

Agresso Project Cost & Billing

With many years experience of delivering ABW Project based solutions Integra Associates maintains strong practical business and technical skills. Our clients have recognised the benefits in drawing on this experience by using Integra to meet the complex challenges of configuring the most cost effective Project solutions.

Integra Associates' experience is delivered with a strong empathy for our clients' complete business needs.

We aim to add value to your projects through our:

- Breadth of industry experience and product knowledge
- Professional Finance and IT skills
- Deployment of Best practice techniques
- Flexible service delivery
- Comprehensive services including systems integration, planning & management, consultancy, training, report development and testing

We have particularly high levels of experience and skills in developing Project Costing and Billing solutions.

An assignment to roll out ABW Project Costing and Financial modules across Asia

One of our service sector clients engaged us to roll out their ABW Finance and Project Costing & Billing system across Asia. But they also wanted to meet the key business objective of improving the efficiency of the reporting cycle. We were able to help them meet these challenges, delivering experienced consultancy in the UK and Asia.

The solution, interfacing ABW with Maximo, a Facilities Management system, enabled a faster import of key financial and project data into ABW. This gave greater visibility of key performance indicators to the management teams in both Asia and in the UK. In addition, we re-engineered both the reporting and data capture processes and by automating the month end reports from both systems, the month end reporting cycle has been shortened by about 70%.

The result was both a successful project and business solution.

Projects

Most organisations, in either the private or the public sectors, will be required to manage projects. These can range in scale from a small project for one department right through to a complex programme of large contracts, involving many different stakeholders and across several financial years.

Integra Associates have experience of all aspects and sizes of Project including:

- Project Definition & Control
- Time Capture & Recording
- Invoicing
- Resource Planning & Deployment
- Project estimates & tracking (time, activity & product)
- Contract accounting
- Commitment Accounting

also integration to:

- Finance & Logistics
- Human Resources
- Proprietary systems for Facilities Management

A Project Costing & Billing Solution for Local Government

Our client, a Local Authority, wanted to develop their use of ABW to achieve a better degree of project control over particular areas of their Capital and Revenue Programmes as well as a number of departments who provide “project” based services both internally to the council and externally.

Previously each department operated independently, often using their own standalone systems and the objective was to replace these by a single cost effective solution that would provide more timely and accurate management information.

Integra provided all the consultancy services and, by working with both the central finance team and the key staff in the individual departments, an agreed basic project structure and costing approach was adopted. The individual departments were permitted the flexibility to add additional configuration to assist them in running their specific business areas.

The solution includes the capture of project costs, via timesheet entry, purchase ordering/invoicing (for materials, services, and ‘works’ contracts, including the management of contract changes, via a bespoke variation order module) and purchase cards.

For external clients, full project billing has been enabled and in addition the value of work to be transferred to capital and full internal recharging is also processed via the project invoicing functionality.

All grant funding for schemes can now be captured and allocated at the appropriate level of detail.

By using the Project Budgeting facility, the Council can now monitor the project’s financial performance over the life of the project.

Specific benefits have been achieved in:

- Clear visibility of each project's financial performance
- Improved management knowledge allowing the most appropriate allocation of vital limited resources
- Improved project delivery within budgets avoiding overspends
- Cost savings and maximum return on investments
- The concept of true value for money can now be measured

‘By introducing Integra consultants into our internal project team we gained a useful breadth of business systems and implementation experience. With the benefit of this shared knowledge we were clear in selecting the best use of Agresso to meet our specific needs.

Pauline Jeffery
Project & Systems
Development Officer
Bath & NE Somerset
Council

Some of our clients for Project Costing & Billing Solutions:

*Bath & North Eastern
Somerset Council*

Casella CEL Ltd

EMC

Diagonal PLC

EC Harris LLP

IMC Consulting Ltd

WYG International

LGC Ltd

New Forest DC

RES Group

UNIDO

London United Busways

*Apex Computer Recruitment
Ltd*

*SunGuard Sherwood
Systems*

Real Time Engineering Ltd

*London School of Hygiene &
Tropical Medicine*

University of Plymouth

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