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VIT Supports BBWI's Successful Implementation of Production Planning for the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP)

Meeting all the technical and regulatory requirements to safely retrieve, characterize, treat and package transuranic waste for shipment out of Idaho to permanent disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico was the number one priority for BBWI (Bechtel BWXT Idaho LLC), following their takeover of the Advanced Mixed Waste Treatment Project (AMWTP) at Idaho National Laboratories, from BNFL (British Nuclear Fuels). In addition, they were tasked to meet stringent production goals set forth by the Department of Energy.

The BBWI team immediately recognized the importance of being able to accurately track and report against key production processes to streamline and effectively forecast production. At issue was the need for accurate production reports, on-time Waste Tracking System (WTS) training, and a comprehensive web interface to production reporting. To accomplish this task, BBWI engaged Virtual IT, Inc. (VIT) to assist with the analysis, planning and implementation of AMWTP production reporting.

VIT, a full-service information technology consultancy, was selected to assist with the production reporting effort based upon its proven past performance providing business process reengineering, information technology design, planning and implementation services to BWX Technologies, Inc.

With effective leadership from John Muirhead (Bechtel), VIT consultants swiftly began moving AMWTP in the right direction. Utilizing process modeling to map data elements and reports to various stages of production underscored the entire project. One specific step included converting a Microsoft Access database to Oracle to support production report generation.

Through detailed discussions with AMWTP, VIT gained clear understanding of AMWTP's reporting requirements and report application. Using this as their baseline, VIT consultants created processes for formalizing reports. Structures and roles were also established. Users were then trained to a high level of competency with WTS.

VIT also provided effective project management as several subcontractors, developers and Oracle database administrators were part of this integration effort. Utilizing and directing these resources efficiently kept the project costs within budget and goals on-track. As John Muirhead noted at the conclusion of VIT's assignment, "Clearly, VIT's project management and diverse resources enabled AMWTP to accomplish a difficult series of production reporting goals."

Virtual IT is a full-service information technology consultancy, providing high-level strategic and tactical support for businesses, contractors and government agencies. The firm provides services in the areas of business strategy, IT strategy, and enterprise application integration and development. Headquartered in southwestern Virginia and serving the Mid-Atlantic and Southern regions, the company provides clients with high-quality corporate services within a small company setting.

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