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After much deliberation and analysis of the two possible projects, Marie and Joseph have seen the value of their children's proposed project, and feel that the agency should begin the transition to modernization. They agree that the second office should be closed permanently, and the workforce there should work remotely. After all, they still have the original brick-and-mortar location for their customers who would prefer working face-to-face.

Now the work really starts for you and your team. Although you've worked on bigger projects, the main components of this project remain the same. First you need to gather a project team. From among your team members at PMA, you choose two IT networking professionals, Jameer and Felicia, and two equipment moving and placement specialists, Wyatt and Dylan.

The six employees at the soon-to-be-closed second location have all agreed to stay on and work remotely. They will each set an area of their home aside to use as a home office to continue their work there. The owners have told you that they will need you to close the second office, replace the six desktop computers with laptops that the employees will use in their home offices and possibly on the road. They will also need you to purchase printers for each employee, and set up the employees' home offices so that they can securely connect with the main office network and servers. The owners want the entire project completed in a four week time period. You have a \$50,000 budget for the project, which includes all costs including equipment, labor, any rentals you may need, and any other costs incurred. As Project Manager, you are paid \$70 per hour. Your networking professionals each make \$40 per hour. And your equipment moving and placement specialists each make \$30 per hour. You and your team will be working 40 hours per week for four weeks on this project.