

A PICTURE'S WORTH... A SPEEDY RESOLUTION

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Under any circumstances, but especially in the current economy, missed contractual time-lines and obligations to customers are more costly than ever. Besides the burden of legal fees paid to resolve construction site incidents, the cost of time spent on the case and lost on the project brings on budget-breaking waste.

Prevention through improved, cost-efficient monitoring and documenting jobsite activity delivers one of the most reliable solutions. At the same time the easily retrieved archived visual materials provide critical information needed for insurance claims and court cases.

Time and date stamped images with weather and time-lapse movies have resulted routinely in quick pre-attorney resolutions. In one case, crane rental charges exceeding \$100,000 were rescinded when the customer presented the supplier webcam verification with time and date stamp images. The documentation proved that the rented equipment was not at the site for time charged. In another situation, unreported destruction of a \$20,000 window on a building construction project was solved when 24/7 wireless cameras captured the accident caused by a sub-contractor. And finally, the detailed clarity of high-resolution images provided information for the contractor that trucks on the site were carrying the wrong concrete mix for the job—an error that had both safety and contract implications. The incident was quickly corrected potentially saving millions.

If it was necessary to take the next legal step in these situations the evidence would have been accessed easily, established clearly, and verified reliably by archived images.

Webcams, such as those provided by EarthCam, provide a variety of custom solutions for archiving necessary evidence and insurance claim information and meet budget and monitoring demands. The systems deliver a reliable means of preventing legal disputes or resolving them efficiently and economically.

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