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A success story in data center consolidation Thrivent Financial

Results

in data center consolidation

"The Data Center Consolidation project was a remarkable success story. The Perot Systems' team of exceptional associates used dogged determination and collaborative leadership with our staff to make this significant challenge look effortless."

> Larry Robbins, Chief Information Officer, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

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PEROT SYSTEMS DELIVERS ON-TIME, UNDER-BUDGET, TOP-NOTCH RESULTS THROUGH THE POWER OF COLLABORATION.

CHALLENGE

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit Fortune 500 financial services organization helping nearly three million members achieve their financial goals. In the face of systems integration challenges following a recent merger, the organization needed to migrate a mirror image of their 450mips mainframe LPAR over one weekend from the existing data center in Minneapolis to their operations center in Appleton, Wisconsin. Requirements were that the move be accomplished without losing data, adversely impacting the business, or causing long-term outages to the system and the numerous internal and external networks connected to it.

SOLUTION

Since the customer had limited experience moving mission critical systems, our company advised and consulted through every phase of the project using Thrivent Financial's technical staff in primary leadership and tactical roles. The team applied our proven data center migration methodology, which enables reliable and repeatable migrations of critical business systems. In a collaborative environment, we provided expertise from similar projects to develop an aggressive hour-by-hour schedule to complete major events and minimize risk. Along the way, we monitored and tracked project progress, helped prevent issues, and remedied any problems that did occur.

RESULTS

- The data center move was completed on-time and under-budget
- The project was viewed as a "non-event" by organization leaders
- The migration created no adverse impact to the business



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