

Anteo Group Consulting Completes Delivery of Large Migration and Consolidation Project for Chugach Electric

INDUSTRY AND CLIENT PROFILE

Chugach Electric is the largest electric utility in Alaska, providing power for Alaskans through wholesale and retail energy sales.

PROJECT

The project had three primary components:

- (1) The migration of all authentication, network management, file, print and Email services from Novell's product to those provided by Microsoft,
- (2) The consolidation of over 40 production servers to a target quantity of 15, and

- (3) The implementation of new backup technology, a storage area network (SAN) and expansion of the network backbone infrastructure.

CHALLENGES

Neither Anteo Group nor its consultant had ever worked with Chugach Electric prior to the project. The CIO was considering whether to engage consulting expertise from one of the largest consulting company's in the U.S. or to hire a consultant from Anteo Group. The manager announced that this project was the company's most complicated Information Technology project ever attempted.

This project required only 10 months to complete rather than the predicted 18 months.



VALUE AND RESULTS

Anteo Group's extensive requirements definition and quality assurance led to the hire of a resource who could develop, lead and implement a complicated project at a very effective cost.

Anteo Group's consultant took the lead in negotiating for Chugach Electric system hardware at a discounted price, and then Anteo Group's consultant developed the project plan for the full replacement of network racks and gear. All of these components were critical to negotiate, cost justify and set the foundation for the entire data model that Chugach Electric would use in the consolidation of their servers and the migration of their services from Novell to Microsoft.

Anteo Group provided Chugach Electric with only one Project Management consultant who was hired.

Anteo Group's consultant developed and managed the project plan for the migra-

tion of the entire data center and desktops from Novell to Microsoft services. This entailed developing over 50 pieces of documentation on system configurations, relations, settings and services. Anteo Group's consultant managed risks, milestone achievements, project status reporting, personnel schedules and customer communications throughout the entire project.

Finally, Anteo Group's consultant worked with Information Technology staff to develop the curriculum that would be used to train the 350 employees of Chugach Electric in the use of Outlook as an enterprise Email, calendaring, document collaboration and scheduling tool. Often, in order to meet a very aggressive deadline for the project, Anteo Group's consultant had to personally do system configuration and troubleshooting. For instance, Anteo Group's consultant set up the corporation's Exchange environment and its complete SAN environment. Anteo Group's consultant always provided training to the technical staff of Chugach and documentation on how systems were configured.

CLIENT RETURN ON INVESTMENT

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This project required only 10 months to complete, even though the most optimistic planning that was initially provided to Chugach Electric for this project indicated it would take a minimum of 18 months to complete.

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