

Multnomah County Oregon Goes Google

Daston's Cloud-First professional services team has helped many state and local governments move away from on-premise solutions to enjoy the productivity and cost-savings provided by Google Apps for Government.

Increasing Innovation and Efficiency

With the help of one of Google's Premiere Partners, Daston Corporation, Multnomah County Oregon became one of the first large local government agencies in the Northwestern United States to switch their email system from Microsoft Office to [Google Apps for Government](#).

Today, the county's 3,500 employees rely on Google's cloud-based email system, an enterprise-ready suite of applications that includes Gmail, Google Calendar (Shared Calendaring), Google Docs which includes Spreadsheets, and Presentations as well as Online Document Hosting and Collaboration), Google Sites (Team Site Creation, Web Site Creation and Publishing), and Google Video (Easy, Secure Sharing of Video Content).

Switching to Google Apps

Prior to choosing Google Apps, County executive carefully surveyed and evaluated its 3,500 user population. Their research found that while every county employee had a license to use the suite of Microsoft Office applications, many of the employees were utilizing a small portion of all those features.

The under-utilized software cost County taxpayers more than \$100,000 annually in licensing fees and related costs, in addition to the estimated \$500,000 in staff time and costs to maintain the system. In choosing Google Apps, County executives found a far more functional and cost-effective solution for its email, calendar and contact requirements.

Fast Migration, Immediate Benefits

The Google Apps for Government platform is now providing the County with all of the equivalent capabilities that they were paying for with the Microsoft Office Suite at a fraction of the cost. Moreover it provides 250 times the email storage capacity of the Microsoft application, thereby improving flexibility and productivity.

*"We're utilizing technology to give our employees the tools to collaborate and provide a better service to our community, while saving tax dollars in the process."
Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen*

Unlike Multnomah's previous email system, the Google Apps platform is securely powered by the web and is now allowing its county employees to have the flexibility to be more productive and collaborative from either behind their desks, on the road, at home, from any mobile device or even when they're offline.

Further, Google Apps is the first cloud application certified by the federal government for security, availability, and best practices in the government community clouds.

The level of engagement and positive feedback from the County's employees has been overwhelming. These technologies are helping the staff be more productive and save money, while improving service to the public in the process.

