



Case Study



Company Profile

Irrigation Department of this state has undertaken several major and medium irrigation projects. A number of embankment schemes, town protection schemes, drainage schemes and anti-river bank erosion schemes have been taken up by the Department. It has participated in several methods for creation of public awareness and organizing seminars.

The government sector is usually complex and multifaceted. The government organizations develop programs and projects and declare their completion schedules based on an estimated time. But since they generally do not have proper execution plans based on current workloads, available resources, and changing departmental priorities, it is tough to meet those schedules. Government projects are usually huge and heavy budget. By failing to deliver what is promised, the government organization's difficulty in managing projects becomes a topic for scrutiny among agencies as well as public at large. Realizing this difficulty the irrigation department of a state government in India requested help from AstroWix, to provide project management solutions.

Business Need

This department is enabled with a PACT (Project Activities Core Team), which acts as a Project Support Office. Its role includes facilitating and guiding the implementation and monitoring of all activities, ensuring the combined efforts and coordination amongst activities and agencies implementing these activities, preparing consolidated reports and facilitating training.

Although, PACT Monitoring & Control Experts managed these projects using a combination of Microsoft® Excel spreadsheets and Microsoft Project Professional 2002, they had no processes in place for prioritizing projects or ensuring that projects progressed the way they should have been. Data collection & collation happened manually and Enterprise Wide visibility for all the projects was not there. As a government monitoring agency, PACT wanted relevant stakeholders to be able to record, track, and monitor milestones such as meeting target budgets. Therefore, they wanted to establish an enterprise project solution.

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Solution

AstroWix suggested the PACT officials to replace their spreadsheet-based tracking practices by making use of the functionality in Microsoft® Office Project Professional 2003. AstroWix created an integrated plan for monitoring and tracking the various projects by deploying and configuring Microsoft Project 2003 server and the Enterprise Project Management Solution for reporting needs of the organization, sponsors as well as internal executives. AstroWix also conducted the Training of Project stakeholders on EPM concept and tool.

Benefits

The deployment of the Microsoft Enterprise Project Management Solution helped the organization in design a right kind of plan to carry out a project. The organization was immensely benefitted by the effective monitoring and tracking resulting in improved communication at all levels. The training and mentoring provided by AstroWix on the implementation of the Microsoft EPM solution helped the stakeholders of the organization in innumerable ways. It helped selection of vendors keeping in view the importance of material and price. AstroWix enabled a superior project management process delivering overall cost reductions, improved time management, and the alignment of business priorities. Execution of the Microsoft tools provided more timely and effective allocation of available funds, improved success in meeting project schedules and completion dates, and optimum utilization of available resources, labor, and professional expertise to maintain a balanced program and ensure high-quality performance.

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