Colocation | Ruan Transportation

A purpose-built home for Ruan's mission-critical IT.

How one of the nation's largest family-owned transportation companies moved its production environment out of a 50-year-old high-rise and into Lightedge's Altoona data center.

1932	~10 yrs	2016	5 racks
RUAN FOUNDED	PARTNERSHIP	MIGRATION DONE	COLOCATED

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THE CHALLENGE

Aging infrastructure with no redundant cooling.

When Ruan first partnered with Lightedge nearly 10 years ago, the team's sole interest was disaster recovery. Its IT production assets sat in a downtown high-rise lacking redundant cooling and running on aging infrastructure. Ruan needed a partner to manage cooling, electricity, security, and the rest of the physical environment.

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THE SOLUTION

Full production, colocated in Altoona.

Ruan moved its IT production assets to Lightedge's purpose-built Altoona colocation data center. The migration was completed in 2016, and the relationship has been "rock solid ever since," said Marty DeDecker, Ruan's Chief Information Security Officer.

DECIDING FACTORS

Local access | Physical security | Fair pricing | Excellent customer service

THE OUTCOME

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Enhanced Security

Ruan's full production environment — five racks of server, storage, backup, and network equipment — is colocated in Lightedge's data center, with redundancy assured through replication circuits across the Lightedge network.

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Improved Staff Utilization

Before colocating, Ruan dedicated one to 1.5 full-time employees to maintaining an aging environment and a faulty cooling system. Today that staff focuses on more strategic projects.

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Predictable Pricing

Ruan values Lightedge's fair pricing, with no major increases along the way. "It's been a stable relationship for close to 10 years, with no issues. We're happy," DeDecker said.

> "We used to be in a 50-year-old high-rise, and were beholden to the building's cooling system. Now I don't have to deal with environmental cooling issues or physical security concerns. We're in a purpose-built facility that's constructed to withstand anything."

Marty DeDecker
Chief Information Security Officer, Ruan

ABOUT RUAN

Founded in 1932, Ruan is one of the largest family-owned transportation management companies in the nation, providing Dedicated Contract Transportation, Managed Transportation, Value-added Warehousing, and Brokerage Support Services. Its integrated supply chain solutions combine non-asset and asset-based capabilities with technology and deep industry expertise.

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