for next Friday, November 2. More document types are being placed inside the OnBase document management system for each department. We believe that testing can begin in full for all document types within the next two weeks. All of the GIS component layers and mapping services are in place. There will most likely be some tweaking regarding default GIS display values. Accela Mobile Office for Inspectors will be loaded on some of the new laptops next week and, over the course of the following weeks, all 22 will be loaded and field testing will begin. Reporting is the number one obstacle on the critical project path. Report writing will be a time consuming process, especially considering that there are 100's of reports that will need to be developed prior to "go-live". Progress is being made! Everyone involved in this project is working hard to make the implementation happen ASAP x 2 -- As Soon As Possible and As Smoothly As Possible!

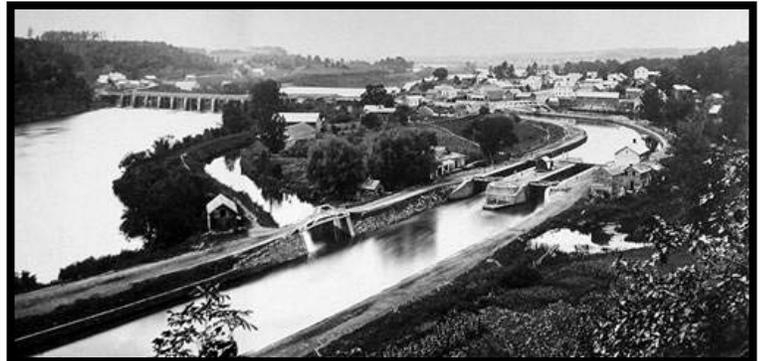
Should you have any questions about the project or if you would like more project information please contact Jim at jwalkenhorst@lincoln.ne.gov

See you next week!

On This Day

We are capable people! The Erie Canal officially opens October 26, 1825.

The Erie Canal is a waterway in New York that runs about 363 miles (584 km) from Albany, New York, on the Hudson River to Buffalo, New York, at Lake Erie, completing a navigable water route from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes. The canal contains 36 locks and encompasses a total elevation differential of around 565 ft. (169 m). First proposed in 1807, it was under construction from 1817 to 1825 and officially opened on October 26, 1825.



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