



bit-x-bit Performs Large Scale E-Discovery Processing for Fortune 100 Company

The Challenge

Process and search 500 gigabytes of ESI collected by a Fortune 100 Company in response to a Government Subpoena and enable Counsel to meet the Government's uncompromising deadlines for production.

Meeting the Needs of the Client and Counsel

Counsel for a Fortune 100 Company responding to a government investigation retained bit-x-bit to handle all aspects of the ESI processing and searching for the Company. The ESI collection, consisting of email and other company documents, exceeded 500 gigabytes of data from nearly 50 employee-custodians located throughout the United States. Due to the demands of the government, outside counsel needed to begin reviewing and producing documents responsive to the subpoena on an expedited basis.

After bit-x-bit tested and sampled the ESI for counsel, which included three iterations of search terms and expressions and sample data sets, bit-x-bit began delivering the responsive ESI to counsel on a rolling basis, just days after the first client delivery of collected data, so that counsel could begin the document review.

bit-x-bit's processing included TIFFing and OCRing, extraction of metadata, custodian de-duplication, date filtering, and keyword searching. The TIFFing requirements included conversion of more than *five million pages* of documents to TIFF which significantly added to the complexity of the project and level of processing and quality control measures necessary for the project. Additionally, bit-x-bit customized the Ringtail load file format requested by counsel.

The Result

bit-x-bit processed more than three million documents, reduced them to 300,000 electronic documents, which were delivered to counsel for review on time and on budget. Because bit-x-bit charged by the hour, rather than per page or per gigabyte, the total cost of the processing and TIFFing was at least \$100,000 less than the per gigabyte costs charged by other local and national ESI vendors.