



NEP Shared System Group
Stokesley, North Yorkshire,
England
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Industry:

Healthcare

Annual Revenue:

US\$10.98 billion

Employees:

163,000

Oracle Products & Services:

Oracle Procurement
Oracle Financials
Oracle Purchasing
Oracle Internet Expenses
Oracle Database
Oracle Application Server
Oracle Developer
Oracle Business Intelligence

“Using a single instance of Oracle for financial and purchasing management across 57 NHS organizations drives down costs, cuts inefficiencies, and delivers greater value to tax payers without compromising on quality.” – Bob Telford, Program Director, NEP Shared System Group

NEP Shared System Group Deploys Shared System to Enable Streamlined Purchasing

NEP Shared System Group is a consortium of 57 National Health Service (NHS) organizations in England. The consortium strives to cut IT costs and reduce transaction processing by enabling members to manage their core processes on a centrally managed, shared technology infrastructure and suite of applications.

Challenges

- Cut IT overhead by sharing a centrally managed infrastructure and applications for financial and purchasing processes
- Consolidate combined US\$6.68 billion (£4.5 billion) per annum non-payroll spend of NHS organizations to help negotiate lower prices for frequently purchased goods
- Replace paper-based processes with electronic procurement to cut transaction processing costs for NHS organizations and suppliers
- Provide a flexible solution to accommodate organizational changes within the consortium

Solution

- Reduced IT costs by running financial and purchasing processes for all organizations on a single instance of Oracle and cutting IT support staff overhead by 70%
- Used Oracle Business Intelligence to query aggregated purchasing data, identify trends, and guide future strategy
- Used combined spending power to help collaborative purchasing organizations negotiate lower prices with suppliers
- Cut the purchasing cycle by streamlining procurement and processing 65% of non-pay spend electronically
- Transformed accounts with Oracle Financials, giving budget holders access to real-time reports that were previously available either weekly or monthly
- Cut transaction costs through integrated, automated, workflow-routed requisitioning processes and ensured timely and cost-effective payment of suppliers
- Eliminated time-consuming processing errors with Oracle iProcurement, reducing time spent raising a requisition from minutes to seconds and cutting the average procurement cycle from days or weeks to just 24 hours