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Constants to Navigate Rapid Change

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Life comes at you fast. Capital construction projects are among the most complex projects within the federal government—and federal agencies are suddenly being scrutinized and held to account in new ways.

The rapid pace of change requires federal contractors and capital project owners to do more with less. The mandate to modernize federal technology and software, with the goal of maximizing governmental efficiency and productivity, has put cost management under the microscope. But it's hard to gain efficiencies without losing productivity, sidelining important projects, and risking long-term growth.

How can you prepare for fresh expectations to reduce costs and work faster, while continuing to innovate?

We've identified three areas of focus—tech-driven efficiency through modernization, transparent processes, and collaboration—that can help you succeed today, and to prepare for the next disruption that comes your way.

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1 Gain Efficiency by Modernizing Your Tech

Moving from manual to digital processes is crucial to keep projects on time, on budget, and within scope. And there's certainly room for improvement: Construction professionals spend 35% of their time each week on non-optimal activities!

- Agencies and contractors must adapt as industry regulations and economic factors change. The good news is technology is constantly being improved. Teams that do not consistently innovate will find themselves working in siloed systems and lose out on insights and new business.
- Spreadsheets and basic project management tools do not have workflow capabilities, security, or industry best practices baked in—and these must be tracked somewhere.
- A project management information system (PMIS) is table stakes for modern construction companies. Cost management suite and reporting capabilities ensure project risks and issues are visible and addressed quickly.

2 Prioritize Transparency to Reduce Risk

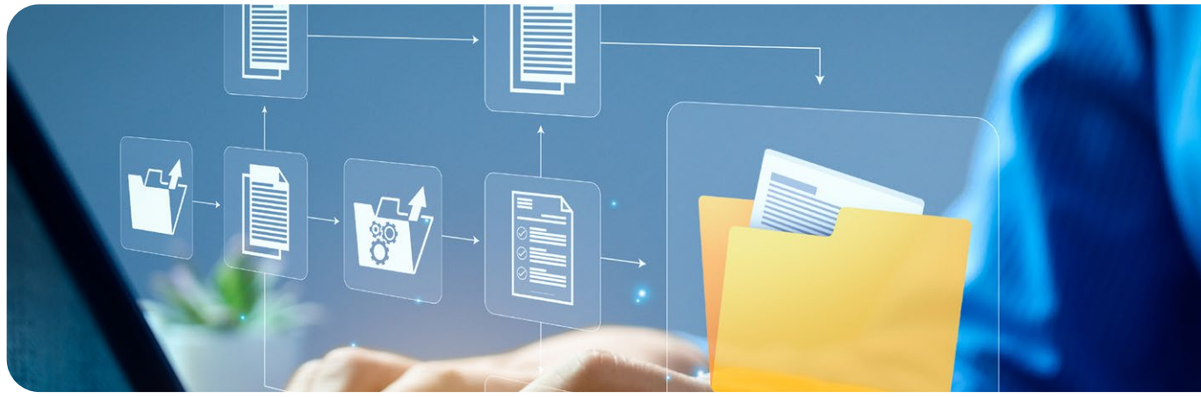
Besides the project itself, visibility and ownership of project data is one of the most valuable assets you have. Once the project ends or the contractor changes, you risk losing access to critical information. Owners often struggle to obtain historical data from their own systems, leaving them with no insight on performance and pricing of closed projects—not to mention defending against lawsuits requires detailed data.

- Regulations are constantly evolving and mandating how programs are run and delivered. The ability to add new processes, required documentation, and approvals is critical to minimize project disruption. It also streamlines the audit process and reduces regulatory risk.
- Project components such as budgets, contract procurement, change requests, and instructions occur throughout the delivery and need to be reviewed by the COR and project team prior to approval.
- Speed up time for approvals with automated workflows and clear "ball-in-court" accountability: tracking the responsibility for action during the review and release process.

3 Collaborate: Beginning, Middle, and End

Did you know over 1/3 of a construction professional's time is spent simply looking for project data and information? Collaboration is a huge opportunity to accelerate project coordination and execution, communication and stakeholder interaction, and responsiveness in the field.

- Create a single source of truth with real-time access to a central data source. Get project information out of contractors' systems, e-mail inboxes, text messages, documents, and .pdf files—and into a shared environment.
- Enable real-time communication for all members involved in the success of a program. Teams can communicate from anywhere in real time regarding budget management, scheduling, work orders, approvals and payments.
- Keep things moving with role-based access for shared documents, drawings, and files with stakeholders inside and outside your organization.



Fresh scrutiny and unexpected economic changes have the potential to destabilize complex supply chains, compliance obligations, and long project lifecycles. Those who can't pivot quickly are likely among the first to feel the pain.

A purpose-built PMIS like Kahua gives federal agencies the ability to create your system, own your own data, and prepare for the next change.

Talk to us to see how Kahua can help you stay ahead of shifting tides today and in the future.

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