

*Many federal agencies haven't reached the goal of integrating their financial and performance management systems. This makes it difficult to provide the comprehensive financial and performance info and analysis that is needed by executives to manage their programs and resources. Managers are frustrated as they try to combine information from separate budget, labor utilization, contracts, accounting, and performance management programs. Providing cohesive information and analysis for managing federal programs is often next to impossible*



Due to the complexities of today's financial systems and changing reporting requirements, piecing together financial and performance management programs can result in inaccurate analysis and reports. Unfortunately, finding, implementing and maintaining a complex integrated financial management system may be beyond the resources of many agencies.

### ***Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002***

The tax accountability act requires federal agencies to submit yearly audited financial statements. This is a new requirement for many small, independent agencies that were not required to provide these reports previously.

The agencies affected are now faced with the huge challenge of producing complete financial reports from systems that don't integrate the necessary data. Managers at the affected agencies are scrambling to meet the new requirements with little time, expertise, personnel or budget.

### ***Integration Sounds Easy But It's Not***

Managers may recognize that integrating their financial reporting systems is the logical way to provide complete and accurate reports. However, finding a way to implement it is a whole different matter.



Integration requires acquisition of the right program that can provide all the financial services needed, including financial statements, budgeting, accounting, procurement, human resources, interfacing, reporting, documentation and training. Most managers are not experts in financial systems integration and have little time to learn what they need to know.

Integrating systems also requires access to highly trained financial and technical experts, who are skilled in data mapping, configuration, set-up and training. Finding and training the right personnel is not only time-consuming but expensive, money and time that most agencies do not have.

#### *Medium and large agencies need integration help*

Most medium-to-large federal agencies are already required to produce yearly audited financial statements. However, many of these agencies need better integration to enhance their financial analysis and reports and be able to combine all the data needed for cost accounting. They also need help to ensure smooth upgrades as systems and software continue to evolve.

## *Implications for end users*

If your agency is like most, the resources and expertise required to integrate all of your financial systems with the proper equipment and expertise are not readily available.

## *Today's solution*

The solution for your agency today is to find the right partner that can provide the integration services you need, including financial and technical expertise and the proven ability to provide clean audits.

#### *What you should look for in a financial management partner*

Ask a potential partner these questions:

- Do you offer total integration of all financial-related systems?
- Do your programs meet all federal government requirements?
- Do you have experience cross-servicing other government agencies?
- Do you have adequate financial and technical expertise on staff?
- Can you provide quick flexibility if our needs change?
- Can you provide proof of customer service satisfaction?



## *The ESC solution*

The office of Enterprise Systems of the Enterprise Services Center (ESC) provides complete financial integration services to a variety of federal agencies. Its customers include all agencies in the U.S. Department of Transportation, the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Education and the National Endowment for the Arts. Through the years, ESC has become one of the federal government's leading providers of financial integration services.

*“ESC has contributed to USDOT's clean audits for three straight years.”*

### *Delphi (Oracle)*

ESC developed the Delphi financial management system as an Oracle COTS (Commercial Off-The-Shelf Systems) solution. Others develop packages that are highly customized, which make upgrades time-consuming and expensive for the customer and makes providing proper maintenance and support very difficult, especially for larger systems with sub-agencies. Operating on a single instance of the software allows economies of scale with operations, maintenance, shared upgrades and enhancements.

ESC's system focuses on providing all necessary financial services without customization, saving customers time and money. The system effectively integrates all related systems to eliminate redundant data and processes.

Delphi provides a complete range of financial services, including budgeting, procurement, reporting and financial statements from the Oracle core system. Delphi is aligned with the Federal Enterprise Architecture and is compliant with the Joint Financial Management Improvement Program (JFMIP).

Most importantly, all agencies using the ESC financial management system have earned clean audit opinions.

### *Federal expertise*

ESC has many years of federal government experience and Delphi is specific to federal requirements. For example, Delphi financial statements meet OMB and Treasury requirements. Budget reports are written using federal accounting terminology (i.e., commitments, obligations and expenditures). The online Delphi Tutor accurately reflects federal financial accounting processes.



## Summary

### *Cost savings*

Using Delphi has resulted in a less costly, more flexible system for ESC customers. Its goal of no customizations has saved significant dollars in implementation, maintenance, upgrade and support resources. It provides a foundation for managerial cost accounting with a commitment to federal customers and their requirements.

Many federal agencies are struggling with the process of producing audited yearly comprehensive financial reports, as required by the Accountability of Tax Dollars Act of 2002.

Piecing reports together can lead to incomplete or inaccurate reports and implementing a complex integrated financial management system is beyond the budget and time constraints of most agencies.

ESC provides a cost-effective way to integrate and manage all your financial systems from financial statements to budgeting, procurement, HR and cost accounting.

Contact ESC's office of Enterprise Systems at (405) 954-3203 or via email at [robert.stevens@faa.gov](mailto:robert.stevens@faa.gov).

A clean audit and integrated financial systems are only a phone call away.

## *Overview of Services*

### Delphi

- Budget
- Procurement
- Interfaces
- Reporting
- Financial statements
- Month-end and year-end reports
- Documentation
- Training
- Invoice imaging and workflow
- Online invoicing and collections

### Oracle Federal Financials

#### 11i e-Business Suite

- Accounts payable
- Accounts receivable
- General ledger
- Project accounting
- Purchasing
- Fixed assets
- HR