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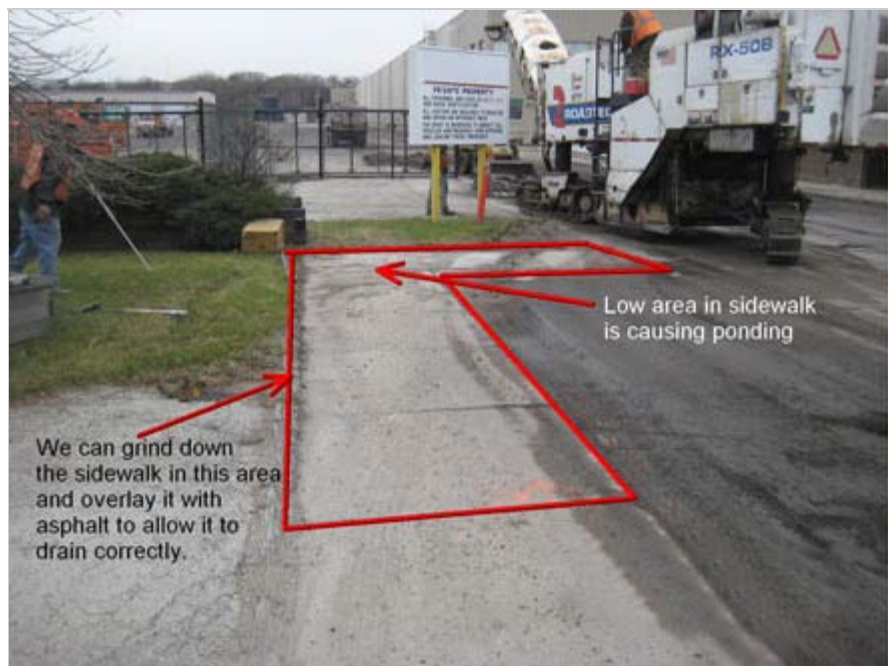
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Mobile technology helps keep projects on time, on target and on budget



Optimizing technology in the field saves precious time and resources. When Krusinski Construction found water pooling at a job site, General Superintendent Shawn Barry took this photo, highlighted the problem and suggested a solution, then e-mailed the image to the owner. Doing so saved the owner a trip to the site and allowed Krusinski to resolve the issue quickly.

No matter how much planning goes into a project, there's always the possibility that crews will encounter unexpected conditions while work is under way. The faster they can come up with a solution and get an owner's permission to move forward, the better the outcome.

That's where mobile technology comes in. Krusinski Construction Company uses laptops, smart phones, PDAs, digital cameras and other devices, along with high-tech software, in the field to automate the capture of data and communicate with owners, architects, engineers and project team members in

real time.

“When we ran into a problem in the past (before current technology), we would have to contact the architect, engineer or owner, depending on the situation, and wait for him to visit the site to see the situation firsthand,” says Shawn Barry, general superintendent and corporate safety officer at Krusinski. “That sometimes meant we had to put the project on hold, reschedule subcontractors and make other changes that added to project costs.

“Now, we can take photos at the site, load them onto our laptops, mark them up and e-mail them to stakeholders immediately,” he continues. “It saves them a trip and it keeps the project moving forward. I can get an answer within minutes rather than hours or days.”

This is exactly what happened on a Krusinski project in Hodgkins, Ill. When water was pooling in a low spot on site, Barry took a photo, highlighted the problem and suggested a solution. Barry e-mailed the marked-up photo to the civil engineer so that he didn’t need to come to the site to verify or evaluate the situation, saving the owner a site visit charge. The engineer responded via e-mail within 30 minutes, and Krusinski was able to resolve the problem quickly. That meant subcontractors stayed on track as well.

On another Krusinski project in Geneva, Ill., Senior Project Manager Jeff Moecher e-mailed stakeholders a multimedia file of three-dimensional drawings associated with underground utility work. He also sent them photos that showed how a rebuilt road was going to run close to existing utility conduits. Moecher then called them to talk through the situation, ensuring it was resolved quickly.

“We can clarify work in real time, keeping everyone on schedule and saving owners money,” Moecher says.

To learn more about how Krusinski uses technology in the field, contact Shawn Barry at shawnb@krusinski.com.

In the field: Krusinski project news and notes

We are excited to announce five new recently awarded projects:

- Comcast office remodel, Romeoville, Ill.: Krusinski will demolish and remodel an existing vacant interior to accommodate an office, break room, bathrooms and a 12,000-square-foot data area. Project Superintendent: John Becker; Project Manager: Joe Krusinski III; and architect: Ware Malcomb.
- JFC International food distribution facility, Hanover Park, Ill.: Krusinski will adapt a food distribution facility to make way for a new 20,000-square-foot freezer area. Project Superintendent: Shawn Barry; and Project Manager: Joe Krusinski III.
- Diana’s Bananas plant renovation, Chicago: The project involves renovating a 17,000-square-foot space to include an 8,000-square-foot freezer, and cooler and production areas. Project Manager: Joe Krusinski III; and architect: Archideas.

General Services Administration (GSA) office build-out, Schiller Park, Ill.: Krusinski is building out a 13,000-square-foot space for the GSA in a building owned by RREEF. Project Superintendent: Jeff Cali; Project Manager: Mike Metz; and architect: Reitan Architects.

- Quinlan & Fabish Music Co. interior renovations, Burr Ridge, Ill.: Krusinski is renovating a 54,000-square-foot office and manufacturing facility. The project includes a 5,000-square-foot office expansion, instrument repair space with specialty work stations and an ultrasonic room. Project Superintendent: Chuck Onik; Project Manager, Joe Krusinski III; and architect: Ware Malcomb.

To learn more about these projects, contact Gina Krusinski at ginak@krusinski.com.

Head of the class

Krusinski project manager mentors university students

When Krusinski Project Manager and Purdue University graduate Andy Johnson was still in school, he would have been thrilled to glean “insider” knowledge from workers in the field. With that in mind, he’s sharing his expertise with today’s students.



Andy Johnson shares his expertise in sustainable construction with students at Purdue University.

Johnson held a “working session” with about 35 juniors and graduating seniors who are pursuing bachelor’s degrees in building construction management at Purdue on April 26. He discussed sustainable construction and the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program.

“While their classes touch on sustainable construction and LEED, they don’t have a dedicated track for those topics,” Johnson says. “I really enjoyed helping them learn about what’s happening in the industry.”

Johnson plans to return to his alma mater later this year to meet with other students and lead sessions in safety and project management.

To learn more about these initiatives, contact him at andyj@krusinski.com.

Gina Krusinski earns Family Business Wiki award

Gina Krusinski, marketing and administrative manager at Krusinski Construction Company, recently received an award that recognizes excellence in business leadership,

contributions to trade organizations, community involvement, and participation in family business activities and learning.

The "10 Under 40" award is from the Family Business Wiki, a website that aims to be a Wikipedia-style resource for family owned businesses. She was among 10 winners from around the world and was featured in the site's May newsletter.

To learn more about the Family Business Wiki, visit www.familybusinesswiki.org.



Gina Krusinski

Jim Wilkinson receives DIG award

Jim Wilkinson, senior pre-construction manager at Krusinski Construction Company, received the company's Diversify, Improve, Grow (DIG) award for second quarter 2010. He was recognized at a luncheon on June 10.

Wilkinson was instrumental in presenting Krusinski's pre-construction services to a number of prospects and in securing them as clients in recent months. Rather than merely bid on these projects, he went above and beyond to understand the prospects' needs and the depth and breadth of the work involved.



Jim Wilkinson, senior pre-construction manager (right), receives congratulations from Krusinski CEO Joe Krusinski.

"Jim has served an important role in presenting our qualifications and helping prospects feel confident that we understand their projects and requirements," says Krusinski CEO Joe Krusinski. "He played a pivotal role in helping us win a number of awards."

In addition, Krusinski noted that Wilkinson's exceptional skills in mass grading and earthwork enable him to make recommendations that save clients money. These areas of building excavation and site development can be difficult to quantify in terms of scope. Wilkinson, however, is adept at identifying specifics and making sites more cost-efficient, Krusinski says.

Finally, the DIG award recognizes Wilkinson's expertise in using building information modeling (BIM) software and other technology that streamlines building processes and facilitates collaboration among project team members and owners.

Wilkinson joined Krusinski as a project superintendent in 2004 and was promoted to his current position June 8.

To learn more about the DIG program, contact Karen Boza at karenb@krusinski.com.

Krusinski announces promotions

Congratulations to the following employees who were recently promoted:



Dan Gratzl has been promoted to senior project superintendent from project superintendent.



Jeff Krusinski has been named vice president. Previously, he was business development manager.



Jim Wilkinson is now senior pre-construction manager. Previously, he was pre-construction manager.

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