

# BSD SpecLink Automates Unique Specification Requirements at Process Facilities, Inc.

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*PFI recently completed Stryker Biologics Manufacturing Facility in West Lebanon, New Hampshire, with the help of BSD SpecLink.*

**Process Facilities, Inc. (PFI) is an industry leader in the architecture, engineering, planning, construction, and validation of facilities in the life sciences and high-purity manufacturing industries.**

With offices in Boston, Philadelphia and Alameda, California, PFI is a top-ranked firm by Engineering News-Record in pharmaceutical plant design and construction. Their full-service capability means their clients reap the rewards of having a single source of responsibility from project start to finish.

Their seamless integration of capabilities - with instant communication and a common understanding of their clients needs - creates a smoothly moving project and ultimately a better facility. Each member of their team is experienced in working with client's research organizations, scientists, engineers, and management to deliver facilities that meet their quality, schedule, and budget expectations while still fulfilling

future needs for adaptability to research and manufacturing technologies.

Led by a group of industry leaders, the PFI team provides critical decision-making and leadership skills for a broad range of challenging projects. This experience provides a consistently high level of coordination, services, and accountability. The staff is constantly in the field, upgrading and perfecting their unique skills to ensure their designs are state of the art.

PFI recently became part of Parsons, a leader in providing technical and management solutions to federal, regional and local government agencies as well as private industries worldwide.



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# BSD CUSTOMER CASE STUDY

## PROCESS FACILITIES, INC.

**The need:** Prior to 1998, PFI had no computerized system for generating specifications. This is how Kevin Moriarty, Senior Designer, describes the way they previously wrote specs: "We used to keep books of hard copies of specifications. Every time a specification needed to be issued, we would find the one nearest to what was needed, mark it up by hand, and give it to an administrative assistant to type. She would return it so you could make changes and give it back to her. Then we would check it a second time and hope that a section had not been omitted." They knew there had to be a better way to generate specifications. That was when they found SpecLink.

**The solution:** Since they began using SpecLink in 1998, all PFI specification editing is done by the project architects and engineers instead of the administrative assistant. Moriarty says, "Now we start with a fresh, updated SpecLink Office Master. We edit the file to include everything needed for the project and save it into a project folder. We can remove any extra information, so the contractors don't have to read through pages of non-project related paragraphs. Our administrative assistant publishes the specification as a word processing document - and we're done."

PFI has created several Office Masters. They use them for different project types, as well as the various client insurance company requirements. Having everything in one database file

gives PFI a much more practical and cost saving method for updating specifications and keeping standards current.

When asked how SpecLink has saved PFI time and money, Moriarty responds, "It has saved both by reducing the need for the 'back and forth' between the architect/engineer and administrative assistant. It has made us money in repeat business. SpecLink is a superior, quality product." Other productivity advantages Moriarty has seen include, "We no longer have to search for a specification. We don't have any omitted sections. And there are no longer six copy versions of the same section with no one knowing which is the most current!"

**The outcome:** PFI now uses SpecLink on every project they do - from small lab renovations to \$60 million new facilities. Regardless of the size of the project, SpecLink works for them.

What does Moriarty like best about SpecLink? He lists several things, "The ease of use in editing specifications. The ease of creating a specification from scratch. The comfort of knowing that the specification is not going to have any embarrassing mistakes - such as a missing section, outdated references or an old client name left over from a previous revision of the specification. SpecLink helps us give our contractors and clients a better quality, concise and complete package."



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BSD SpecLink is a powerful specification writing, management and production system with built-in intelligence designed to dramatically speed up editing tasks and reduce specification production time while minimizing errors and omissions. Users' project files are each maintained in a single database, rather than in multiple word processing files. Several model projects are included that allow the user to start with a pre-edited set of complete specifications. Because the master data is always visible and never deleted, it is easy to review project choices or select alternatives. Users can also import their own custom sections and/or create model projects specific to company or project-related requirements.