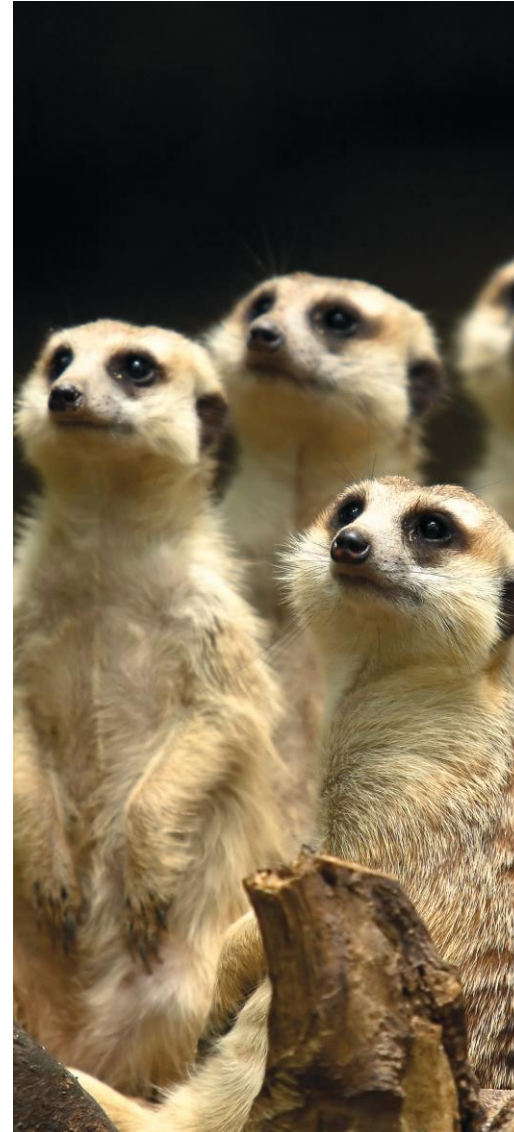


Successful project

Evaluating a construction cost-management solution for the canton of Berne

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Successful project: The Civil Engineering Office and the Department of Construction, Transport and Energy of the canton of Berne

The initial situation/challenge: The Civil Engineering Office and the Department of Construction, Transport and Energy of the canton of Berne had to replace their outdated construction cost-management software for the cantonal road network.

The central challenge of the project was to combine the different concepts and processes used by these two organizational units and issue joint requirements on behalf of the Civil Engineering Office. The mandatory criteria for the new solution had to be consistently defined and clearly delimited from the optional criteria. Within the scope of an internal procurement procedure, specifications had to be developed, an open call for bids had to be issued on the basis of the cantonal procurement law, offers had to be evaluated and a request for awarding official contracts had to be prepared.

The solution: External support with expertise from parm ltd.

By calling in external consultants from parm ltd., the evaluation was assessed from a neutral expert perspective. This allowed the external view of construction cost-management specialists to be incorporated in the process. Edward Pfister, CEO and owner of parm ltd., handled all the internal project management tasks in the procurement process for the contract. Together with an internal working group consisting of project managers and experts in the road sector as well as financial and accounting experts, he issued a specification document for the bidding procedure. He also supported the team during the offer evaluation process. A management decision by the Department of Construction, Transport and Energy led to the implementation of a construction cost-management solution based on SAP. The call for bids was consequently cancelled and a new one was issued on behalf of the whole department. Edward Pfister also accompanied this procurement

process from the technical side and contributed actively to testing and evaluating the SAP offerings and supplier presentations.

The success story: Success thanks to a well-structured approach

Thanks to a structured approach and workshops facilitated by parm ltd., the project was a success. A precise and comprehensive specification was worked out within a very short time. The flexible schedule and a relaxed, structured and goal-oriented approach assured excellent cooperation. In the course of implementing the contract, the Civil Engineering Department has worked with these specifications up to the present.

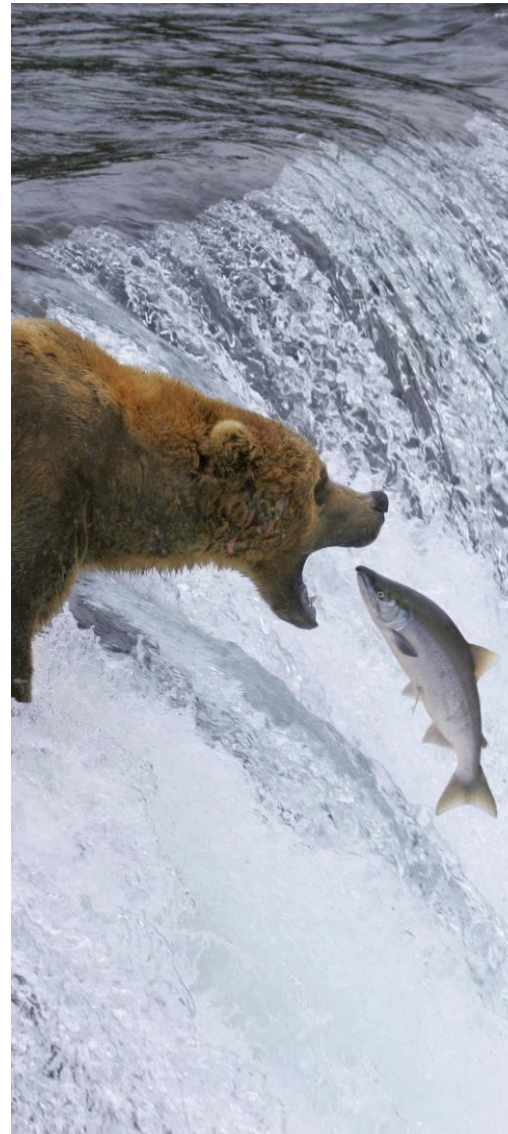
About the Civil Engineering Office and the Construction, Transport and Energy Department of the canton of Berne

The Civil Engineering Office is the key actor for the road network of the canton of Berne. It represents the canton as the owner and contractor for the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of the cantonal roads. The Construction, Transport and Energy Department pursues the goal of sustainable development. It performs the tasks of hydraulic engineering, lake and riverfront legislation, issues concessions for gravel extraction from water bodies and advises property developers in revitalizing the waters of about 12,000 km of rivers and streams



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Statement of the customer:
*«In the process of evaluating
a new construction cost-
management solution, parm
ltd. supported us in a
dedicated way as a
competent partner and
formulated our needs within
schedule in comprehensive
specification documents. The
high quality of these
documents has since been
confirmed.»*



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