

Alief ISD prefers Owner Insite over the competition

Alief ISD is using Owner Insite (OI) on all of the construction projects as part of their \$300 million 2015-2021 Bond Program. Glenn Jarrett, Project Manager Of Construction & Facilities at Alief ISD, prefers OI over it's competition.

"The number one reason Owner Insite is better, it's far more cost efficient. It's drastically cheaper than the competition." said Mr. Jarrett.

Having used competitors such as e-Builder on earlier projects, Mr. Jarrett has a few compelling reasons for his preference beyond the price.

"For e-Builder, it took a team of nine of us - six on our end and 3 on theirs, to work through it. They offer a powerful tool, and you can dive down into the nuts a bolts, but it takes 90 days to get it up and running." With OI, Mr. Jarrett said, "we were up and running within one day".

For e-Builder, each user's role needs to be defined, creating a rigid work flow structure. This may be beneficial to large institutions that will tie it to their financials or need to define by department, but as Mr. Jarrett states" K-12 districts aren't set up like that. It's too restrictive".

The ease and efficiency of the OI platform allows for multiple users to collaborate on each of the projects. "The feedback I've received from the architects and contractors is that it's easy to learn and easy to use. Because it's easy, they're more receptive to using it."

The adoption and use of OI by the subconsultants benefits Mr. Jarrett and his Alief ISD team because they're able to see the most current information on each of their bond projects in real time.

"I'm able to see how efficient the team is doing on a daily basis, especially with time-sensitive items such as RFIs and submittals. We're able to tell if there's a bottleneck somewhere."



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Mr. Jarrett did have his doubts when first researching OI, in particular with the technical support offered by a smaller vendor. He did some due diligence and read the positive reviews from previous ISD customers.

“The support has been phenomenal, it’s every bit as good as the big suppliers. They do a really good job with providing new enhancements and quarterly updates.”

GLENN JARRETT, ALIEF ISD

OI has been providing support on Alief ISD’s signature project, the new \$60 million Center for Advanced Careers, which is set to be completed by April 2018. Other key projects are the Outley Elementary School Addition, Kerr High School Fine Arts Addition, and the Middle School Gymnasium Additions

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