Progressive States Streamline with ProjectDox®

Technology Trailblazers |
State of Idaho

Through its Division of Building Safety, Idaho was the first state in the U.S. to implement a statewide ePlan service program to citizens and multiple state agencies in 2008. As the fourteenth largest state in the United States, Idaho is home to nearly 1.5 million residents. Abundant outdoor recreation opportunities and scenic vistas attract over 20 million tourists annually.

According to C. Kelly Pearce, Administrator of the Division of Building Safety, "The expansion of the Customer Access System (CAS) with ePlan services represents another important step in our efforts to elevate customer service, preserve the environment and communicate more effectively with our customers and other governmental entities."

The mission of the Division of Building Safety is to safeguard life and property for the citizens of the State of Idaho by ensuring proper building design in the areas of electrical, plumbing, heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) and to promote public safety through the licensing of public works contractors and by conducting on-site inspections in accordance with all applicable state and federal codes and regulations.

We're proud to be the first in the nation to officially endorse and commence the implementation of an end-to-end electronic, automated plan submission and review system statewide.

Accelerating Growth |
State of New Jersey

New Jersey launched ePlans, a secure web-based electronic plan review system in 2015. The Division of Codes and Standards, within the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), implemented the new system, which eliminates paper-based building and code review and reduces the amount of time between plan submission and final approval.

ePlans will be extended to all building projects that require plans from a licensed architect or engineer. When a citizen (architect, engineer, contractor, owner) submits an application for a construction or land use permit requiring drawing plans and other documents, the Bureau of Construction Project Review will use ePlans to complete the initial review. Required changes are noted on the files and then communicated to the applicant, who can re-submit corrected plans electronically, 24/7, from the convenience of any computer. The review cycle continues until all the regulatory requirements are satisfied and the DCA grants approval for the plans.

DCA Acting Commissioner Charles A. Richman stated, "While we continue to maintain New Jersey's rigorous building standards, we are committed to making the process faster and more efficient. The new ePlans system will speed up the approval process for our customers and help reduce the amount of paperwork needed to complete the plan review process."

Increasing efficiencies and modernizing our processes is essential to stimulating economic growth throughout the state.

Excelling in Service |
State of Minnesota

The State of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) has launched ProjectDox for electronic plan review as part of its vision to continually build safer and healthier work environments in Minnesota by assuring quality construction, operation and maintenance of structures. The DLI regulates plumbing and electrical permitting, as well as building permits for State facilities.

The State launched ProjectDox to enable designers, such as engineers, architects and master plumbers to submit project plans electronically.

Once a designer applies to DLI for a permit, they receive an email inviting them to upload their building plan files electronically through a password protected, web-based system. Agency plan review staff can then access the plans and use the software's markup tools to indicate required changes and record comments.

The electronic review and communication continues until the plans are approved. The status of the plan review may be checked at any time by the designer by accessing the system.

Major benefits include cost savings from reduced mailing costs, shortened handling time and a reduced need to store paper plans by both the designer and plan review staff.

DLI will continue to accept paper plans but the long term goal is to have nearly all plans submitted for review electronically.

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