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Syncsite Helps CornellCookson Open Doors to Success



CornellCookson decided the time was now to update their ERP and CRM to improve communications and efficiencies among multiple business units and locations.

SOLUTION

CornellCookson selected Infor CRM for its solid reputation, functionality and ERP connectivity and the team at Syncsite for their vast experience with the solution and Friedman Frontier ERP integration.

RESULTS

Productivity has improved dramatically as each department is tracking various workflows and quotes. It has made CornellCookson more effective and efficient. Tracking, QA, work flows, quoting and generally the entire sales process have benefited the most from Infor CRM.



ornellCookson is a leading rolling door and grille manufacturer with facilities in Mountain Top, PA and Goodyear, AZ. The company produces custom closure solutions found in stadiums, hospitals, hotels and museums, along with a variety of facilities where reliability, security and life safety is vital. CornellCookson is committed to providing high quality, domestically-manufactured solutions, and its brands have operated within the United States since 1828 and 1938. Products are sold through a network of more than 700 Cornell and Cookson dealer partners worldwide to ensure competitive pricing through equal and alternate brands.

Below is our interview with Rick Williams, Vice President of Sales at CornellCookson:

- Q: CornellCookson is well respected in the industry; what do you attribute to that?
- A: Since 1828 the company has been in business and Cornell Iron Works even had the pleasure of completing the staircases at the Statue of Liberty. The company has a rich history dedicated to quality and there has even been a couple of books written about their legacy.
- Q: How has the merger with Clopay affected your business?
- A: A lot more growth as we've just added another

Client
 CornellCookson

Industry

- Rolling Door and Grille Manufacturer
- Headquarters
 Mountain Top, PA
- System Infor CRM[™], FrontierLink

100,000 square feet to our plant in Pennsylvania. It has opened up new markets and opportunities.

Q: What was the impetus for the move to a CRM?

- A: We first started using Frontier ERP and saw how well Infor CRM connected to it. As a result, we decided to setup both at the same time. Unfortunately our entire IT team was working on the ERP project, so Syncsite had to handle everything related to the CRM and its integration with Frontier ERP on their own. This really allowed for us to determine what items were needed in which order and Syncsite was able deliver the CRM to best fit our requirements. Infor CRM became the source of truth for everything marketing and sales.
- Q: Did you evaluate other CRM options? If so, which ones?
- A: Salesforce and Dynamics..
- Q: What departmental challenges had you been facing before implementing Infor CRM?
- A: Having to figure out how to setup the CRM without much help from Cornell's IT department made it extra challenging.
- Q: What's the biggest surprise you had once Infor CRM had been up and running?
- A: Couldn't get everyone internally to start as fast as we'd like them to for various reasons that had nothing to do with Syncsite or Infor CRM.





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Q: What's the biggest disappointment you had once Infor CRM had been up and running?

A: Would like to have seen even more informative videos from Infor regarding features.



- Q: How has Cornell's employees reacted since utilizing Infor CRM?
- A: Quite positive but have some departments that want customizations made just for them.
- Q: How has Cornell's management reacted since utilizing Infor CRM?
- A: Generally positive and satisfied with the results.
- Q: How has productivity improved since using Infor CRM?
- A: It has improved quite a bit as each department is tracking various workflows and quotes. It has made CornellCookson more effective and efficient. Not necessarily faster, but getting better results for the effort.
- Q: What processes have improved the most since implementing Infor CRM?
- A: Tracking, QA, work flows, quoting and generally the entire sales process.
- Q: How would you describe your experience working with Syncsite?
- A: Overall very good; we've had really good guidance on new asks but of course would like even faster response times.
- Q: What advice would you give another company about implementing Infor CRM?
- A: Without executive support, there will be a lot more challenges. Make sure you put in the time up front internally determining your specific needs and what you want the CRM to do for the company.
- Q: Would you recommend Syncsite to another CRM prospect?
- A: Definitely.
- Q: What improvements/enhancements would you like to see from Infor CRM?
- A: Would like to have a standard mobile app to download. Working from a link does work well for all phones, but everyone now is accustomed to downloading an app for anything they will run using their phone.

About Syncsite

Syncsite is a premier provider of Customer Relationship Management (CRM), Field Service Management (FSM), Business Intelligence (BI) and Marketing Automation (MA) solutions. Syncsite empowers companies in a variety of industries to manage their business data and leverage this information to strengthen customer relationships and enhance profitability.



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"Syncsite integrated our ERP and setup Infor CRM perfectly and with almost no IT support. I'd definitely recommend them to anyone considering the solution." Rick Williams, VP of Sales

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