



Forestry Commission  
London, United Kingdom  
[www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)

### Industry:

Public Sector

### Employees:

3,000

### Oracle Products & Services:

Oracle Application Server  
Enterprise Edition  
Oracle Developer Suite  
Oracle Database Standard Edition  
Oracle Database Enterprise  
Edition  
Oracle Partitioning  
Oracle Spatial  
Oracle Portal  
Oracle Enterprise Manager Grid  
Control  
Oracle TopLink

### Implementor:

Oracle Consulting

**“Oracle has been an integral part of our IT policy for over 20 years and our systems development strategy is closely aligned with Oracle’s database and development tools statement of direction.”**

– Steve McKenzie, Systems Development Manager, Forestry Commission

## Forestry Commission of Great Britain Enables Effective Management of Grants

The Forestry Commission delivers practical programs to make sure that communities and individuals can get the most from Britain's forests and woodlands. It works with a whole range of partners from private sector landowners to sports clubs, local communities to national businesses, on a whole host of recreation, regeneration and educational schemes. The Commission's responsibilities span research, commercial timber production, sustainability programs and policy, as well as learning and leisure. Its goal is always to ensure that, at a practical level, Britain can use its forests to contribute positively to as many of the nation's needs as we can while sustaining this great resource for the future.

### Challenges

- Streamline management of forestry grants and licenses
- Make the process of applying for grant-aid or felling licenses straightforward and transparent for the applicant
- Migrate to J2EE in accordance with Forestry Commission IT policy

### Solution

- Utilized Oracle technology and tools to create a new system called GLADE (Grants and Licenses Administration Delivered Electronically) that makes approvals transparent to applicants, consultants and the public alike
- Enabled the Forestry Commission to tailor policies for devolved requirements while retaining a Great Britain-wide approach to cross-border issues
- Significant efficiencies in reduced Grants and Licenses overhead costs
- Compliant with EU Rural Development audit
- Improved management data availability and accessibility
- Interoperability to help facilitate cross-sector partnerships to deliver the country Forestry Strategies
- Worked with Oracle Consulting Services to deliver the Forestry Commission’s first project based on J2EE, successfully and on time
- Facilitated a smooth migration path to Linux, as the Commission evaluates Red Hat Linux as its future operating system