



Prairie Quest

Case Study

OnePurdue – SAP HR, Financial Implementation

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Business Situation

Starting long before the project was awarded, PQC teamed with BearingPoint and Purdue University to identify and prioritize the requirements for a large scale implementation of SAP HR and Financials. OnePurdue is the university's three-year, enterprise-wide initiative that will change the way Purdue does business by integrating mission-critical enterprise data, information and business processes. Once fully implemented, OnePurdue applications will be used by virtually everyone in the university.

Purdue's vision was to transform the university's way of doing business into a flexible and user-centric portfolio of applications that integrates all Purdue enterprise data, information and processes. After working with the selection team for 10 months on defining criteria, software selection and architecture development, the BearingPoint/PQC team was awarded the systems integration. This large scale implementation included the main campus and 4 ancillary campuses. The implementation team included 150 university and contract personnel, 2 steering teams and 8 advisory teams

PQC was asked by BearingPoint early in the process to provide our system-level expertise and background in ERP systems. Having worked with the ERP integration at Kennedy Space Center, founder Stacey Smith engaged a senior architect with ERP experience to work with the campus and contract team to make recommendations and document infrastructure recommendations that had been seen at other large scale solutions, such as John Hopkins. Upon award, Prairie Quest worked with the BearingPoint team to document and perform gap analysis on the travel and payroll modules, in addition to creating ABAP development. As a part of each module implementation, our team worked with campus subject matter experts and used existing SAP-use case requirements to compare to existing campus requirements. Along with data, transactional history and sub-system information that was kept outside the ERP, we worked to normalize the business operation and convert the business processes into vanilla transactional steps that worked within the predefined SAP configuration. Once defined, development and implementation work was completed, which included development of testing programs that were transitioned over to the integrated testing team and campus tests.

Above what the customer expected:

PQC assisted on the project from initiation through implementation. At that point, campus management asked Prairie Quest to assist with the implementation of the training outside the existing systems integration contract. Customer feedback was positive about our ability to work on a large scale project, support a difficult ERP integration and make best efforts to do what is right for the customer and the team.