



Chicago Public Schools
Chicago, IL
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Industry:

Public Sector

Annual Budget:

US\$6 billion

Employees:

55,000

Oracle Products & Services:

Oracle Financials
Fixed Assets
Cash Management
Treasury
Public Sector Budgeting
Oracle Purchasing
Oracle Procurement
Oracle Projects
Oracle User Productivity Kit
Oracle Support

“We went live with Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.1 on time and on budget. The new features in the latest version will enable us to operate more efficiently and effectively, such as managing our US\$6 billion capital and grant monies.”

– Prasad Nettem, Director for Enterprise Financial Systems, Chicago Public Schools

Chicago Public Schools Upgrades to Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.1 on Time and on Budget

Chicago Public Schools is the nation’s third largest school district and the second largest employer in Chicago. It serves approximately 407,000 students in 666 schools.

Challenges

- Upgrade the school district’s existing Oracle enterprise resource planning system to gain new functionality and enable the system to scale for future growth under extreme budgetary and staffing constraints due to the current economy
- Review and reduce the system’s more than 100 customizations for better management efficiency
- Implement additional modules on the latest version of Oracle E-Business Suite to save time and money

Solution

- Upgraded to Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.1 to take advantage of new functionality with minor impact to its 6,000 users in 700 departments, from procurement clerks and budgeting teams to treasury users
- Decided halfway through the project to upgrade straight to the latest version, Oracle E-Business Suite Release 12.1, instead of 12.0.6, and completed the aggressive upgrade within the original project timeline and budget
- Completed the upgrade before the start of the school year, avoiding a delay of one year that would have been required in case the implementation taken longer
- Leveraged Oracle Support to quickly solve problems and help the school district’s small IT staff meet its aggressive goals
- Set the stage to implement Oracle Projects and Enterprise Asset Management to manage and monitor work orders more efficiently for the school district’s US\$6 billion capital and grants monies for numerous construction and IT projects at its 900 buildings
- Used Oracle User Productivity Kit to quickly train users of all levels on the new features