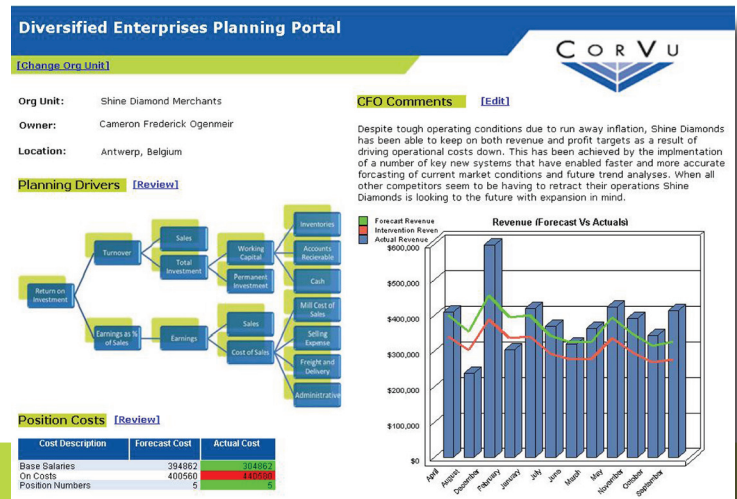


CorPlanning

Automate, simplify and control your budgeting and planning process



While all organisations – whether in the private or public sector – have some sort of annual budgeting and planning process, it’s typically not tied to the strategic planning process. As a result, many organisations fail to have the appropriate resources or business processes to successfully execute strategies.

Furthermore, budgeting and planning through spreadsheets can be time-consuming, error-prone and inflexible to change. Consolidating and tracking various budget versions that are maintained by distributed budget contributors can be particularly difficult to manage.

CorPlanning is designed to automate, simplify and control an enterprise-wide planning and budgeting process. With CorPlanning workflows can be automated, versions can be controlled and the entire budgeting process can be monitored and managed.

Most importantly, a financial plan can be maintained to support the evolving business plan – including performance targets and strategic initiatives.

KEY BENEFITS

Accelerate the budgeting & planning cycle

Maximise participation, communication, collaboration and ownership during the budgeting and planning process

Link planning to strategy

Create a financial plan that resources and supports your strategic plan

Reduce operational costs

Reduce the cost, time and effort required to compile the annual budget

Improve operational efficiency

Reverse the typical 80/20 input/analysis ratio for the budgeting and planning process

Drive profitable growth

Analyse the business impact of hypothetical scenarios in real-time

Improve ability to act

Quickly react to market, competitive and organisational changes

Improve accuracy

Eliminate consolidation of different budget versions, re-keying of data and errors, through centralised data entry

KEY FEATURES

Planning methods

- Rolling forecasts
- Zero-base budgeting
- Outcome budgeting
- "what-if" scenario modelling
- Beyond budgeting
- Top-down and bottom-up
- Activity based management/costing

Planning templates

- Preconfigured templates for sales, cost of goods sold, eliminations, EVMS (ANSI-748), R&D, capital planning, payroll and budget

Data collection and consolidation

- ADX technology provides rapid access to data from any source, including ERP systems, databases and flat files
- Periodic data can be automatically loaded from other corporate information systems, submitted via email or manually entered via web forms
- Reminders, escalations and exception reports for data not yet available

Communication & collaboration

- Secure and consistent electronic communication for all CorPlanning-related content throughout the organisation
- Commentary on worksheets, accounts, organisational units and actions shared with relevant stakeholders
- Link to supporting documents, hyperlinks and personal notes

Workflow

- Automation of manual update processes
- Reminders and escalations
- Approvals and authorisations

Accountability

- Every object is owned/maintained by a specified individual
- All budgeting and planning information is controlled in a secure, integrated environment which can be fully audited

WHAT SETS CORPLANNING APART

Comprehensive capabilities

- Real-time planning allows changes to drive instantaneous recalculation, re-forecasting and scorecard updates
- "driver-driven forecasting" enables business drivers to improve forecast timeliness, accuracy and flexibility
- Powerful planning functions, including breakback, consolidation, inter-company eliminations and multi-currency
- Mature, granular security system supports LDAP
- Powerful Automated Data Xchange (ADX) technology to populate worksheets from corporate information systems

Flexibility

- Easy to change/add dimensions, models and organisation structures
- Versioning provides capability to create multiple versions for all budget years

Low total cost of ownership

- Purpose-built application to minimise implementation, training, modification and maintenance costs
- Out-of-the-box reports and templates
- Easy configuration with no programming required
- Pre-built integration to common ERP systems

Scalability

- Single, open database repository
- J2EE web architecture allows large-scale implementations with hundreds of data sources, thousands of accounts and tens of thousands of users

Ease of use

- User friendly interface
- Automated calculations
- Intuitive data entry

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