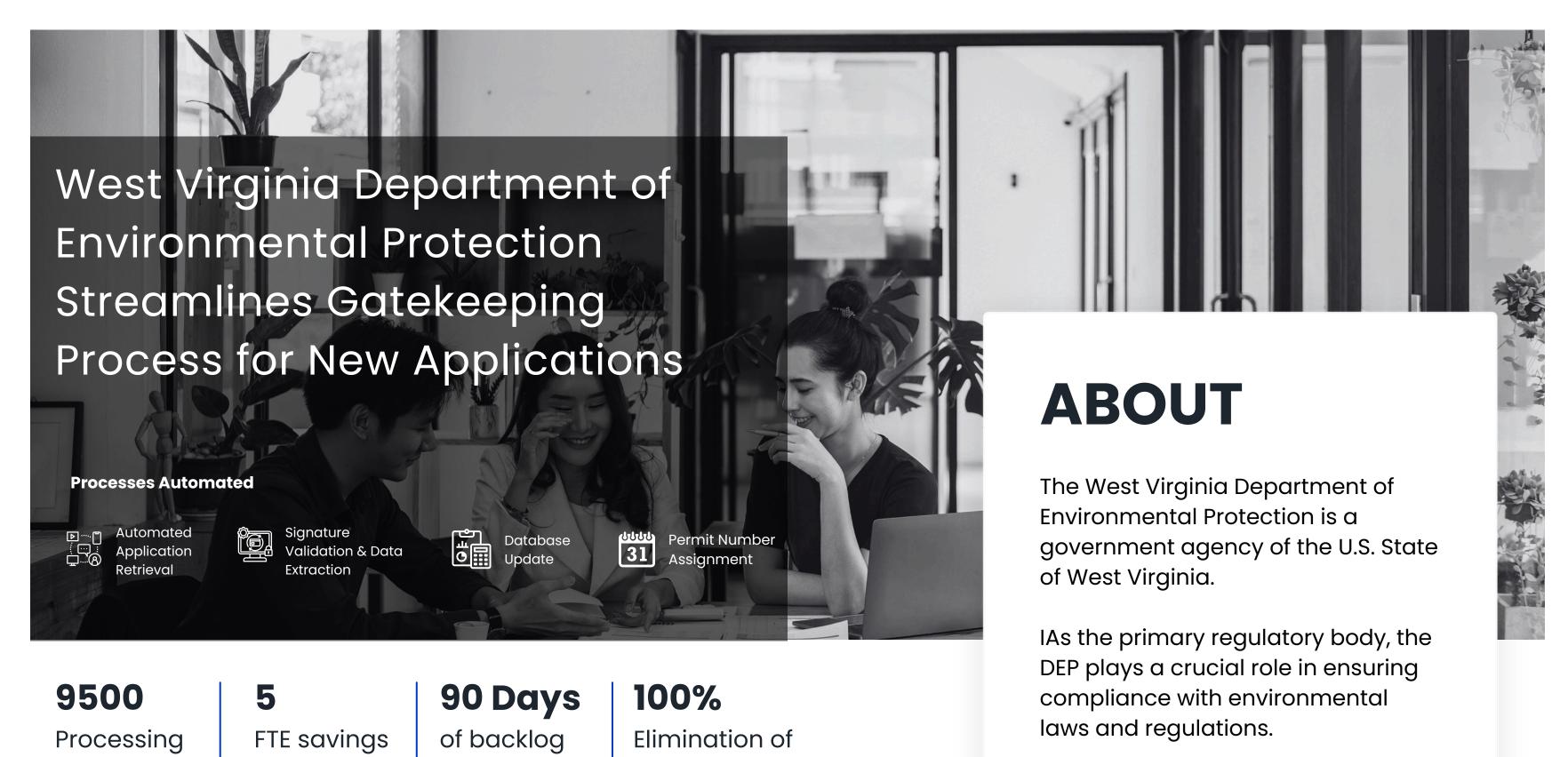
CASE STUDY

hours saved

annually





manual data

entry errors

eliminated

over 1 year

period

CHALLENGE

The DEP's administrative team was inundated with a high volume of permit applications each month. This influx of applications created a burdensome gatekeeping process, requiring the team to meticulously validate the completeness and accuracy of each application. As a result, processing these applications became timeconsuming, leading to significant delays and mounting frustration among applicants, vendors, and citizens alike. The team responsible for this process was constantly pressed for time, leading to increased stress levels and burnout.

SOLUTION

- Large Volume of Applications: The DEP receives thousands of permit applications each month, making it challenging to process and validate each one efficiently and accurately.
- Time-Consuming Gatekeeping Process: The need to carefully review and validate the completeness and accuracy of each application contributes to delays in processing, exacerbating the backlog of pending applications.
- Delays in Processing: The backlog of applications and the time-consuming gatekeeping process result in delays, causing frustration and dissatisfaction among applicants who are eager to receive their permits promptly.
- Burnout and Stress: The administrative team responsible for handling the permit application process is constantly under pressure to meet deadlines, resulting in high levels of stress and burnout among team members.



JOURNEY

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in West Virginia recognized the need for automation to streamline their permit application process and partnered with Supervity to develop an automated solution for the gatekeeping process. The solution aimed to expedite application processing, improve accuracy, and enhance communication with applicants. The key components of the automated solution are as follows:

- Triggering automation every 15 minutes to log into portal and extract new applications.
- Validate signature and extract relevant data fields from the application
- Notify the applicant in case of errors; else assign the permit number in application system and save data to the database
- Send the email notification to applicant with the permit number and other details



Robotic Process Automation at WV dep is gaining headway. After many hurdles we are in production.

We still see issues to address as we ask the robot to do is large and varied. I am proud of the folks at dep and our contractors and how they all work together.

This RPA project is a pilot project for WV state government.

I believe RPA will help the state of WV be able to reduce rote work and free people to work on higher value work increasing job satisfaction and customer service.

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