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The University of Wisconsin System Boosts Efficiencies and Streamlines Processes with its Upgrade to PeopleSoft 9.2

Client Overview

The University of Wisconsin System (UW System) is one of the largest systems of public higher education in the country. With 13 universities across 26 campuses and a statewide extension network, the UW System is a tremendous academic, cultural, and economic resource for Wisconsin, the nation, and the world.

Project Summary

The UW System engaged Sierra-Cedar to lead the upgrade of its Shared

Financials System (SFS) applications (Financials and Supply Chain) from PeopleSoft 9.1 to 9.2. SFS is used to process, track, and report on all financial transactions across the UW System. The project's goal was to improve the existing PeopleSoft system by increasing use of delivered functionality, streamlining current business processes, and reevaluating and reducing existing customizations.

Objectives

- Serve the University of Wisconsin community with greater efficiency and quality.
- Implement new functionality such as user interface, dashboards, and mobile capabilities.
- Leverage new PeopleSoft 9.2 functionality to streamline, reduce, and eliminate some custom development items.
- Minimize the impact of the upgrade on SFS operations and end users at the institutions.

From the Client

" Sierra-Cedar is our trusted partner for all things PeopleSoft. They are professional, knowledgeable and provided excellent support while working within a very tight timeline."

Nicola Burton
Director, Shared Financial Systems
UW System Administration

Organization Overview

INDUSTRY: Higher Education
EMPLOYEES: 39,000
STUDENTS: 165,000

Products & Services

PeopleSoft 9.2 Upgrade Services:

Project Management Consulting	Change Management Training
Remote Lab Upgrade	

Shared Financial System Modules:

General Ledger	Grants and Contracts
Commitment Control	Project Costing
Accounts Payable	Accounts Receivable
Purchasing	Billing/Expense
e-Procurement	Cash Management
Asset Management	

Results

The UW System completed its PeopleSoft 9.2 Financials and Supply Chain upgrade on schedule and under budget. The project included three months for planning, 15 months for upgrade activities, and one month of post-go-live support. Key project accomplishments include:

- Improved process efficiencies, laying a solid foundation for UW System's upcoming move to the Cloud.

- Reduced the number of UW System customizations, streamlining application maintenance.

- Implemented delivered Fluid functionality such as Dashboards, Work Centers and Mobile Capabilities, enabling students and faculty to take advantage of many self-service features.

- Aligned with Oracle's PeopleSoft Update Manager (PUM) Quarterly Update cycle, eliminating the need for future upgrades.