



ViaSat improves their Project Management Processes and toolsets by deploying SMART EPM, Powered by Microsoft Project Server

Overview

Country: USA

Industry: High Tech

Customer Profile

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Business Situation

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Company

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In 2004 the company was honored with the Hannover Fairs ISCe2004 Satellite Industry Award for Innovation and Technology and CEO Mark Dankberg was named "Satellite Executive of the Year" by Via Satellite magazine.

ViaSat's record volume of new awards in the past two years have made it one of the Washington Technology "Top 100 Federal Prime Contractors." and one of the "Top 50 Space Companies" as compiled by Space News.

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Solution

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Benefits

- Improved Time to market
- Enhanced Employee Productivity
- Improved Enterprise Project Management Capabilities
- Reduced Project Costs
- Increased Visibility

Software

- Microsoft SQL Server 2000
- Microsoft Windows 2003 Server
- Microsoft Project Server 2003
- Microsoft Project 2003 Professional
- Microsoft Project Server CALS
- Microsoft Office 2003 Professional
- Microsoft SharePoint Portal



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Solution

ViaSat has committed to improving the level of Project and Program Management discipline. This initiative will progress the processes, maturity and toolsets of the Engineering team. ViaSat realizes the value and importance of project management, resource management, standardization, and team collaboration and seeks an enterprise project management solution that will allow them to improve all said disciplines.

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About LMR Solutions

LMR Solutions was selected as Microsoft's West Region "Partner of the Year" for 2005. LMR Solutions is partnered with Microsoft to provide dynamic Enterprise Business Productivity Solutions that are customized and integrated to include Enterprise Project Management, Document Management, Microsoft Office Systems, Professional Service Automation and Portal Solutions. LMR Solutions is a Microsoft Certified Partner with Microsoft Project, Microsoft SharePoint, Microsoft Business Solutions and Microsoft Office System (Information Worker Productivity).