



## State of Washington

### Form management drives efficiency while meeting legislative mandates

#### Benefits

- Unified repository enables easy desktop retrieval and viewing via the Web
- Online public access to information eliminates the need to visit or contact the PDC

#### Business overview

The Washington State Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) was created in 1972 by an initiative of the people to provide timely and meaningful public access to information about the financing of political campaigns, lobbyist expenditures, and the financial affairs of public officials and candidates. With this information, compliance with contribution limits and other state campaign finance restrictions is ensured. The PDC is one of the few Washington state agencies created as a direct vote of the people, and works to provide quality public services to its citizens.

#### Challenges

In 2000, the PDC received a mandate from the Washington state legislature that information from manually filed campaign reports needed to be available to the public in 14 days, and information received from electronic filings needed to be available in seven days. In addition, due to a new state law, any candidates and political committees that spent \$25,000 or more in 2001, or expected to do so during 2002, would be required to electronically file their 2002 reports, starting January 1, 2002. The new requirements were projected to result in a significant increase in electronic filings, as previously only gubernatorial candidates were required to file electronically.

At the time the PDC received this legislative mandate, staff members were processing the files manually, and it took several weeks to make campaign contribution information available to the public. The PDC needed a solution that would allow staff members to create an electronic image of each file, and provide easy and quick access to the public via the Web.

“We needed to immediately store, retrieve, and view hundreds of thousands of contribution forms,” said Michael Smith, chief technology officer for the PDC. “The solution also needed to provide instant access to this information to the public. We wanted community members to be able to log onto our site and search the databases to gather any information they needed on campaign financing.”

## Business profile

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### Industry

Government

### Geographies

Located in Olympia, Washington

### Business solution

Corporate governance and compliance, document management, transactional content management

### EMC products

EMC Documentum ApplicationXtender, EMC Documentum ApplicationXtender Report Management, EMC Documentum ApplicationXtender Web Access

## EMC solution

To improve the management and access of contribution forms, the PDC turned to EMC® Documentum® ApplicationXtender®. Using Documentum ApplicationXtender, ApplicationXtender Web Access, and ApplicationXtender Report Management, the PDC created a highly effective document management, storage, and access system. With ApplicationXtender Report Management, the PDC provides an exact electronic representation of electronically filed contribution forms. Paper filings are scanned into the system when they are received. ApplicationXtender then intelligently indexes and organizes the reports into a unified repository, enabling easy retrieval via the desktop or the Web. All of the filings are stored within EMC DiskXtender®. Filing information is made available to the public via ApplicationXtender Web Access. Using ApplicationXtender Web Access, any member of the community can retrieve and view stored filing information via the Web, with an easy-to-use search and retrieval interface.

With ApplicationXtender, the PDC not only met the Washington legislature's mandates, but exceeded the 2002 mandate for making paper filings available in four days and electronic filings available in two days. Using the new system, the PDC can provide access to images of electronically filed reports in 15 minutes, and manually filed reports are ready in approximately 12 hours or less. In addition, the anticipated increase in filers and forms will not affect the efficiency and timeliness of the PDC, nor require an increase in staff.

In addition to the benefits the PDC has received, the citizens of the state of Washington can also take advantage of the benefits of ApplicationXtender. Prior to implementation, press and other citizens requesting campaign contribution information would either have to call the PDC and request the information, or visit the PDC in person and use the computers at the site location. Now, the public can easily retrieve the information themselves from the PDC's website.

“Before we implemented ApplicationXtender, our data entry staffers were inundated with gathering and inserting all the campaign information. Now our staffers are always caught up, and can use the time saved to focus on ensuring compliance with contribution limits and other campaign finance restrictions.”

**Michael Smith, Chief Technology Officer, Washington State PDC**

## Summary

“We are working hard, within a tight budget, to ensure compliance with contribution limits and other campaign finance restrictions,” said Smith. “With ApplicationXtender, we have been able to provide taxpayers with an efficient and affordable way to view this information.”

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