



**SKA CONSULTING, L.P.**  
Consulting Engineers, Scientists, and Geologists

## OVERVIEW

### Country or Region

United States

### Industry

Environmental Engineering and Consulting

### Customer Profile

SKA Consulting is a professional environmental engineering and consulting firm with a staff of engineers, geoscientists, geologists and scientists.

### Business Situation

SKA wanted a server software product that would give them the benefits of collaboration and sharing. They wanted an IT partner to install the system, to assist them with integration where needed, and provide ongoing network support.

### Solution

Dell PowerEdge 1800  
Microsoft SBS 2003 R2 Premium  
Microsoft Windows SQL 2000  
Symantec Backup Exec  
Spam Soap

### The Benefits

- Peace of Mind
- 24x7x365 Network Monitoring
- Improved Productivity
- Infrastructure for Growth
- Collaboration & Teaming Capabilities

## Microsoft SBS & Windows SQL 2000 Offer Collaboration & Sharing and Core Business Application Support in a Linux Environment

“We are a full service environmental consulting firm that has used a mix of Windows-based Domain Servers and Linux-based file servers for many years. However, we needed an IT company that could help us modernize our network and fully integrate Microsoft Exchange and SQL Server into our network services. ERGOS had no problem working with us and did most of the installation/upgrades while assisting us in the overall integration process. They have been maintaining our Windows-based network ever since. We have genuine peace of mind with ERGOS on our team.” – Scott Leafe, Managing Partner, SKA Consulting

### Business Needs

SKA Consulting was initially looking for collaboration and sharing features from a Linux product, but also needed MS SQL Server to support a new core business accounting application. After speaking with ERGOS, SKA saw that Microsoft SBS Premium provided the desired collaboration and sharing features and allowed them to keep Windows for Active Directory. Instead of going straight Linux in their environment, they wanted to keep Microsoft for its directory services (Active Directory) for a single set of user accounts across multiple devices. They wanted an IT vendor that would perform the Windows Server installation/upgrade and to continue to assist them on the Microsoft Windows side where needed.

### Solution

Using SAMBA, a software suite that connects Open Source computing with Windows-based software, SKA provided the Linux integration while ERGOS installed a new SBS/Exchange/SQL Server. ERGOS deployed Microsoft Exchange with Microsoft Small Business Server Premium which comes with Microsoft Windows SQL for running their new core business accounting application. To stabilize and secure the network infrastructure, ERGOS added a layer of protection against viruses, spyware, and malware by setting up spam and virus filtering with Spam Soap. To protect their data, ERGOS installed a robust tape backup solution with Symantec Backup Exec.

### The Results

SKA got all of the collaboration and sharing benefits of Exchange and can implement team projects faster with their new Microsoft SQL database. They can work remotely with the Remote Web Workplace feature of SBS and Outlook Web Access. Their productivity has been improved and they have peace of mind knowing that their network and data are protected and secure.