



Success Story: Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 Implementation

Summary:

TerpSysSM implemented Microsoft Office SharePoint Server (MOSS) 2007 to create a Finance Portal facilitating team collaboration and providing a document library repository.

Client: Search for Common Ground (SFCG)

A Washington D.C.-based nonprofit, Search for Common Ground is dedicated to transforming the way the world deals with conflict, promoting cooperative solutions instead of adversarial approaches.



Objectives:

- Provide global access to financial data and reports
- Develop collaboration platform for ad-hoc and permanent teams
- Build a central repository for Finance Department policies
- Support enterprise search functionality across document libraries

Challenge

The client needed a new, more capable Finance Portal available to SFCG employees worldwide. The new portal would be a central location providing instant access to SFCG IT applications and data, and replace an inefficient document storage system based on network shared drives. The old system's functionality limitations made for an IT environment that was not user-friendly, and was a barrier to staff collaboration and was failing to meet the needs of SFCG teams.

Though SFCG's needs were easily stated, the challenges were many. Multiple applications based on different technologies - including the organization's main finance application - had to be integrated into the new portal in quick order. Budgetary considerations mandated a cost-effective solution. Security concerns dictated that data access remain on a need-to-know basis. In short, SFCG sought a versatile, intuitive portal solution that made business, technical and economic sense.

Solution

TerpSys met with SFCG to assess its needs and identify possible solutions, ultimately turning to Microsoft Office SharePoint Server 2007 to give the client a fully-integrated and wholly modern Finance Portal. Once SharePoint was selected, TerpSys leveraged its in-house expertise to assemble a project team ideally suited to finalize the design and deliver an optimum solution. Remarkably, TerpSys implemented the agreed-upon solution in a single week, with no significant disruption of SFCG's normal business activities.

In MOSS 2007, SFCG acquired a single electronic workspace where its financial data, documents and IT applications could reside. The new portal delivered data via user-configurable subscriptions, and employed a content management repository that collected and catalogued those items in an intuitive architecture. The TerpSys-delivered solution gave SFCG's entire staff secure, instant worldwide access to any documents or applications they might need.

Results

- Delivered SharePoint solution fully integrating disparate functions into a single portal
- Completed entire project - from design to implementation - in less than three weeks
- Developed a central repository for Finance Department documents
- Provided capability to create, store, and remotely retrieve data
- Facilitated collaboration among client team members
- A delighted customer:

"TerpSys really does care, and they show it by taking the time to listen. Once they understood our needs and desires, they crafted a superb portal solution that met our budget and exceeded our expectations."

– Jack Deeds,
Chief Financial Officer,
Search for Common Ground