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Red Coats Inc. is a Green Seal GS-42 certified, janitorial contractor servicing the Mid-Atlantic Region and the state of Florida. The company specializes in providing commercial office cleaning services to myriad customers and is known as being an excellent strategic partner for both owner-occupied and leased office space.

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QUICK FACTS >>>

Client Focus

Janitorial services

Business Location

Bethesda, Maryland

Shamrock Services + Solutions

Lexmark enterprise content management software upgrade, custom iScripting, tune-up

Project Focus

Accounts payable

SUCCESS STORY >>>

Finding a Partner for Lexmark Professional Services

Red Coats uses Lexmark enterprise content management software (formerly Perceptive Content and ImageNow) to manage documents efficiently throughout their life cycle. Ryan Hoagland, director of information technology, recognized that the company would benefit from additional functionality by upgrading to the latest version.

He turned to Kansas City-based IT professional services provider Shamrock Solutions and its CEO Robert Albright to get the job done.

"Initially, we came to Shamrock Solutions after hearing about all the great work Rob and his team has been doing for years," Hoagland said. "We gave them a try and have been feeling lucky we found them ever since."

One of the requirements Red Coats had for its upgrade project was a rapid turnaround so that users could get up and running with the new content management features without delay. Hoagland reveals that Shamrock exceeded his high expectations.

"The team at Shamrock Solutions turns around projects faster than we can test them internally," Hoagland said.

Open Communication, Well-Organized Project Management

Any software upgrade is only as successful as the project management and information sharing between the customer and vendor. Shamrock uses a proven methodology to identify user requirements, time lines and goals, and is committed to maintaining open, responsive communication throughout the process — from discovery to testing to deployment.

This is another reason that Hoagland recommends Shamrock.

"The communication with Shamrock has been outstanding," Hoagland said. "They're always quick to reply and make sure we get the answers we need right away."

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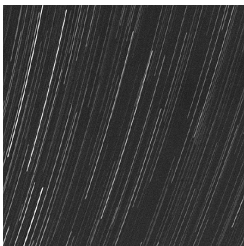
As part of upgrading Red Coats to the latest version of Lexmark enterprise content management software, Shamrock provided customized development services to update the company's accounts payable check scripts, as well as a system tune-up to ensure optimal performance of the Lexmark solution.

The scripting project included validating that data flowed smoothly between Lexmark and the financials module of Red Coats' ERP suite, so that users don't have to manually enter data once documents are updated.

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As Red Coats moves forward with its ECM project, Hoagland anticipates continuing his productive working relationship with Shamrock's team.

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PAIN POINTS >>>

- > Need to update Lexmark enterprise content management software to the latest version to take advantage of new functionality
- > Some vendors don't communicate well during software updates
- > Need a partner that understands Lexmark enterprise software solutions
- > AP check scripts were out of date

RESULTS >>>

- > Fast upgrade got users up and running sooner than expected
- > Transparent, fast communication helped expedite the project
- > Years of experience enabled Shamrock's staff to meet the client's precise needs
- > Successfully transitioned AP check scripts to the latest version