Ghafari associates standardises on Bentley’s ProjectWise for BIM-enabled design/build and IPD workflows

Sydney, Australia, 4 April, 2012 – Bentley Systems, the leading company dedicated to providing comprehensive software solutions for sustaining infrastructure, has announced that Ghafari Associates, a leading full-service architecture and engineering organisation with offices in the U.S., the Middle East, and India, has standardised on ProjectWise for collaborating on all of its Building Information Modeling (BIM)-enabled design/build and integrated project delivery (IPD) workflows. Ghafari first deployed ProjectWise as a pilot to better support multi-team collaboration on a fast-tracked and complex design/build manufacturing facility project. Following the many successes of this pilot project, Ghafari expanded its use of ProjectWise’s proven capabilities and made it the system of choice for all of its collaborative projects. Many of the Ghafari BIM-enabled design/build projects that were managed by ProjectWise have received national and international recognition for their breakthrough results and improvements in all project metrics, including schedule, cost, and quality. Ghafari is currently using ProjectWise to manage AECO content in over 450,000 documents and to serve the collaboration and work-sharing needs of more than 2,500 users from 200 companies – all in a trusted, secure environment. Ghafari CIO Robert Bell said, “Our BIM integrated project delivery model leverages the power of ProjectWise to fully manage and integrate our project teams. ProjectWise allows us to collaborate among our global office locations, as well as with the entire project team, by leveraging ProjectWise caching server technology that provides immediate access to up-to-date project data. ProjectWise is the only way to ensure the right people have access to the right information at the right time.”

Samir Emdanat, director of Ghafari Management Services, said, “We’ve come to trust ProjectWise for the real work in BIM, which is the challenge of securely managing information in a federated environment so it can be readily shared among multiple disciplines around the globe. The unique capabilities of ProjectWise, its simplicity, robustness, and scalability, along with its support for real-time collaboration, fit Ghafari’s business needs to design and manage complex building projects with increasingly aggressive schedules.”

Huw Roberts, Bentley vice president, Core Marketing, said, “Like so many other ProjectWise users around the globe, Ghafari quickly realised the incredible value of having a shared, trusted source of all project information for connecting people and establishing collaborative workflows. This value increases exponentially as project teams become more widely distributed and organisations look to virtualise talent as much as possible to make the most efficient use of their resources.”

About ProjectWise

ProjectWise is a system of collaboration servers and services for information for the design and construction of infrastructure projects while the work is in progress. The system provides secure and managed work sharing, content reuse, and dynamic feedback capabilities including review, mark-up, clash resolution, visualisation, automated publishing, and more. For additional information visit www.Bentley.com/ProjectWise.

About Ghafari

Ghafari’s expertise is in 3D Building Information Modelling, combined with integrated project delivery and lean business practices, is transforming the industry. For additional information, visit www.ghafari.com.

About Bentley Systems, Incorporated

Bentley Systems is the global leader dedicated to providing architects, engineers, geospatial professionals, constructors, and owner-operators with comprehensive software solutions for sustaining infrastructure. Bentley’s mission is to empower its users to leverage information modeling through integrated projects for high-performing intelligent infrastructure. Its solutions encompass several platforms for infrastructure design, modelling and operation.

In almost 30 years Bentley Systems has grown to 3000 staff across 45 countries. Each year Bentley Systems invests more than $1 billion (USD) in research, development and acquisitions with over $500 million (USD) in annual revenue. Additional information about Bentley is available at www.bentley.com.

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