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Successful Standardization of IT Infrastructure

Engineering a Better Way.

Davenport Group & OBEC Consulting Engineers infrastructure and data center refresh.

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Making Connections

OBEC was looking for a knowledgeable technology partner they could rely on for their IT infrastructure needs as they continue to grow. They needed someone to help them with hardware and software platform consistency, technology refreshes and storage needs.

“Davenport Group has provided the responsiveness and expertise OBEC was looking for in a technology provider. Their expertise around Dell technology has helped us to make better informed decisions around IT which have had a direct impact on our business.”

— Joshua Brown
Director of IT

About OBEC Engineering Consulting

In 1966, a small team of former ODOT engineers founded Oregon Bridge Engineering Company as a subsidiary of **Hamilton Construction** in Springfield, Oregon. In 1971, OBEC struck out on their own, bringing with them a strong sense of the connection between office engineering and field construction. More than 45 years later, we do a lot more than just bridges, but our mission remains the same.

We measure our success by the effective use of available funding to achieve maximum value while improving critical infrastructure for our clients and our communities. As our company nears its 50th year, we've renewed our commitment to deliver economically advantageous, sustainable solutions.

OBEC exists to provide safe and efficient transportation systems and infrastructure that enhance our region while providing responsible stewardship of public funds. We are one of the few firms in Oregon with in-house capabilities to support every stage of infrastructure projects – from project management, permitting, design, and engineering through construction management.



The Challenge

In the past, OBEC has had a primarily agnostic vendor relationship. Like many clients, they were purchasing equipment from multiple vendors, multiple manufacturers, and lacked platform continuity within their environment. This presented multiple challenges for the IT staff and business as a whole including interconnectivity issues between hardware and software and complications with IT support, both internally and externally, as a result of disparate systems. These issues directly impacted the organizations ability to be efficient and competitive from an IT perspective.

A Vision for the Future

The relationship between OBEC and Davenport Group has grown over the past 2 years. The customer now has a single point of contact for IT purchases and knows they will get the answers in a timely manner from our sales and engineering teams. They have started standardization on Dell hardware across their environment and continue to work with Davenport Group on additional initiatives including network upgrades, additional SAN storage, future client refreshes and backup and disaster recovery.

