

# Field Report: Hy-Vee Incorporated



## Hy-Vee Incorporated is all in with Submittal Exchange

Founded in 1930, Hy-Vee Incorporated is an employee-owned chain of supermarkets located across the Midwest. The company operates over 230 supermarkets, located throughout Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Missouri, and Wisconsin. Since 2009, Hy-Vee Incorporated has used Submittal Exchange on more than 25 projects with a combined construction value of over \$100,000,000.

According to Daniel Willrich, architect for Hy-Vee Incorporated, the organization made the decision to first try Submittal Exchange because of a recommendation from one of their contractors.

Willrich has been in the construction industry for 15 years, spending the last three years with Hy-Vee. Prior to experiencing Submittal Exchange, Willrich stated that documentation was handled, "The old fashioned way, mailing documents back and forth." Now he says, "It's a lot easier. If I had a big submittal, like a pre-cast, I'd mark one up and make one clean copy and send it down to have photocopies made. By the time they'd go down to the printers and all of that, they'd have been saved on Submittal Exchange."

Project Engineer with Hy-Vee Weitz Construction, Mark Wall, echoed Willrich in the amount of time saved by using Submittal Exchange. Before using Submittal Exchange his process would involve "Getting the documents, checking for mistakes and dimensional things, making mark-ups, and then I would think, now I have to do this five more times!"

Ed Reiss is also a member of the Hy-Vee team. Reiss is a Project Manager with the Hy-Vee Engineering Department. He has been a part of the Hy-Vee team for 25 years. Reiss appreciates the advantage of "speed and accuracy" in using Submittal Exchange. "We can get the information out there on a timely basis and know it is accurate. Everyone is seeing the same information." Willrich feels much the same about the process of distributing information through Submittal Exchange. "One thing it has done for us as the owners is that it gives a little bit of peace of mind in terms of when we issue ASI's or additional information. We know that it's out there and it's not on somebody's desk waiting to be distributed. It is out there on the website and it becomes each individual Subcontractor or Consultant's job to make sure they have the information.

When asked if Hy-Vee would recommend Submittal Exchange to fellow construction professionals for use, Willrich stated, "Yes. It has definitely increased the accuracy of information out in the field."

Addressing any concerns from other industry professionals, Wall says, "If there was ever something that came up that I didn't understand I just called one of the techs there and it was immediately answered. Anyone can learn this." Wall's final statement sums up the team's feelings regarding using Submittal Exchange, "If you can make things easier and save money, we're all in!"

### Company:

Hy-Vee Incorporated

### Region/Country:

Midwest, United States

### Industry:

Retail/Supermarket

### Solution:

Submittal Exchange

"Everybody wants to make things easier and everybody wants to do the best job they can and with this tool, that's a possibility."

### Mark Wall

Project Engineer  
Hy-Vee Weitz

