

Strategic Solutions NW

Implementation of Microsoft Dynamics AX with Advanced Contract Management



Oregon Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) successfully migrates their Comprehensive Annual Financial Reporting (CAFR) system to Microsoft Dynamics AX



Background

Oregon PERS manages all retirement programs for Oregon public employees. They administer public employee benefit trusts and allocate disbursements to pay the right person at the right time. They manage billions of dollars and deal with a very high volume of transactions daily.



PERS was using multiple systems to meet their complex reporting needs of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). They had one fully dedicated person importing and posting the daily General Ledger transactions into their old financial reporting system. The import process was cumbersome and required many checks and balances to ensure proper posting. The year-end close process was complex and involved closing out to many accounts for both interim and final closing segments. In addition, their Report Writing software was difficult to use and had been abandoned. They were manually creating these complex CAFR reports using Excel. This process was becoming increasingly difficult over the years due to higher volumes and stringent requirements.

Project Description

After careful evaluation and analysis, PERS decided to use Microsoft Dynamics AX to manage CAFR. With its public sector vertical solution and tight integration with Excel, Microsoft Dynamics AX 2012 was a perfect fit to manage complex closing requirements that PERS had. Here are some highlights of our work on this project:

- Designed, setup and configured Dynamics AX to best meet their needs.
- Designed and built a robust, daily interface process to import and post the large daily transaction files, in a very efficient process.
- Converted and balanced ten years of detailed general ledger transactions (about 26 million records).
- Developed many of their complex CAFR reports using Management Reporter. Reconciled their published CAFR reports to the new CAFR reports developed.
- Developed training materials and conducted training.
- Designed and implemented a solution to meet their unique year end close needs.

Business Benefits from Dynamics AX

- SSNW designed and built a highly efficient and reliable daily GL Import Interface process to import and post their daily transactions. On a high volume day, their daily import and post times have been reduced from an eight hour process to a little over an hour.
- Ability to run CAFR reports using the Microsoft Dynamics AX Management Reporting tool. SSNW designed and built most of their difficult CAFR reports using Management Reporter. These reports can be modified easily as requirements change in future years.
- Ten years of detailed transaction data was imported, posted, balanced and reconciled.
- Simplified the year end close process.

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