

Startup & Relocation Services

Whether launching an investment firm, relocating offices or enhancing existing facilities, firms have certain immovable deadlines and non-negotiable requirements for reliable and available IT services. Eze Castle Integration understands these realities and offers smart services that streamline the process, mitigate infrastructure risks and make technology a competitive differentiator.

Eze Castle offers a complete suite of design, implementation and construction process administration services to create a highly secure and efficient corporate infrastructure. Eze Castle's project management team is extremely familiar with the intricacies involved in starting up, relocating or enhancing a firm's IT facilities and delivers full scale service and support throughout the entire process.

With extensive experience, Eze Castle manages the complete IT project management lifecycle from IT design and development to comprehensive project management, systems procurement and seamless technology integration. The Eze Castle project management team is committed to delivering superior client service and holds certifications from leading organizations, including BICSI, the Construction Specifications Institute, IEEE and the Project Management Institute.

The Project Management Lifecycle

Utilizing its proven lifecycle methodology, Eze Castle has successfully implemented powerful technology infrastructures for more than 1,000 clients since the company's founding in 1995. The Eze Castle project management methodology encompasses five key components:

- IT Requirements Assessment
- IT Infrastructure Design Development
- Bid Evaluation and Consulting
- IT Construction Management
- Technology Integration

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURES

By working closely with some of the world's most prestigious Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) accredited consultants and architectural design firms, Eze Castle possesses expertise in the design of Green Technology Infrastructure Concepts. Eze Castle's approach to environmentally friendly designs and facility build-outs allows clients to attain coveted LEED facility certifications as well as demonstrate their commitment to corporate responsibility.

❖❖ About Eze Castle Integration

Eze Castle Integration (www.eci.com) is the leading provider of technology and IT services to the investment industry. The company's service areas include Startup and Relocation, Outsourced Technology Support, Professional Services, Telecommunications, Disaster Recovery and Business Continuity Planning, Archiving, Storage, and Internet Service. Eze Castle Integration is headquartered in Boston and has offices in Chicago, London, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, San Francisco, and Stamford. © 2008 Eze Castle Integration, Inc.

The Eze Castle team proactively manages each step of the process and provides continuity for fully integrated project management execution so clients can focus on day-to-day operations.

IT Requirements Assessment

Eze Castle has outlined an IT Infrastructure Needs Assessment to assist clients in the development of the baseline criteria necessary to plan the technology related aspects of the project. Eze Castle meets with the client to gain an understanding of how technology will support the firm's business operations as well as current and emerging technology requirements for voice, data, security and audio/visual systems. Gaining insight into disaster avoidance and security requirements, future growth plans and vendor relationships are also key elements of this first step.

IT Infrastructure Design Development

During the Infrastructure Design phase, Eze Castle assists the client in representing and coordinating the concepts and criteria developed during the Needs Assessment. Eze Castle develops a coordinated set of working drawings, IT implementation details, mechanical, electrical and plumbing specifications, and timelines, which will depict the requirements for the new technology infrastructure. The plans and written specifications allow Eze Castle to seamlessly execute the IT Construction Management and Technology Integration aspects of the project to help ensure a smooth and flawless startup, relocation or enhancement. During this phase, Eze Castle will cross-coordinate the design of the IT infrastructure with key individuals including the architect, mechanical and electrical engineer and any other professionals retained by the client.

Bid Evaluation and Consulting

The objective of Bid Evaluation and Consulting is to assist clients in selecting the most qualified construction vendors to complete the construction portion of the project. Eze Castle understands the intricacies involved in selecting the correct construction professional, including how to successfully navigate political and labor factors, and guides clients through the process. Eze Castle's project management team is there to align the client's requirements with the contractor's area of expertise, ensuring that the job is completed professionally

and thoroughly. In addition, Eze Castle assists clients in negotiating a baseline contract for the purposes of managing additions, deductions, and changes in scope during construction.

IT Construction Management

The goal of IT Infrastructure Construction Management is to assist a client in the proactive management and execution of the information technology infrastructure installation activities. Eze Castle oversees project management, as well as cost containment, throughout the project's lifecycle. Eze Castle attends coordination meetings with installation contractors, prepares meeting minutes, monitors progress, and resolves critical path issues. Throughout the process, Eze Castle acts as the client's advocate, saving them time and money and preventing headaches.

Technology Integration

The final step before go-live is Technology Integration. The objective of this phase is to assist the client in the proactive management of the technology infrastructure to ensure everything is implemented to the highest standards. Eze Castle oversees the entire process including system procurement, configuration, testing and implementation of the complete technology infrastructure. The Eze Castle team is then onsite day one to ensure a smooth system 'go-live' and that users are up and running quickly and easily.

With years of experience and a proven process methodology, Eze Castle's project management team ensures that project processes are seamless, performed effortlessly and no task or deadline is missed. Eze Castle understands what it takes to build highly resilient technology foundations that allow clients to minimize operational risk and focus on achieving corporate goals.

MORE INFORMATION

Eze Castle's Startup & Relocation Services provide complete support to new, relocating, and growing investment firms.

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