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With design and construction projects for business and governments occurring all over the world, Colorado-based Bryan Construction is all about agility and flexibility. “We do work for individual clients, big developers, as well as the Department of Defense, which means we’re working all hours and all over the world,” says Vince Shoemaker, CFO and principal at Bryan Construction. “Unlike some construction companies, Bryan Construction uses technology in the office, as well as in the field,” he notes. “We are moving towards an entirely paperless office which means everything from construction plans to critical path project scheduling, customer profiles to contracts are stored digitally—and we need to be able to access them anytime, anywhere.” This need for fast access to data and IT tools from anywhere has led Bryan Construction to increase its mobile computing capabilities across the company.

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The functionality of a business-class PC, the portability of a tablet

Bryan Construction’s IT is handled by Amnet, a leading managed IT services provider in Colorado. They recently introduced Bryan Construction to business-class HP EliteBook™ Ultrabooks based on 3rd generation Intel® Core™ vPro™ processors. A “business-class Ultrabook is great for customers who need the functionality of a PC, but have taken to using a tablet as their primary device because of mobility considerations,” says Trevor Dierdorff, CEO and president of Amnet. “A vPro-based Ultrabook like the HP EliteBook delivers all the functionality of a notebook PC, including Microsoft Office capabilities, and then add advanced security and productivity features in a form factor that weighs less than 3 pounds. Bryan Construction is discovering that with an Ultrabook they can work anywhere their customers need them.”

Unlike consumer-oriented Ultrabooks, a business-class Ultrabook is designed specifically for the security and productivity demands of business. It’s less than an inch thick, wakes up in a flash and runs for hours. And since it’s based on the 3rd generation Intel Core vPro processor, it has embedded security and remote management features that help keep threats out and keep clients’ data protected. It’s a powerful combination of built-in security and intelligent performance.

Getting work done in the field as well as the office

Shoemaker loves the extreme portability of his Ultrabook. “My previous laptop was a ProBook,” he says, “but the HP Ultrabook seems to weigh about 10 percent of the ProBook. I take it with me more places than the old laptop, since it’s just easier. I had been using a tablet a lot because of its ease of portability, but I find the Ultrabook is taking its place. The HP Ultrabook gives me the full functions of a PC with the size and convenience of a tablet.”

Dierdorff of Amnet says that this improved mobility maps right into current trends in computer usage by small and midsize businesses. “Our customers want mobility and portability, and some of them use tablets for this reason, but, unfortunately, they have to delay many tasks when they’re using their tablets. With a business-class Ultrabook, they have full PC capabilities and can have easy access to their tools and data wherever they are. And the EliteBook is the only Ultrabook with a true docking station that connects to the right side of the laptop, extending in-office functionality.”

Another surprise for Shoemaker was how much difference the longer battery life made. “The battery life on the HP Ultrabook is impressive. I’ve run it for 4 hours and still had plenty of battery left. That’s a contrast to my old notebook, which basically had to be plugged in all the time.”
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For Bryan Construction, the Ultrabook is the right tool, giving the company the mobility they need to be more productive from more locations, while at the same time providing Intel vPro technology to improve their data security. “We run projects all over the world,” says Shoemaker. “We’ll be giving all our project managers business-class Ultrabooks because the portability and functionality make them more productive. Plus, it’s nice to know that if a PC fails on a project in Afghanistan, Amnet may be able to repair the problem remotely and get us back to work that much faster.”

Amnet’s Dierdorff believes many small and midsize businesses can benefit from business-class Ultrabooks. “vPro-based PCs are already our standard recommendation to all customers and the HP EliteBook Ultrabooks don’t really cost any more than our standard business-class laptop. The advantages in portability, performance, and manageability make this very attractive to our customers.”

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For more information on the benefits of Intel vPro technology for small and midsize businesses, visit http://msp.intel.com/small-business.

For more information on Amnet, visit http://www.amnet.net.

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Less downtime and improved security = more business benefits

In addition to breakthrough mobility, the HP EliteBook business-class Ultrabook based on the Intel Core vPro processor also gives Bryan Construction the numerous advantages of Intel® vPro™ technology. This means that Amnet can deliver even more business benefits to Bryan Construction, day in and day out:

**Reducing repair times by 66% minimizes business interruptions.** For Bryan Construction, “Any downtime means a loss in productivity,” says Shoemaker. “Whether we’re in the field or in the office, if a system goes down, we have a problem because one of the key differentiators for our company is the speed at which we respond to customers and subcontractors.”

Business-class Ultrabooks based on Intel vPro technology can be remotely monitored and repaired by Amnet, which prevents many problems and makes most repairs much faster. “PCs with Intel vPro technology let us diagnose hardware problems remotely, and this helps in a number of ways,” says Amnet’s Dierdorff. “A vPro machine reduces our average time to repair a hardware problem from 3 hours to 1 hour—that’s a significant benefit to our customers.”

**Improved data security that helps protect your business.**

For any organization, keeping business and customer data secure is paramount. Ultrabooks featuring Intel vPro technology allow Amnet to manage Bryan Construction’s PCs after hours to keep security software and backups up to date. Ultrabooks also feature Intel® Anti-Theft Technology: should one of Bryan Construction’s Ultrabook PCs be lost or stolen, Amnet can protect its data by disabling the laptop—regardless of its location—and can re-enable it if it’s recovered. “If our service provider can reach the machine more easily, it’s a huge benefit,” says Shoemaker. “Our data isn’t super secret, but some of our laptops do have sensitive information on them and the ability to lock them down remotely is a nice feature.”

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