



Teambinder Leads the Way on the Road to Success

Abigroup's Geelong Ring Road Section 1 & Section 3

"I have always found TeamBinder easy to use and navigate through and would definitely recommend it for future projects."

Dermot Healy
Project Engineer
Abigroup Contractors

"The application of custom mail types has made correspondence a breeze in comparison to traditional methods. But the biggest advantage of using TeamBinder is that we have a fully auditable record of project information all in one system."

Andrew Park
Project Systems Manager
Abigroup Contractors

Abigroup Contractors are one of Australia's leading diversified construction companies. Its building division is one of the country's top ten builders by value and works in areas covering health, education, commercial building and residential developments.

Abigroup Contractors were awarded the design and construction contract for the 10.5km long Geelong Ring Road Section 1 in November 2005.

Shortly after construction work commenced on this project in 2006, Abigroup Contractors were awarded the design and construction contract for the 7.5km long Section 3.

Challenges

The Geelong Ring Road Projects involved a large team of approximately 178 sub-contractors as well as numerous consultants, suppliers, and government bodies, making control of project information more difficult.

Previously, Abigroup Contractors used traditional communication tools such as paper documents and individual email accounts. Standard practice was for documents to be printed, signed, scanned and attached for email distribution, making the process unacceptably resource hungry, time consuming and difficult to track. As both projects were likely to generate thousands of documents and correspondence items, Abigroup Contractors knew traditional methods would make it difficult to manage the extensive flow of information between parties on the project.

Solution

TeamBinder, QA Software's web-based collaborative tool, was selected by Abigroup Contractors as the solution for the first section of the Geelong Ring Road. A web-based correspondence and document management tool, TeamBinder is accessed by users through Internet Explorer allowing multiple users on the large scale infrastructure project to quickly and securely communicate and access the latest project documents. When Abigroup Contractors were awarded the design and construction contract for Section 3 of the Geelong Ring Road, TeamBinder was the logical solution to their document and correspondence management needs. Many of the same parties were involved on both the Section 1 and Section 3 projects. Using Teambinder





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on both projects ensured continuity in document and correspondence management standards and allowed Abigroup Contractors to leverage their TeamBinder knowledge.

Results

Since TeamBinder was implemented in 2005 and using the system on the Section 1 and Section 3 projects, 187 participants from Abigroup Contractors and project partners have used the system to manage over 15,000 documents.

With TeamBinder, documents were stored in a secure electronic database that was easily accessible at anytime from anywhere, thereby simplifying the management of project information.

TeamBinder kept a record of document revisions to ensure accountability and that everyone was working from the latest revision of each document. Abigroup Contractors were able to keep multiple parties abreast of revised project documents, including all drawings and specifications. Project participants were able to retrieve files by filtering on criteria such as date ranges, document types, and keywords. They were then able to quickly and easily transmit new document revisions to contractors and sub-contractors, ensuring all parties were working from the most recent revision.



Project correspondence sent electronically between the parties not only saved project participants time on data entry but through speeding up communications, contributed to the timely resolution of requests for information thereby expediting progress on the project.

The audit trail within TeamBinder ensured all client information was readily accessible for future reference by Abigroup Contractors. The use of TeamBinder enabled Abigroup to archive all project documentation on a portable hard disk at any stage of the project. An electronic archive of project information also gave Abigroup Contractors the option of providing detailed and auditable hand over documentation on a single portable hard disk to their client.

QA Software

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Key Project Statistics

1,300 Transmittals Sent

15,000 Controlled Documents

21,000 Mail Items Sent

187 Users

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