

CASE STUDY:

VERTALI ENABLES MULTIPLE TIME- CRITICAL SOFTWARE MIGRATIONS FOR A US STATE GOVERNMENT

CLIENT AND PROJECT

This state government was part-way through migrating a number of Broadcom products to their IBM equivalents. Some of these had not yet started, and the client had an extremely limited time frame to complete migrations of:

- CA 1 Tape Management to IBM DFSMS/RMM.
- CA Intertest to IBM Debug Tool.
- CA Vision Sixty and Vision Results to DFSORT, COBOL and other utilities.
- CA TPX Session Management to IBM CL/ SuperSession.

Unused and migrated software would also require decommissioning.

CHALLENGE

This was a time challenged project, and previous migrations had not run smoothly. In this situation, TPX migration was particularly challenging because of how the organization ran the administration of TPX screens.

VERTALI SOLUTION

Engaged by the state government's partner, Vertali estimated the migrations could be completed within four months. This included a Planning and Design Phase to create a detailed migration plan. This reflected the change windows, client and partner resources available, and various other factors required to de-risk the project and ensure timely delivery.

The work was completed as planned, with multiple Broadcom mainframe products successfully migrated to their IBM equivalents, and decommissioned.

- US state government
- Multiple time-critical mainframe product migrations
- Planning and design, governance, implementation, training
- Migration was completed on time

Delivery included providing various tasks and milestones for each product, in line with the Detailed Project Plan and Design Document created by Vertali following client workshops. Activity included: progress reporting and regular meetings; maintaining and managing the RAID Log; installation, configuration and verification; conversion to the IBM product, with different requirements and data migration issues for each; executing a training plan as explained in the Detailed Design Document; testing for each area; implementation; 30 days' post-implementation support for each product; and product decommissioning.

"This project was highly time-sensitive, as the client faced an impending deadline for software decommissioning," says Terry Stanton, Technical Architect at Vertali. "Due to previous unsuccessful migration attempts, the client was understandably cautious about engaging another third party. As a result, Vertali was required to demonstrate both our ability to meet the critical timeline, and to reassure stakeholders of our expertise and capability in executing a successful migration."



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