

Circuito: 100+ Employees, Costa Rica-based, Using praesto AE™ as a Strategic Planning Tool

Edwin Fischel, Vice President at Circuito S.A, got by using Excel spreadsheets to manage his firm's projects for years (this is a company celebrating 40 years after all), but in 2006 they realized they needed an integrated system to handle their anticipated growth.

Edwin investigated several packages but after he connected with Base Builders LLC and our founder, Doug Rawson, he chose Praesto AE. Edwin is an Electrical Engineer by trade, as is Doug, and he felt that they communicated well from the start and that Praesto AE offered all of the basics they were seeking. Edwin started off with attempting to develop an Access database but soon realized that he didn't need to reinvent the wheel.

Circuito is based in Costa Rica and as of today has a staff of 110. They employed around 30 people when they started with Praesto AE seven years ago and Edwin says that Praesto AE has grown with them seamlessly and he is sure he hasn't reached any sort of a capacity when it comes to managing projects with Praesto AE. When asked about any issues with using a program that was developed in and is supported by a US firm, Edwin says that it hasn't been a limitation whatsoever. They communicate with the Base Builders team well and have always had the support they need.

Circuito has three basic levels of access for Praesto – Director, Engineer and Administrative, or Designer. Combined they use almost 100% of the features that the system affords them. They use Praesto for everything from simple timesheet entry to the notes to enable them to have a “live log book” of all project related activity. They often end up with additional services on their projects and having the log book of all activity coupled with thorough time reports lets them go to a client and have proof of why they might need to add a change order to the contract and they tell us that is very well received by their client base.

Edwin also uses the system to do estimates on future projects because he can easily look back at prior similar work and create a very accurate proposal. He then can track the outstanding proposals and has an idea of the backlog coming in. He tells us this is a “winning combination”.

Who Is Circuito

Circuito S.A. is a professional MEP/ Telecommunications/LEED Engineering firm, with offices in Costa Rica, Mexico and Panama, established in 1975. Providing outstanding engineering services through all project stages, they help clients throughout Latin America and the Caribbean and work in diverse market sectors. At Circuito all related certified expertise exists within and they have accreditation with NFPA, Uptime Institute, USGBC, IESNA, BICSI, PMI to name a few. Their successful track record is living testimony of 40 years of proven expertise and service excellence.

About Base Builders

Headquartered in Reno, NV, Base Builders was founded in 2002 and is home to the innovative Praesto products. Base Builders founder, Doug Rawson, PE established very specific and focused goals for the company, which is dedicated to providing its customers with products and solutions that add significant value to their organization, and providing the ultimate satisfaction in customer service, experience and support. Based on many years of firsthand experience, Praesto AE has evolved into an all-encompassing solution that helps architecture and engineering firms to efficiently manage projects, to improve client relations, and increase bottom line profits. Visit www.basebuilders.com for additional information.