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SENIOR BUSINESS PROCESS
RE-ENGINEERING PROFESSIONAL,
PARSONS

CASE STUDY

PMG Enterprise Service Platform Solves Parsons Corporation’s Onboarding Challenge

Improves employee first-day experience while significantly reducing annual labor costs

With thousands of employees across the globe, Parsons Corporation (Parsons) needed an automation solution to increase the efficiency of and visibility into its onboarding process. With PMG’s Enterprise Service Platform (ESP), Parsons reduced the time needed to onboard an employee by 56 percent.

CHALLENGE: ACCELERATE ONBOARDING PROCESS, IMPROVE FIRST-DAY EXPERIENCE

Founded in 1944, Parsons is an engineering, construction, technical and management services firm. With employees on 5 continents, Parsons has a large global footprint in the security/defense, industrial and infrastructure markets.

Parsons’ large employee network means year-round onboarding, with the firm averaging 67,500 labor hours per year dedicated to onboarding new employees. Yet the process was a pain point for the firm. Manual systems resulted in buried emails, unnecessary phone calls and a lack of visibility into operational progress. The company wanted to accelerate onboarding to maximize resources and make the first hour of an employee’s first day productive.

Parsons’ talent management team approached Michael Lawrence, Senior Business Process Re-Engineering Professional at Parsons, and together they began searching for providers. The company required a solution that interfaced with pre-existing systems, required minimal coding, offered robust workflow management and provided advanced reporting to monitor tasks and track performance.

SOLUTION: AUTOMATION STREAMLINES ENTIRE ONBOARDING LIFECYCLE

“We provided several competitors the challenges we were facing. PMG was the only provider to configure a solution specific to our needs, illustrating how the solution would work. This effort showed us how PMG would value us as an actual customer, and we were sold,” said Lawrence.

PARSONS

COMPANY

Parsons Corporation

INDUSTRY

Defense/security,
Industrial, Infrastructure

LOCATION

HQ in Pasadena, CA

WEB SITE

www.parsons.com

PROJECT

Business process automation

KEY BENEFITS

- Automated onboarding process
 - Improved first day experience
 - Dramatically reduced touch time for each new hire
- 37,500 labor hours saved
- Seamless integration with preexisting platforms
- Over 30 processes automated thus far

Since implementation, Parsons has automated more than 30 processes ranging from granting system and application access to hardware and software provisioning. PMG leverages a no-code workflow engine, allowing Parsons to automate manual emails and service requests, expediting processes and virtually eliminating miscommunication between IS, HR and other departments. Activities such as network access, workspace assignment and equipment provisioning can now be done with just a few clicks.

“Not only has PMG simplified onboarding, they’ve improved our visibility. The entire process, from granting network access to providing assets and physical workspace allocation, occurs in one workflow. We can document and track operations with unprecedented accuracy, eliminating those excess emails and status calls,” said Lawrence.

PMG’s Enterprise Service Platform also answers the need for integration, seamlessly interfacing with Parsons’ pre-existing Service and Asset management tool, as well as several other systems, including Active Directory, SharePoint and the P2P procurement system. PMG easily reads published APIs to provide a rapid exchange of bi-directional data, improving decision making through real-time tracking and performance metrics.

RESULTS: SIGNIFICANT ANNUAL LABOR COST REDUCTION

By automating its onboarding process with PMG, Parsons has seen a 56 percent reduction in the time needed to onboard each new employee. The resulting 37,500 hours provides more bandwidth for the Parsons Talent Management, IT and Facilities teams to focus on more value added tasks.

Ultimately, the improved onboarding process leads to a better first-day experience for Parsons’ new hires. With the shortened HR process, employees can begin contributing from the point of entry, further adding to the labor savings that PMG contributes annually.

Pleased with these results, Parsons aims to further leverage PMG as the foundation for its business process automation. The firm plans to expand automation to include processes such as off-boarding, project approvals and travel abroad requests to continue improving organizational efficiency.

SAVINGS CALCULATIONS	
Previous process	13.5 hours
New process	6 hours
Difference	7.5 hours, or a 56% improvement
New hires in 2014	5,000
Previous labor hours	5,000 (new hires) x 13.5 (old onboarding process) = 67,500
New labor hours	5,000 (new hires) x 6 (new process) = 30,000
Difference	67,500 (previous time spent) – 30,000 (new process) = 37,500

**Using the estimated 37,500 hours saved annually.*

ABOUT PMG

A significant number of the Global 2000 rely on PMG to deploy software solutions that streamline operations, reduce costs and improve efficiency. Our solutions give business and IT professionals a smarter way to automate business processes and improve collaboration. Ranging from IT financial management to identity management, employee onboarding and cloud provisioning, PMG’s technology is quickly deployed and easily supports constantly evolving business needs. For more information, please visit pmg.net.

ABOUT PARSONS CORPORATION

Founded in 1944, Parsons, an engineering, construction, technical, and management services firm is 100% owned by the Employee Stock Ownership Trust. Parsons is a leader in many diversified markets with a focus on defense/security, industrial, and infrastructure. We conquer the toughest logistical challenges and deliver design/ design-build, program/construction management, and other professional services packaged in innovative alternative delivery methods to federal, regional, and local government agencies, as well as to private industrial customers worldwide.