### How to Cost Justify Your Proposal for an EBS Remodeling Project and Avoid a Reimplementation

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# Learning Objectives

**Objective 1:** Identify the steps and tools to develop a strong cost-benefit analysis.

**Objective 2:** Understand the time/resource/cost/risk model for determining the approach for an IT project.

**Objective 3:** Develop the cost of a reimplementation effort and compare to a remodeling approach example.

Overall, we want to be able to deliver a compelling business case that makes a *"go forward"* decision a reality

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# Agenda

- Introduction
  - What is a cost-benefit analysis, and why do you need it?
  - How do you build a cost-benefit analysis?
- What are the requirements?
  - Single Consolidated Instance
  - Shared Services Center
- What are the costs?

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- Reimplementation Example
- How do you calculate costs?

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- What are the benefits?
  - Comparison of Remodeling to Reimplementation
  - How do you measure them?
- What are the risks?



# Introduction: Finished but not Done

# Correntise<sup>®</sup>: Transformation Software for E-Business Suite

Company Overview: Established 2006 • Helene Abrams, CEO

### eprentise Can...

- Consolidate Multiple EBS Instances
- Change Underlying Structures and Configurations
  - Chart of Accounts, Other Flexfields
  - Inventory Organizations
  - Operating Groups, Legal Entities, Ledgers
  - Calendars
  - Costing Methods
- Resolve Duplicates, Change Sequences, IDs
- 💏 Separate Data

### ...So Our Customers Can:

- Reduce Operating Costs and Increase Efficiencies
  - Shared Services
  - Data Centers
- 🕿 Adapt to Change
  - Align with New Business Initiatives
  - Mergers, Acquisitions, Divestitures
  - Pattern-Based Strategies
    - Make ERP an Adaptive Technology
- Avoid a Reimplementation
- Reduce Complexity and Control Risk
- Improve Business Continuity, Service Quality and Compliance
- Establish Data Quality Standards and a Single Source of Truth





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# Employ A Structured Methodology To Develop the Business Case



### What Troubles You About This?



### Evaluating the Cost-Benefit vs. Time vs. Risk



Projected costs and benefits may miss the mark. Project risk assessment? Failure = \_\_\_\_\_?

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# **ROI of an IT Project**



### **Conceptual Worksheet for Initial Scope Analysis**

		1	Type of Im	pact						]	
Area or Function Impacted by Multiple Production										l l	
Instances	Yes/No?	Money	? Time ?	Quality ?	How?		Functional Area?	Who's Responsible?	Key Metric?	J	
Oracle E-Business Suite licenses & support			_							-	
Oracle DB licenses & support										1	
Non-Oracle software licenses & support - related to			Λr	020	r Eur	oction	n Imnacti	bd			
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IT hardware										_	
IT staff										_	
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Application Testing											•
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Financial close - year end											
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Cash management - # of bank accounts											
Cash management - idle cash						_					
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Collections											
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Sales - global pipeline											
Inventory management											
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# What Are the Requirements?

- **Start with a vision of what you want to accomplish**
- Get the business to decide how they will benefit by the change
  - Cost reduction is a factor, but it is the business drivers that will force change
  - Also look at cost avoidance
- Analyze the options for the project
- Determine the one-time costs

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Evaluate the risks and mitigation strategies

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# **Overall Finance Vision Summary**

- Standardized processes
- Common systems
- Minimal manual intervention
- **Reduced** approvals; systems controls
- Simplified processes

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Improved focus on value-added activities

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### **Develop High-Level Visions For Key Processes**

- One common system company-wide integrated to manufacturing, purchasing, R receiving and the general ledger. Accounts Payable Example
- EFT payments covering all currencies with dual automate R
- Establish company-wide, acceptable tolerance limits and eliminate adjust **T** below certain amount.
- Utilize procurement card or T&E system for small-dollar purchases and sundry **m** items throughout all operating units.
- Worldwide database from purchasing to payments as a tool to improve **M** negotiation with supplier.
- Generate intercompany A/R and A/P automatically through one single **M** transaction.
- Utilize blanket orders and formal purchase orders for large-dollar purchases. **M**
- One level of approval for requisitions for each division. **A**

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# **Business Case Benefits**

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# Example – Business Case for Consolidation





### Automotive Company – Benefits

A single instance has strong business benefits

### Business Benefits

- Single source to retrieve data with efficient and effective decision making with timely and reliable fact-based information.
- Flexibility for global changes process changes to single environment, no silos within each country, functionality added to Canada. Ability to make significant changes (i.e. adding new products, functionality) for everyone at once.
- Sharing suppliers, control, visibility, forecast across all business units – different tools, people, processes than before.
- Multiple reporting levels.
- Reduced complexity around intercompany movement of products, between legal entities, sets of books.

### Cost and IT Benefits

- Reduced expenditure on hardware and IT personnel (Examples from past history)
- Upgrade of Canadian instance cost of \$666K, 6,660 hours
- Year-end patches for Canada cost of \$38,000, 815 hours
- Because they were separate instances, keeping those environments synchronized over 10 years was difficult.
   Particularly, there were business processes and software functionality that were used in the US, but not in Canada.
   It was very difficult to reconcile the business gaps.



# Project ROI – Automotive Supplier

Post-Project Benefits		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Oracle EBS Upgrades	1	- 1	666,000	-	-	-	660,000	1,326,000
HR Global Patches		28,800	28,800	28,800	28,800	28,800	28,800	172,800
HR Year-End and Family Packs	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200	13,200	79,200	
Vertex Updates	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	10,800	
Demantra ASCP/IO Implementation		417,000	-	-	-	-	-	417,000
Managing Separate CA Instance		130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	780,000
Oracle RDBMS Patches		450	450	450	450	450	450	2,700
Total Post Project Benefits		591,250	840,250	174,250	174,250	174,250	834,250	2,788,500
Annual Net Benefit	(457,038)	(148,912)	840,250	174,250	174,250	174,250	834,250	1,591,300
Cumulative Net Benefit	(457,038)	(605,950)	234,300	408,550	582,800	757,050	1,591,300	2,511,012
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Return on Investment (ROI)	233%	Favorable						
Total Project Cost	1,197,200							
Total Cost of Ownership	1,197,200							
Payback Period	0.72							
Net Present Value (NPV)	846,408	Favorable	10%	WACC				
Internal Rate of Return	50%							

#### Costs:

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■ eprentise license and support fees under \$500K

Remainder of costs for interfaces, testing resources, project management, DBA

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# **Complexity of Business Consolidation**

- Must maintain all the data in different databases.
- **There are 3 main processes:** 
  - 1. Gap analysis (metadata analysis)
  - 2. Rationalize all data between source and target systems
    - Brute force approach is too time-consuming and expensive due to the amount of related master data and the extent to which it is related
  - 3. Business process consolidation

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# **ROI of Business Consolidation**

- A business consolidation effort that retains and integrates all historical data offers ROI in many ways:
  - Old systems do not need to be warehoused or archived and then revived to meet the needs of queries against historical data.
  - Rapid responses can be generated without the need for an extraordinary expenditure of resources.
  - There exists a greater guarantee of accuracy and therefore compliance due to the completeness of the data consolidation effort and the resulting simplicity of the query and reporting process.
- 2 Ways of Understanding Business Consolidation ROI:
  - Relative cost differentials vs. a "brute force" effort

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 Business value of certain areas can be enhanced by the new capabilities enabled through a business consolidation



# Factors that Contribute to the Total Cost of Ownership of Oracle E-Business Suite

Problem	Results in
Multiple Instances	<ul> <li>Infrastructure Costs</li> <li>Resources</li> <li>Customizations, Interfaces, Application Integration</li> <li>Support, Maintenance, Upgrades</li> </ul>
Data Quality	<ul> <li>Ongoing Transformations for Analytics</li> <li>Customer, Supplier, Employee Inconsistencies</li> <li>Governance</li> </ul>
Multiple Charts of Accounts	<ul> <li>Complexity to Reconcile</li> <li>Statutory and Regulatory Compliance</li> <li>Long Close Cycle</li> </ul>
Lack of Common Business Processes	<ul> <li>Training</li> <li>Lack of Visibility</li> <li>Redundant Processes</li> </ul>



# Benchmarking Example

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- Compare to other similar companies in your industry
- Analyze how many resources are required to do each business process for each division (how are people currently spending their time?)
- Determine the cost per full-time equivalent (FTE) for each activity
- Evaluate the top resource-consuming activities across all organizations
- Calculate the potential cost-savings that could be recognized by process improvements



### **Compare Costs to Other Companies**

### Finance Cost As A Percent Of Revenue



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### General Observations *All Processes*

### Summary Report

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		Plant	Computer	Office	Secretaries	Receptionis	Payroll	Cost Acctg.	A/P	Receiving	Invoicing	Shipping/	Knitting	Cutting	Blch/Dye	
	Plant	Accountants	Operators	Clerks		· · ·	Clerks	Clerks	Clerks	Clerks	Clerks	BOL Clerks	Clerks	Clerks	Clerks	Total
CMT	Jamestown	2	4		1	2	4	2	2	2		7	1	5	4	36
CMT	Campbellsv	2	2		2	1	8	1	3	4		4	1	1	1	30
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CMT	Frankfort	1	1			1	1	1	1	2		2				10
CMT	Osceola	1	1			1	4	. 1	1	1			1	1	1	13
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CMT	Martin Mill	0.4	1		1	2	7	2	2	4	1	5		3		28.4
CMT	Port Barre	0.4				1	2	2		2						7.4
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CMT	Greenville	1	1			1	3	1	1	1			1	1	1	12
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YARN	Leesburg #					1	2	2	2	1	2	2	1			9
YARN	Aliceville #					1	1		2	1	1					6
YARN	Williamston	1	1			1	1		1		1					6
YARN	Fayette #					1	2	2	2	1	2					8
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YARN	York #					1	1		1	1	1					5
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	** = Fort Payne lists 9 Employees under a "General Clerk" category.															
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	* Secretarie	es and recepti	onists perform	n various acc	ounting clerica	al activities										



# **General Accounting Scorecard**

#### Process Profile



#### Top Resource Consuming Activities

- ♠ Perform closing and reporting (22%)
- Perform account and other detailed reconciliations (21%)
- r Other GA activities (18%)
- Respond to requests and restatements (15%)

#### **Business Segment Differences**

CCI performs consolidation activities for business units and is the clearing bank for other business units

### **Opportunities to Implement Leading Practices**

	Potential Annual Savings (000's)*
Develop common chart of accounts; reduce the number of accounts	\$ 390
🕿 Standardize close process	260 520
Provide self-serve access to reports	130
n Reduce allocations	
	Total \$ 1,300

\* Savings are a preliminary estimate . Some savings overlap between opportunities is expected.

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# Accounts Payable Scorecard

#### **Process Profile**



### **Opportunities to Implement Leading Practices**

		Toteritiar / tilla	ai Savings (0003)		mgs (000 5)
r r r	Merge CHW and CWT sets of boo Consolidate CMG into CCI Operation Group Increase use of purchase cards Examine invoice-less processing Implement self-serve access to AP inquiries	oks ing Total	\$230 175 100 100 165 \$770	Consolidate vendor payments Net intercompany payments Determine feasibility of on-line approval of invoices AP outsource provider to external companies Implement integrated financial package	\$ TBD TBD TBD TBD

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Potential Annual Savings (000's)\*

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Potential Annual Savings (000's)\*

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# Accounts Receivable Billing Scorecard

	Process Pro	Process Profile								
		CCI	CWT	CMG	CHW	Total	Prepare and s			
Syst. Other	FTEs	0.3	6.0	43.8	8.4	58.5	(24%)			
	Cost (000's)	14	724	1,385	372	2,495	🕿 Record and a			
	Cost/FTE (000's)	54.2	120.7	31.7	44.1	42.6	🕷 Respond to c			
		CCI	CWT	CMG	CHW	Total	Business Seg			
	Unit Cost per Invoice Benchmark Low	19.46 >	5 13.14 1.83	46.18	4.34	14.59	CWT all cash implementing			
Labor 73%	Benchmark Aver	age>	3.13	3			CHW - proces EDI, EFT and s			

#### Top Resource Consuming Activities

- Prepare and send customer bills/invoices (24%)
- Record and account for transactions (19%)
- Respond to customer inquiries (8%)

### Business Segment Differences

- CWT all cash transactions treated as A/R; implementing matrix system
- CHW processes rebills for stores using EDI, EFT and scanning

### **Opportunities to Implement Leading Practices**

- Consolidate transaction-based activities into shared services
- Self-serve access to inquiries
- Automate recurring transactions
- Consolidate customer statements
- Electronic receipt and storage of documentation

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Potential Annual Savings (000's)\*

\$1,100

### Accounts Receivable Cash Application Scorecard

Syst. Oth 7% 13	ner %
Labor	C
80%	

Process Profi	le					То
	CCI	CWT	CMG	CHW	Total	M
FTEs	0.2	9.6	1.7	3.5	15.0	
Cost (000's)	11	764	110	165 1	L,050	
Cost/FTE (000's)	54.2	80.0	66.8	47.0	70.0	M
C Init Cost per payment 2	CI 2.57	CWT 6.20	CMG 2.55	CHW 6.91	Total 5.50	В
Benchmark Low>		2.52				R

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#### Top Resource Consuming Activities

- Post cash to customer account (49%)
- Investigate discrepancies and correction of posting errors (14%)
- Respond to inquiries (9%)

#### **Business Segment Differences**

CWT cash received not automatically posted

Potential Annual Savings (000's)\*

\$220

### **Opportunities to Implement Leading Practices**

Consolidate transaction-based processes into shared services

Benchmark Average-->

- Increase acceptance of credit card payments
- Automate application of cash receipts to account balances
- Therease use of lock boxes

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### Accounts Receivable Credit & Collections Scorecard



### **Opportunities to Implement Leading Practices**

Potential Annual Savings (000's)\*

\$TBD

TBD

TBD

- Utilize imaging for accessing supporting documentation
- Use electronic routing to support document approval
- Automate search for delinquent accounts

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# Example ROI Graph: The Investment Is Fully Recovered By Early 2010



# ... And Generates A 4% Improvement In Earnings Per Share By 2009

Thousands of Dollars except per share amounts										
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013		
Recurring Savings (2004 Dollars)	\$0	(\$67)	\$10,913	\$30,505	\$30,505	\$30,505	\$30,505	\$30,505		
Earnings Before Income Tax	(\$5,396)	(\$15,796)	(\$6,883)	\$23,028	\$24,712	\$24,712	\$27,413	\$30,309		
Earnings After Income Tax (at 38.5% Tax Rate)	(\$3,319)	(\$9,715)	(\$4,233)	\$14,162	\$15,198	\$15,198	\$16,859	\$18,640		
Earnings Per Share (at 77,634,000 Shares)	(\$0.04)	(\$0.13)	(\$0.05)	\$0.18	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.22	\$0.24		
Capital Expenditures	\$10,873	\$16,114	\$1,971	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

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# Bottom Line: The Project Results In An Attractive Investment ...



# Net Cash Flow Turns Positive By Fourth Quarter 2008



# The Bulk Of The Investment Will Be Made In 2007 And 2008

Cash Outflows (\$000)	2006	2007	2008	2009	Total
Software	\$1,614	\$3,767	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,381
Hardware	3,349	3,349	-	-	6,698
Network	401	401	-	-	802
Conversion	859	1,718	1,718	-	4,295
System Development	5,910	8,998	1,971	-	16,879
Separation, Relocation & Hiring	-	3,086	3,924	1,684	8,694
Training	28	469	502	-	999
Shared Service Center	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Implementation Team	4,108	5,857	6,059	-	16,024
Total Cash Outflow	\$16,269	\$29,145	\$14,174	\$1,684	\$61,272
Capitalized Costs	10,873	16,114	1,971	-	28,958
Current Amortization	-	2,698	5,593	5,793	14,084
Pretax Impact On P & L	\$5,396	\$15,729	\$17,796	\$7,477	\$46,398

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# One-Time Implementation Costs Are Estimated At \$61 Million



### Calculating the Cost of a Reimplementation

	Reimplementation Tasks	To Implement or Reimplement (person days)	Cost based on \$800/day	Assumptions
Example	Configuration of New			3 Business Cycles (purchase-to-pay, order-to-cash, hire-to-retire), One month 2 functional resources per husiness
for a single	Instance	60		cycle
instance	Create Transformation	180		3 technical resources 1 month per business cycle
	Create Load Scripts	240		2 technical resources, 2 month per business cycle
	Resolve Exceptions	90		3 technical resources, .5 month per business cycle
	Implementation Conference Room Pilot I	60		One month,2 functional resources per business cycle
	Changes for Conference Room Pilot I	30		One month,.5 functional resource per business cycle
	Integration Testing	60		One month, 2 functional resources per business cycle
	Implementation Conference Room Pilot II	60		One month, 2 functional resources per business cycle
	Changes for Conference Room Pilot II	30		One month,.5 functional resource per business cycle
	UAT	180		One month, 3 functional resources per business cycle
	Production Go Live Cutover Total Person Days	45 1455	\$1,164,000.0	3 resources 15 days 00 Duration approximately 14 months

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# Evaluate Results of a Reimplementation Compared to a Technical Upgrade with Remodeling

#### Reimplementation

- Usually 1 year of history
- Maintain sunset instance
  - Extract, Transform and Load for retrieval for reconciliation, reports, statutory requirements, business intelligence, data warehouse to align with R12 instance
  - Redundant operations, maintenance
- Silos of information with different business processes, inconsistent data
- Standards difficult to enforce

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#### **Technical Upgrade with Remodeling**

- All history
- No sunset instance
- Merge like operations
- Transparency from balances to detailed transactions with complete, consistent data
- Common processes and shared data across the enterprise
- Inconsistencies identified and resolved

### A Business Decision not an IT Decision



### Risks

Acceptance of change

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- Working with new technologies
- Cooperation of stakeholders to implement vision
- Conflicting business interests may influence priority of project
- Cooperation of key suppliers and customers





### ... And Plan To Mitigate Them

### **Mitigation Plans**

- Provide adequate dedicated resources
- Involve users

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- Identify and use "champions" at implementation sites
- Implement standardized policies & procedures
- Educate personnel in new processes
- Obtain support and commitment of related functional areas

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# There Are Compelling Reasons To Move Forward ...

Provides an attractive investment

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- Minimizes increase in future finance costs
- Accelerates and simplifies integration of new acquisitions
- Improves focus on value-added activities
- Makes better, faster information available for decisionmaking
- Fosters culture of change to meet competitive challenges





# ... And There Are Significant Risks Of Delay

- Hinders ability to provide adequate information for global decision making
- Decreases ability to respond rapidly to changing conditions and opportunities
- Impedes ability to create enhanced and streamlined relationships with customers and suppliers
- Perpetuates duplicative and disjointed improvement initiatives

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# Success Hinges Upon These Critical Factors

### **Critical Success Factors**

- Senior management support with leadership by example
- Acceptance of standard systems, procedures, data definitions and higher levels of materiality
- A willingness to embrace change and an openness toward mistakes
- Sufficient resource allocation and financial support
- Dissemination and selling of vision

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### In Conclusion:

# This Is A Compelling Business Case That Makes The "Go Forward" Decision A Reality

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# An Additional \$7.5 Million Of Non-Labor Savings Are Also Expected

#### A/P: \$2.0 Million

 Improved supplier leverage: \$1,700
 Reduce issue of checks: \$145
 Rebate from procurement card company: \$112

#### Payroll \$2.7 Million

Cash flow savings from standard pay cycles: \$2,546

- Reduced bank charges due to fewer checks and accounts: \$43
- Reduced mailing costs through direct deposit and fewer pay cycles: \$156



### T&E: \$1.5 Million

- Increase leverage with travel supplier: \$848
- Additional rebate with travel supplier: \$235
- m Improved cash flow: \$423

#### Billing, A/R, C&C: \$1.3 Million

- ✿ EDI delivery of invoices: \$515
- Reduced Bad Debt expense: \$450
- Reduced cost of performing credit checks: \$15
- Reduced no. of lockboxes: \$43
- Improved cash flow thru alternative remittance methods: \$230

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# Total Projected Net Annual Savings Is \$31 Million

### Total Net Savings (millions)

Labor Savings Net Labor Savings Plus Labor-related OH Sub-total	\$22.6 <u>2.5</u> \$25.1
Non Labor Savings A/P, T&E A/R, Billing, Credit/Collections Payroll Sub-total	\$ 3.5 \$ 1.3 <u>\$ 2.7</u> <u>\$ 7.5</u>
Gross Labor Savings Incremental IT Ongoing Costs	\$32.6 (\$ 2.1)

### Total Net Annual Savings \$30.5

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# Productivity Will Improve Substantially

	Volume	Productivity				
Process	Measure	Current	Transformed	% Improve.	Quartile Improve.	
Accounts Payable	Vendor Invoices/FTE	10,835	20,395	88	2 ⇒ 1	
Travel & Expense	Expense Reports/FTE	4,371	20,579	371	3 ⇔ 1	
Fixed Assets	Assets/FTE	6,776	16,555	144	3 ⇔ 1	
Payroll	Pays/FTE	14,782	49,914	238	2 ⇔ 1	
Accounts Receivable	Remittances/FTE	5,589	12,231	119	4 ⇔ 2	
Billing	Invoices/ FTE	37,920	64,416	70	2 <sub>⇔</sub> 2	
Credit & Collections	Invoices/ FTE	36,126	95,432	164	2 ⇒ 1	
General Accounting	Staff/\$Billion Revenue	28.8	8.9	224	3 ⇔ 1	
Cost Accounting & Cost Analysis	Staff/\$Billion Revenue	21.7	12.9	68	3 ⇔ 2	
Profit Planning & Forecasting	Staff/\$Billion Revenue	17.9	4.2	326	3 ⇔ 1	
Financial Reporting	Staff/\$Billion Revenue	8.6	6.9	25	2 ⇔ 2	

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# The Project Will Generate Other Significant Benefits

- Minimizes the growth of future finance costs
- **Reduces cost of finance processes at future acquisitions**
- Eliminates disjointed improvement program costs
- Establishes an infrastructure which would be leveraged (Manufacturing, Purchasing, HR, etc.)
- Develops a European IT infrastructure
- **Reduces external/internal audit costs**

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- Foundation for new process roll-outs in other countries
- **Foundation for migration of other departments to SSC**

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### Case Study - Dun & Bradstreet: Accounts Payable

#### Approach

Prior to reengineering and migrating to a Shared Services Center, Dun & Bradstreet's Accounts Payable operations were decentralized, involved multiple technology platforms, and were manually-intensive. A team was formed to redesign and build the new consolidated processes.

#### Leading Practices Implemented

- Centralized Accounts Payable system, at Shared Services Center
- Three-level vendor master-file controls, based on materiality of invoices
- Electronic invoicing to reduce data entry
- Automation of check production and mailing
- ✿ Sales/use tax review incorporated into payment system for accurate tax payments
- Imaging of check and invoice documentation
- Automated link to banks, with "positive pay" file transmitted daily
- Signature facsimile and multiple-signature check amounts raised to cost-effective levels

### Savings Realized

- Operating cost reduced by \$3.3 million
- Staff headcount reduction of 48 FTEs
- Receipt of electronic invoices increased by 23%

\* Source: CFO Magazine, November 1996



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# Case Study - Aetna: Purchasing

#### Approach

The Purchasing activity within Aetna was decentralized, paper-intensive and low value-added. A cross-functional team was formed, composed of Purchasing stakeholders. The objectives were, not only to reduce Purchasing costs and cycle time, but to make it easier for Aetna employees to purchase goods.

#### Leading Practices Implemented

- Single, company wide purchasing system
- Purchasing and Accounts Payable combined into one organization that can focus on the entire procurement process
- Purchasing credit card for emergency and small-dollar purchases
- Elimination of up-front signatures for purchases under \$750
- On-line catalog of 24,000 goods and services and a printed catalog of 5,000 items that account for 98 percent of what Aetna buys
- **Telephone voice-response system for purchasers who are not computer-enabled**
- 800 number to internal purchasing consultants for assistance or for ordering products not in the catalogs
- R Approved list of products for companies with Aetna contracts so that employees can order directly
- **EDI** for order placement and invoicing and electronic funds transfer for the top 500 suppliers
- R Major contracts for commodity items ranging from office supplies to temporary help

#### Savings Realized

- Purchasing organization budget reduced by \$11 million
- Average response time reduced by 15 days
- Purchase orders transmitted electronically from 0% to 87%
- The number of vendors decreased by 14,000
- Purchasing staff reduced by 88%
- R Net material acquisition cost slashed to .016 for each dollar purchased

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### Questions?

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# **Thank You!**

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