

IT Forum Conference

The Cornerstone for Construction Innovation

Friday, August 14, 2009 ▪ 8:00 am - 5:30 pm ▪ Kansas City, MO

Join fellow construction industry technology leaders for AGC's inaugural IT Forum Conference brought to you by the AGC Electronic Information System (EIS) Committee. The forum will provide participants an opportunity to discuss and share best practices on some of the most pressing IT challenges facing the construction industry, including:

Microsoft SharePoint

Microsoft SharePoint offers a wide range of capabilities that fit the needs of construction industry firms, both large and small. The presentation will cover:



- Budget-friendly ways to use SharePoint;
- How SharePoint can help you manage your business better;
- How much it will cost and how much money you can save; and
- The differences between Windows SharePoint Services (WSS) and Microsoft Office SharePoint Server (MOSS).

Virtualization and Disaster Recovery

Disaster recovery is an absolute necessity! Hear about the experiences of Lease Crutcher Lewis, a GC in Seattle, on finding the right virtualization and disaster recovery solutions. Their Network Systems Administrator will share:



- The benefits of virtualization in a relatively small data center;
- Pitfalls to watch out for when considering virtualization;
- Costs/benefits realized by Lease Crutcher Lewis; and
- Thoughts on Hypervisor and hardware selection.

About the speaker: Jeff Busch is the Network Systems Administrator for Lease Crutcher Lewis, one of Seattle's largest local general contractors. Jeff has been with Lewis for 10 years and has been their Systems Administrator for the last 5 years. Over the last 2 years Jeff has been instrumental in the transformation of IT services at Lewis to include Virtualization with VMWare products, development and implementation of a DR strategy, and the deployment of SharePoint services to support construction job needs.

Roundtable Discussions

Discuss with other construction industry IT professionals, in an open forum format, any IT topic. Potential discussions include:



- IT management; staffing, budgeting, ROI and strategic planning;
- Jobsite connectivity/remote connectivity;
- Open-source software implementation and utilization; or
- RFID

Registration: AGC Members: \$99; Non-Members: \$149. Price does not include hotel or travel costs. Hotel reservations can be made at <http://crowncenter.hyatt.com/groupbooking/mkcrkagca2009> or call 1-800-233-1234. Room rates have been negotiated at \$119/night. (**Room block code:** Associated General Contractors). Room availability at the negotiated rate is only guaranteed through July 29, so please make your reservation early.

Register to attend: www.agc.org/2009itforum

Join us on Thursday evening for a reception from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at the Hyatt, compliments of AGC and the EIS Committee.

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