

præsto AE™ is the right size for a growing engineering firm

The founding Partners at Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. had "large firm" experience. They knew that industry specific business/project management software that had top-notch customer service was critical to their firm's success. They also knew from that previous experience that fully integrated financial and project management systems were not affordable for a 10 person start-up. They knew what features and functionality they needed so they set out on a search and found a perfect match with Praesto AE.

David Horton PE, President, says "The main reason we knew we needed more than QuickBooks was that we realized we had no way to hold our staff accountable. Today our Project Managers are empowered with project detail from Praesto AE – it is right at their fingertips". Marked efficiencies have also been seen by implementing time sheets and invoices that not only can be pushed to QuickBooks for AR tracking but where PMs can see detail as it is entered and billed to their projects, allowing them to manage in real-time. They also assign tasks and keep staff working on priorities using the integrated scheduling tools. All employees have some access to the system varying from time sheet entry to reporting functionality while the three Partners and the Office Manager have full system rights. David likes that he has everything he needs to manage the business through Praesto AE and doesn't have to have QuickBooks on his computer. And they have reduced overhead by streamlining their administrative tasks overall.

Horton feels very strongly about the client/vendor relationship as well and said the customer service provided by Base Builders™ is second to none.

When they have requested feature enhancements the developers of Praesto AE listen to them, ask questions to specifically understand the need and in most cases they have seen the requested enhancements in subsequent releases. "They take care of their customers and we've enjoyed that tremendously as a firm."

It's also been an added benefit for Midwest that Praesto AE has seen them through their growth to 33 employees today. They have no reason to switch to another software and plan to stay with the system that continues to be affordable and has helped them to run an efficient project management team.

Who Is Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc.

Midwest Engineering Associates, Inc. is a Professional Engineering Firm located in East Peoria, Illinois specializing in civil/site, transportation, hydraulic, structural, construction engineering, mechanical, electrical, plumbing engineering, building commissioning, professional land surveying, and landscape architecture services. Midwest has the ability to provide services on a wide range of types of projects, both in discipline and in scope of work. Projects may include new construction, facility or structure expansion, rehabilitation or repairs to existing facilities and structures, and assist with maintenance requirements and needs. Learn more at www.mweainc.com.

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.