

TimberScan

Paperless AP Approval for Timberline

Precept Builders gains control of AP approvals with TimberScan



“Now our Project Managers don’t have big stacks of invoices waiting for them. They are approving invoices much faster. I’d say 99% of them love the TimberScan System”

**Scott Thomson
Precept Builders**

Precept Builders is a large commercial general contractor with over 120 employees and revenue approaching 200 million headquartered in Dallas, TX. The company has been in business for 20 years and specializes in building Churches, Office Buildings, Shopping Centers, and Commercial Interiors.

Precept Builders has been using Sage Timberline Office for about four years and find that the program is excellent for cost accounting. However they needed a better method of controlling the AP approval process. Their internal controls require that invoices be coded and approved by the Project Manager and then further approved by an Operations Manager before the accounting department could enter the invoice into Timberline. With 18 project managers and 30 plus jobs at any given time, getting invoices approved on a timely basis was a big challenge according to Scott Thomson, the Director of Financial Controls.

Implementing TimberScan solved the problem by providing a paperless approval system that automatically routed invoices to the right project manager, operations manager and accountant. TimberScan is fully integrated with Timberline eliminating duplicate data entry. “We are processing invoices much faster now and our revenue is a lot steadier because we are able to get costs into the system much faster than before” says Scott Thomson. “Our financials are looking better month by month because we are more efficiently processing

our invoices”

Precept Builders implemented TimberScan in March 2007 for one division. Within a short period of time they were operational and because of the positive improvement they now use TimberScan for the entire organization.

“TimberScan is very simple to install and implement, we were up and running very quickly and the benefits we got were huge” states Scott Thomson. “Our accounting group is a lot more efficient and therefore we didn’t need to hire another person. Implementing TimberScan is saving us about approximately \$100,000 per year, not to mention all the aggravation it has eliminated. It’s also helping our reputation with subcontractors avoiding late payments because invoices now get processed on time.”

Scott also mentioned that Precept Builders likes the reporting and email capabilities of TimberScan. Once an invoice is scanned it is accounted for. Nothing falls through the cracks. It’s easy to know what invoice are still in the approval process and what each project manager still needs to approve. Scott states, “now when people ask for backups for cost plus billing it’s really easy for the PM’s to go in and print electronic images saving additional time with accounting.”



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