



## Bear Construction Interior Development

Nick Minella, Senior Project Manager at Bear Construction, knows a lot about tenacity. When he finished up college about 10 years ago, he joined Bear and has been with them ever since. His primary focus is tenant buildouts in the downtown Chicago market known as The Loop, and with about \$200 million in slated projects for 2017, he'll be keeping plenty busy. Minella is responsible for managing a lot of different drawing sets, and Fieldwire helps him keep them all straight without any struggle.

*"I've used other project management programs in the past, but Fieldwire is ten times easier to use than any of those other tools. I can upload data into Fieldwire and make it accessible to everyone else on the team without any extra steps."*

### MORE EFFICIENT MEETINGS

Storing all of your project content in one convenient place doesn't just make on-site visits easier, it helps during peer review for all of that work as well. Rather than needing to cart around stacks of notes everywhere, Fieldwire houses them all in your mobile device so you can quickly pull them up to discuss details with your colleagues.

### KEEPING YOUR PLANS IN ORDER

Making information easily accessible to everyone on the project is one of the chief benefits to using Fieldwire, and Bear Construction makes the most of this on a daily basis. When inspecting site conditions or creating as-builts, Minella and his team can mark up drawings, attach photos, and leave detailed notes of their observations right there in the app in offline mode. All of this new data is then synced and shared with others once reconnected to WiFi, meaning the rest of the field crew can see it on their own mobile devices

*"In the construction world, you have to be very specific about where to place all of the components you're working on," says Minella. "The ability to pull up plans and other files in Fieldwire while you're on the phone with a client in a different time zone is great. You can discuss the specifics with each other while you're both looking at the same information, so there's no confusion or uncertainty about placement."*





## STRONGER COLLABORATION

Open access to data helps keep Minella's crew in the know, which is especially advantageous when team members may not even be in the same state. Bear often incorporates industry leaders from around the country on their projects, so traditional communication methods can sometimes prove difficult given the great distances separating the team. Luckily, Fieldwire enables them to collaborate instantaneously with real-time update notifications, and clear timestamps for new activity help ensure accountability.

*“On one of our current projects, the client is based in San Francisco, the architect is in Minnesota, and the job itself is in Chicago,” says Minella. “So being able to share data with all of them through Fieldwire, where they can login anytime and manage their work from their respective locations, is extremely helpful with maintaining momentum.”*

## CONTINUED GROWTH

Bear Construction has become known for their top-notch, dependable interior work throughout the greater Chicago area, and as they continue to grow in both revenue and reach, Fieldwire will continue to support their diverse building efforts. Nick Minella and his teams have had a firm grasp on plan management and efficient collaboration since they adopted Fieldwire. With most of the kinks of handling so many projects now being smoothed out by the app, Bear's determination can now launch them even further as new projects keep rolling in.

“Fieldwire eliminates a lot of housekeeping, which helps us stay very organized and save some time. I'd recommend the app for sure, just probably not to a competitor.”



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