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Project Status Report

We now need to turn our attention to testing. All the staff who have been selected for user acceptance testing need to be working with the system every day. We have 175 system users who are depending upon system testing to ensure that everything works correctly. Our project timeline indicates it is time to work on our testing. Subject Matter Experts in your area will help you prepare for testing and respond to your questions about process, procedures, and verification.

Along with our user acceptance testing for internal processing, we are ready for training and testing for contractors who have volunteered to help the Lincoln team test processes through Accela Citizen Access (ACA). In a few weeks we will configure the facilities for ACA and will bring in these contractors to help field test the ACA solution. Contractor volunteers include Ted Scott, Signature and Medallion Homes; Roger Bumgarner, Ironwood Homes; Karen Koinzan, Bryant Heating; Jared Rohrs, John Henry's Plumbing and Heating; and Eric Hoke, Eric's Electric.

Our project partners at eDocument Resources have been working on interesting sub-projects. The core focus is the electronic documents management system - OnBase. We thank eDocument Resources professional Tyler Carson for his efforts. Tyler is getting his arms around some open issues including the Accela/OnBase interface, Permits Application Tracking System (PATS) document integration, and Office Linc document conversion.

Another key interface is in progress. Accela software must communicate with the ProjectDox plan review software. Accela's Rocky Copeland has a "trigger" to send data from Accela Automation (AA) to ProjectDox. Now Avolve's Steve Alexander is reconfiguring software within ProjectDox to accept the new AA data and create new projects within ProjectDox. We expect testing to be in full swing or completed soon.

This week we had scheduled a walk-through of the Accela Automation (AA) document management process. However, the AA system was not available just moments before the demonstration. There were two parts planned for the walk-through. First, Accela's Brenda Berens was going to show how the process works on the Accela side, and then Tyler Carson would show how the documents are stored and managed on the OnBase side. Since AA was down, those who were patiently waiting in the room and elsewhere for the web-X only got to see a portion of OnBase. We soon will reschedule this process walk-through.

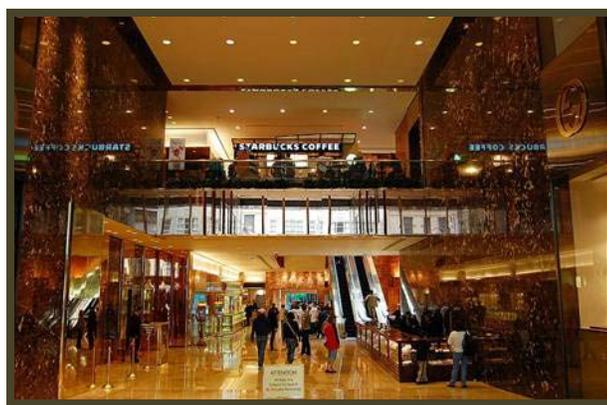
Faithful newsletter readers know the complexity of this project. Multiple software programs are critical to the project as well as many points of integration. The team is looking at governance and identifying where processing limits are to be placed. For example, a runaway report can capture all processing power of the database server and peg utilization at 100 percent. This would keep anyone else from performing any task on the server. There are many scenarios that could surface. We are busy identifying safety measures for as many of the scenarios that the team can think of. Identifying these safety measures will help create a reliable and stable processing environment.

Accela's Brenda Berens will be on-site next week. We will address the current project status and review the steps necessary in preparation of our "go-live" target. We have been working on a document which outlines all of these steps. We have a long checklist. We need to keep our intensity levels high from this point forward to accomplish everything that needs to be accomplished before "go live".

We have begun testing the Accela Mobile Office (AMO) module. Jerris Nider has taken one of the new Tough Book laptops and has configured the operating system and then loaded the AMO application. Then Jerris installed a SIM card (Subscriber Identity Card). Lana Tolbert worked with Verizon to activate wireless service. Log-on information was created for our Chief Electrical Inspector, Ed Bergstraesser. Testing the application has just began and we are anxious to see how the laptop performs in the field. Meanwhile, Jerris has been off site and will be available to continue to support further testing next week.

Today in construction history!

One of New York City's landmark buildings was completed this day, November 30, 1983. The construction of Trump Tower was a product of overcoming many obstacles. Ordinarily a building of that height could not have been built on the small site. By mixing uses (retail, office, and residential), constructing a through-block arcade (connecting to the IBM building to the east), using the air rights from Tiffany's flagship store next door, and including an atrium (designed as a "public space" under the city codes at the time), Donald Trump was able to assemble a bonus package that enabled a taller tower. Also, a concrete hat-truss at the top of the building ties exterior columns with a concrete core. This increases the effective dimensions of the core to that of the building in order to resist the overturning of lateral forces (wind, minor earthquakes, and impacts perpendicular to the building's height). The building's public spaces are clad in Breccia Pernice, a pink white-veined marble. Brass and mirrors are used throughout.



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