



Streamline your projects with Construction Project Management Software-ProjectPro!

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Introduction

Over the years, the construction industry has started to lean more on technology. Ever since construction contractors have developed an interest in project management software, the significant adoption of all-in-one integrated solutions has become more of a need than a want.

Historically, the construction industry has always lagged in adopting technology but the ongoing pandemic has made contractors realize the need to deploy technology to survive in an increasingly complex construction landscape.

Now the contractors have access to Building Information tools that are helping stakeholders and construction teams to visualize projects even before they are brought to life. Going digital has been a wake-up call for many construction companies as traditional construction practices are outdated.

When going digital brings business data together with seamless integration options, it becomes a natural switch from single-point solutions. From reporting to data syncing, the modules that you find with intelligent solutions such as Dynamics 365 Business Central make it extremely easy when it comes to driving business goals.

Thus all-in-one solutions like ProjectPro with Business Central, are integrated construction software technologies that address unique business requirements related to operations and the project lifecycle. Moreover, the success that these integrated solutions have shown in other industries have made construction firms seek out this value-adding approach.

In this eBook, we will guide you on how all-in-one solutions have become a must-have for contractors for streamlining operations along with sharing the benefits that make integrated solutions better than single-channel project management tools.

Why do Construction Professionals need Construction Project Management Software?



When we talk about global construction, the productivity rate in the industry started to surge in 1995 and has not stopped. That being said, contractors across the United States and several parts of Europe and Asia have reported a decline in revenue.

According to a report shared by ENR, construction contractors in the US have seen a decline in working capital by 26 percent. Thus, it is becoming necessary for contractors to switch to technology-based solutions that can help counter factors that affect productivity and revenue.

Aside from this, the intensified competition at the global stage has caused construction firms to struggle with managing projects. This has paved the way for modular and offsite construction, adding to the productivity rate of the industry by 6.9 percent.

As suggested by the UN, the demand for new homes is likely to reach the 2 billion dollar mark over the next 80 years, providing opportunity for construction contractors. And this is another prominent reason why contractors have started to turn towards all-in-one integrated construction accounting software solutions that can manage and deliver productivity and revenue.

Since these technology solutions have the capacity to reduce the complexity of project management and decision making, the contractors seek the necessary control and command over all aspects of projects with the help of integrated solutions.

With improved decision making on essential processes such as accounting, project management, CRM, and ERP, the contractors have begun to consider the technology as a must-have for sustainability and to streamline operations.

Why do contractors need to switch to all-in-one construction accounting software-ProjectPro?

Contractors need to switch to ProjectPro with Business Central for the following reasons:

Streamlined Project Reporting

Most construction contractors, even when working on modern-day project management software systems, tend to struggle with reporting. The inaccuracy with reports is likely to happen when data is pulled from multiple systems.

An all-in-one construction accounting and project management software is based on a unified platform which makes it easier to gather data and generate reports. Also, the accuracy that comes from these solutions help the users to make more informed decisions that may affect future projects.



Save Money & Time

When you are using multiple software solutions for your project management and ERP needs, including manual spreadsheets, it costs you time and money. Moreover, dealing with multiple construction ERP software systems may cause your data to be out of sync. On the other hand, working on an all-in-one solution like ProjectPro helps you avoid additional and unnecessary expenses for simply using essential services you require, such as Accounting, CRM, ERP, and Project Management.

Ease of Use

Though it may seem to be a good idea to purchase the best of industry-leading tools individually based on your different departmental processes, it will bring disconnect for your on-site staff and office teams who will struggle using varied interfaces and following distinctly different rules. However, when you are working on a solution that is platform-based such as Dynamics 365 Business Central, it gets easier for office staff, project managers, and even the clients to explore the project progress statistics.

Improved Security

Another good reason to work on an all-in-one solution is security. When you are working on multiple software to meet your routine project management needs, it requires sharing data with different vendors. However, using construction project management software that brings you all essential features on a single platform keeps your sensitive data secured. Moreover, when you are working on a system where multiple business functions can be operated through a single screen, the chances of data compromises are also reduced.

Added Functionality

When you are using multiple software solutions to manage several operations at construction sites, it decreases efficiency and the synching of tasks. However, when you work on an all-in-one platform, it saves you time working on critical business data with easier control over project progress and financial management needs.

What Do You Miss When You Work on Multiple Systems?

Working on multiple systems not only brings you loss of time and money but also deprives you of productivity. Though it may appear to be a better idea of choosing multiple industry-leading technologies for varying business requirements, such decisions are likely to make you lose out on different things:

- There is always a chance of inconsistency. From accounting and payroll data to profit calculation, you cannot trust the numbers completely.
- You will need to spend time on manual effort for accounting processes.
- You may struggle with interface breaks from one software to another, which may get time-consuming and your office teams, clients, and project managers may struggle with the inconsistency.
- When you work on several software solutions, it requires you to pay for each of them, adding to your business expenses.
- It will require you to generate reports from multiple sources in order to get a full picture of project progress.
- Last but not least, when you work on more than one fully-integrated system, you will face issues of insufficient and error-ridden information regarding cash flow.



Advantages You Can Have with An All-in-one Solution

When you are working on integrated construction software that offers the entire essential capabilities you need to manage your construction projects, it will immediately be reflected in your business growth. Here we have a few of the many benefits you may reap by switching to an all-in-one solution.

- An all-in-one solution houses your critical business data in one place.
- It can help you attain seamless operational management for all tasks related to the field, as well as the office.
- Integrated construction project management software brings complete visibility to your project for all essential roles and responsibilities.
- An all-in-one solution drives accountability, reducing the chances of process issues.
- It provides a consistent and unified interface in order to manage finances and accounts.
- It can drive end-to-end control of project workflow with error-free management on finances, payroll, resources, and project activities, etc.



Why do you need all-in-one construction accounting software- ProjectPro?

To ensure the overall health of the company, you need construction-specific software designed to meet the needs of your construction business. ProjectPro with Business Central is designed for the executive construction team to modernize their real-estate business and invest in digitization to improve the bottom line.

One of the major concerns of construction owners is the need to have access to relevant, meaningful, and accurate information that can assist them in making better business decisions. And this is where cloud-based ProjectPro offers unparalleled security and built-in analytic as well as intelligent transaction processing capabilities to provide in-depth insight on project progress.

Sounds great! But how does ProjectPro help you to do your job better? It takes care of your pain points. It reduces complexity and addresses problem areas:

- Takes care of job planning mishaps
- Prevents disorganization
- No blind spots as it provides real-time visibility
- Does away with unnecessary costs
- Eliminates training constraints
- Puts a stop to inaccuracy



Here's how ProjectPro helps diverse construction professionals in maximizing their output:

General Contractors

If you are a general contractor, you can take your construction business to another level with ProjectPro. To add value to your business, it allows you to keep track of your activities. From taking care of billings, payroll, billing proposals to estimates, and also helping you take command over resources and budget; it helps you streamline your projects. Get ready to experience efficiency and ease by adding value to your business.

Commercial Contractors

If you are a commercial contractor, ProjectPro is here to elevate your performance. As a user-friendly solution, it helps you meet everyday challenges by bringing full visibility to the job processes. It helps you retain the client base by strengthening control over multiple projects and improving the project pipeline.

Paving Contractors

If you are a paving contractor, ProjectPro is here to remove inaccuracy and improve team coordination. By allowing you to keep track of your project progress, you get complete support from start to finish. Apart from helping you manage your time, it makes accounting simple and ensures the right consumption of resources.

Earthwork Contractors

If you are an Earthwork contractor, ProjectPro can assist you in managing labor, equipment to material resources. All information related to excavation projects will be easily accessible and you will be kept updated throughout. This way accomplish your goals within the desired time frame and accomplish your goals.

Remodeling Contractors

If you are a remodeling contractor, ProjectPro will help you with your remodeling projects. It will streamline workflow and drive efficiency by providing complete insights into equipment data, job numbers, work schedules, and defines billing rates. Apart from this, it ensures the office and field teams stay in sync to improve performance.

Utility Contractors

If you are a utility contractor then you can manage multiple projects with ProjectPro and experience unmatched synchronization. You also get support on certified payroll reporting such as WH-347 and manage all your utility contracts.

Mining Contractors

If you are a mining contractor, you will never miss your revenue goal with ProjectPro. Always keep tabs on vendor data and costs and improve customer relationships. Calculate Profit & Loss with the power of Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central.

Overall, it is a great choice for HVAC, plumbing, and electrical contractors as well because it is specially designed for construction firms.

Capabilities Overview:

Let's dive into the specific benefits of how ProjectPro delivers better business control and makes it easier for construction professionals to work, streamline operations and achieve goals.

ProjectPro is an all-in-one construction accounting software with the following capabilities :

- Project Management
- Contract and Change Orders
- Job Purchasing and Procurement
- Job Materials Planning
- Certified Payroll Report
- Payroll Integration
- Subcontractor Management
- Timesheets
- Job Quoting and Proposals
- Construction specific- business intelligence
- Equipment Management
- Scheduling
- Retention Tracking
- Inventory and Job Material Tracking
- Forecasting

ProjectPro reduces your need for time-consuming spreadsheets and eliminates the manual need for data mining. You can easily achieve a picture of financial health in real-time and it allows you to keep a check on every project activity. This way you can function smartly and deftly as you can now seek opportunities for project margin growth.

Now is the time to deep dive into the capabilities of ProjectPro and let's find out how it sets you up for success. To know how ProjectPro with Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central assists you to work smarter let's analyze some of the key capabilities:

Project Management

The software has great project management features that help you execute tasks seamlessly. It allows you to manage and control the budget, helps you make changes in the budget, and takes care of change orders. It also assists in subcontractor management, and in monitoring labor resources. This results in improving profits and enhancing revenue for the owners.

It also keeps records and computes all information from tracking billables to costs and provides a three-level task code structure. It allows you to make a sub-level to a "parent" job and the "Fact Box" allows you to look at actual costs. With the help of "Activity Cues," you can get insight into how many jobs will be completed in a month.

Contract and Change Orders

ProjectPro enables users to create contract lines for progress billings of the contract value. It also simplifies change orders and provides a way for smarter inventory management.

Job Purchasing and Procurement

It allows users to purchase directly for jobs and also assists in tracking inventory and material planning. So ProjectPro empowers you to track the location of assets.

Job Materials Planning

- This capability enables users to track actual resources and materials necessary for jobs.
- It also auto-suggests what items need to be purchased and creates a Purchase Order as well.

Certified Payroll Report

It works on many payroll solutions based on Business Central and allows users to export to another payroll service.

Conclusion

Apart from the above-mentioned capabilities, it provides easy-to-use tools to your team. Most of the time you may find assessing the health of the project hard but digitizing your construction firm means you are creating a secure backup. No need to cull together detailed reports from information that is disparate.

ProjectPro has remarkable reporting capabilities and it will keep your projects up to speed. To keep the hammers swinging, you need accurate and reliable information. With ProjectPro, collecting data on labor hours, daily logs and materials becomes easier for construction managers.

Hence, burdensome processes become simple and a scalable solution with Business Central opens many opportunities for the construction firm. To keep clients happy and work moving, a simple dashboard and the ease of automating workflows eliminate complexities.

Besides, you can effectively manage submittals, RFIs, issues, notices, field orders, and pending change orders as well. You have all key performance indicators with one click detail and business intelligence tools at your disposal. Moreover, you will get email alerts and can track documents and stop profit leaks.

By planning in advance and allowing contractors to maximize technology investment; ProjectPro allows users to scale the software to fit their needs. It offers adequate control by simplifying operations for a construction business. It provides ever-expanding opportunities to enhance revenue for construction professionals. Also, by integrating and providing data within a short span of time, it aids decision-makers to establish economies of scale.

About ProjectPro

ProjectPro is a division of Netsmartz LLC global group of companies. ProjectPro is specifically designed for construction firms and powered by Microsoft Dynamics 365 Business Central to make sure you get the most out of your business software.

Stand out of the league by streamlining your business processes, controlling costs, and offering timely and accurate information. ProjectPro holds the potential to integrate your crucial job quoting, project accounting, resource management for labor and equipment, and much more all in a single database.

With integrated data, intelligent transaction processing, and robust analytical and reporting capabilities, you can reduce the time and effort it takes to access meaningful information necessary to make good business decisions.

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