



## *The Business Value of the Microsoft Office Enterprise Project Management Solution*

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The Microsoft® Office Enterprise Project Management (EPM) Solution enables organizations to more effectively manage and coordinate their people, projects and processes.

Through familiar tools and ease of integration with a broad range of programs in the Microsoft Office System, the EPM Solution promotes broad participation for greater accuracy, accountability and acceptance.

### **Ten compelling reasons to invest in the Microsoft Office Enterprise Project Management Solution**

- **Alignment of People and Projects With Strategic Objectives**

Reaching your long-term business goals in the future means investing in the right business activities now. With the Microsoft Office EPM Solution, you can identify, prioritize and select projects that support your strategic objectives and align your resources accordingly. And by routinely evaluating and adjusting your portfolio of projects, you can ensure continuous alignment with your objectives for optimal efficiency and productivity.

- **Faster, More-Informed Business Decisions**

Making accurate decisions quickly is critical in today's fast-paced business climate. The EPM Solution provides visibility into your work portfolio for monitoring performance, visualizing trends and identifying investment gaps. With these capabilities, you can make informed decisions on how to proceed with existing projects, make tradeoffs and pursue new opportunities.

- **Continuous Process Improvement**

Organizations are increasingly standardizing their processes to improve operational efficiencies and more effectively manage project complexity. With the EPM Solution, you can implement consistent, repeatable processes and refine them into proven best practices for lowered costs, faster cycle times and increased quality.

- **Increased Customer Satisfaction**

Successful project delivery is more than finishing projects on time, within budget and within scope. The delivery process must also meet customer expectations. The EPM Solution enables you to create plans that reflect realistic schedules, resource requirements and budgets, so you can set, communicate and meet achievable milestones for better delivery and higher customer satisfaction.

- **Smooth Collaboration and Coordination**

As organizations become more geographically and culturally diverse, clear communication is vital to make sure teams share common goals and work together effectively. The EPM Solution provides Web-based access to timely business-critical project information, so teams can share knowledge, collaborate smoothly to complete tasks and deliverables, and adjust activities quickly to accommodate project changes and updates.

## Ten compelling reasons to invest in the Microsoft Office EPM Solution (continued):

The **Microsoft Office Enterprise Project Management Solution** is designed to utilize the following products and technologies.

### Core Products and Services:

- Microsoft Office Project Professional 2003
- Microsoft Office Project Server 2003
- Microsoft Office Project Web Access

### Enabling Technologies:

- Microsoft Windows Server™ operating system (Windows® 2000 Server or later)
- Microsoft Windows SharePoint™ Services (Component technology of Windows Server 2003)
- Microsoft SQL Server™ 2000

### Recommended Products and Services:

- Microsoft Office System, including Outlook®
- Windows Server Terminal Services (Requires Microsoft Windows Server operating system)

#### • **Empowered Project Teams**

More and more, businesses are relying upon project team members to make high-impact decisions as part of their daily routines. With the EPM Solution, the latest project information is quickly available and transparent to team members, so they can more efficiently manage their time, prioritize their activities, take increased accountability for their work, and make better decisions.

#### • **Effective Resource Deployment**

Many organizations struggle to deploy resources effectively, leading to higher costs and project delays. The EPM Solution helps you accurately assess resource commitments and effectively deploy resources across your organization, so you can put the right people on your high-priority projects for optimal delivery.

#### • **Strategic Hiring**

Without understanding long-term workloads and capacity, companies can experience inefficient hire-fire cycles, resulting in higher overhead, lost knowledge and poor employee morale. By providing visibility into overall work commitments and resource capabilities, the EPM Solution helps you achieve the right balance of strategic recruiting and outsourcing to achieve long-term business objectives.

#### • **More from Your Existing Technology Investments**

The EPM Solution leverages technologies that many organizations already have in place, making it more effective to get the most out of existing investments in training and infrastructure. And by customizing and integrating the EPM Solution with your line-of-business systems, you can get a comprehensive view of your organization's activities for better decision-making.

#### • **Sustainable Return on Investment**

The value of any investment depends on what types of improvements are gained and how quickly they are realized. By enabling increased employee productivity, faster cycle times, reduced costs and improved time management, the EPM Solution provides a positive and sustainable return on your investment.

#### **Extending the Microsoft Office EPM Solution**

Microsoft Office Project solution providers can provide your organization with skilled professionals that can tailor a solution to fit your business needs. To start building a Microsoft Office EPM Solution, you can contact one of the many Project solution providers listed on the Web at <http://www.microsoft.com/office/project/techinfo/partners.asp>.

More information about the Microsoft Office EPM Solution is available at <http://www.microsoft.com/office/project/>.