



THE SOFTWARE

PRIVA is a modular construction management software application specifically designed to save construction companies time and money. It controls activities such as procurement, purchasing, accounting, payroll, sub-contractors and plant management.

PRIVA has been developed in close collaboration with RGC's clients in the building and construction industry since 1994. It is fully scalable in nature and therefore can grow as your business grows.

THE CLIENT

Bennett Construction is one of Ireland's largest construction and property development businesses and is one of the most innovative and progressive companies in the Irish building industry.

Bennett employs over 250 permanent staff. The company was issuing an ever increasing quantity of Purchase Orders to their suppliers. It was becoming difficult and complex to manage the procurement process to ensure that the correct materials were ordered and that they were invoiced at the correct price. Furthermore, analysing overall volumes with suppliers was nearly impossible.

Bennett were looking for a solution that would provide real time cost reporting based on actual orders raised and deliveries received. Having identified the issue and the cost in time and money to the business, Bennett set about finding a solution.

THE BENEFITS

Bennett Construction is now using the PRIVA Purchasing Management, Plant Management and Job Costing modules in their Purchasing & Plant Management, Quantity Surveying and Finance Departments.

PRIVA has delivered the following benefits for Bennett:

- Ready access to information
- Instant reports on cost and performance
- Cost savings due to improved product pricing data
- Faster turnaround of estimates based on real-time cost information

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IN-DEPTH CASE STUDY



PRIVA is a modular management software application specifically designed for construction companies. It was developed by RGC Technologies when the company saw a clear need for a solution tailored for the construction sector rather than an adaptation of an existing and sometimes cumbersome accounts package. PRIVA is a comprehensive solution that supports the construction industry's two core activities - maximising profitability and controlling costs. It integrates to all the key business processes that impact on these activities such as procurement, purchasing, accounting, payroll, sub-contractors and plant management. Having researched the market, Bennett found that PRIVA was a perfect fit for their business.

"It quickly became apparent that PRIVA was the obvious choice for us", said Niall Cuffe, Purchasing Manager with Bennett Construction. ***"The ease of use and simplicity of process were far superior to any other products we evaluated. But most importantly, PRIVA is designed for plant management - it is not an adaptation of other software to the construction business which often results in a product that is difficult to use. RGC Technologies thought the way we think and that immediately provided a solution with all the flexibility that we needed."***

Bennett was impressed by the quality of the RGC personnel - the company employs some of the most highly trained engineers in Ireland - and they were committed to making PRIVA work to its optimum level for Bennett.

PRIVA is now used by the Purchasing and Plant Management, Quantity Surveying and Finance departments in Bennett. In 2006, the product has approximately 10 users and this number is growing constantly.

According to Bennett the benefits since the introduction of PRIVA are manifold:

- Ready access to information that was previously impossible to obtain
- Instant reports on cost and performance on a site-by-site basis
- Increased cost savings due to better product pricing data
- Faster turnaround of estimates based on real-time cost information

The company can access cost information on a project by project or site by site basis at any point in time, and therefore make improved budgeting, forecasting and cash management decisions.

Going forward, PRIVA will be rolled out to Bennett's site offices where it will be used to automate the issue of Purchase Orders, Delivery Dockets, Invoices and Payments onsite. In addition, Bennett plan to implement the sub-contractors processing module, the HR module and to integrate PRIVA with accounts and payroll. Bennett are confident that this process will be a seamless one based on the experience of using PRIVA so far and also because PRIVA is specifically designed to integrate to all standard accounting packages.

Niall Cuffe concludes, ***"PRIVA is a highly cost effective construction management software system. At a glance we can review all Purchase Orders, Accounts and the status of our plant and machinery. Through the introduction of PRIVA we have saved time and improved the overall efficiency within the organisation, allowing us to focus on our core business and improve our service to our clients."***

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