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TODAY'S TOPICS

- Typical Agency Utilization
- Roadmap to Improved Application Utilization
- Best Practices
 - Application Roles & Responsibilities
 - Module Teams
 - Needs Assessments and Process Reviews
 - Project Resourcing
 - Business Analysts
 - Change Management

Streamlined Processes

Reduces Errors

Increased Data Accessibility

Enhanced Reporting

Improved ROI

Increased Transparency



TYPICAL AGENCY UTILIZATION

Typical Does Not Need to Be the Norm

TYPICAL AGENCY UTILIZATION

- Using a fraction of the existing system capabilities
- Shadow Systems (Excel, Access, paper, other)
- Workarounds Manual process or reconciliations surrounding core software modules
- Lack of integration between other systems/modules
- Limited/Poor Reporting



STARTLING STATISTICS:

- Only 32% of projects are on time, within budget, deliver all required features and functions, and achieve measurable business and stakeholder benefits.
- Approximately 44% of projects are "challenged" (late, over budget, and/or have less than the required features and functions).
- 69% of project failures are due to a lack of and/or improper implementation of project management methodologies.
- Nearly 40% of those surveyed said that a "lack of employee buy-in and executive support" was the biggest challenge facing a successful implementation.
- A recent customer survey shows that enterprise implementation projects:
- Have only a 7% chance of on-time implementation.
- Will likely cost more than estimated.
- Will likely deliver unsatisfying results (only 21% will realize half or more of expected benefits).
- In a past study of local government enterprise implementations published in Government Finance Review, it was found that the average project was 176% over budget and 243% beyond the planned implementation timeline.

REASONS FOR LIMITED UTILIZATION

- Limited Training
 - Under Scoped Implementation
 - Staff Turnover
- Lack of Business/Application Analyst Support (skills) in IT Department
- Challenged Implementation
 - Limited selection/procurement due diligence
 - Neglecting opportunity for process streamlining and automation
 - Under-staffed/scoped implementation services
 - Lack of ownership by core module users
 - Budget/Resource limitations

WHAT DOES EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION LOOK LIKE?

- Well-trained users
- Reduction of Excel and shadow-systems for reporting and processing
- Elimination of duplicate data entry
- Workflow capabilities
- More integrated solutions application suites and processes
- Personalized Dashboards and reporting shortcuts
- All required reports available to users
- Document archiving online

ROADMAP TO HIGHER UTILIZATION

- Departments taking ownership of applications and processes with IT support, if available
- Business/Application Analyst Support Staff (IT or some Depts.)
- Module Teams (Collaborative SMEs)
- Periodic Process Reviews, by module/functional area
- User and Reporting Needs Inventories
- Ongoing Training



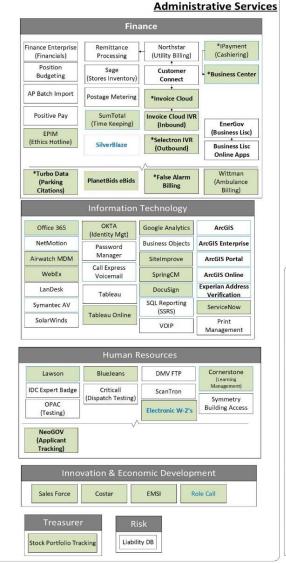


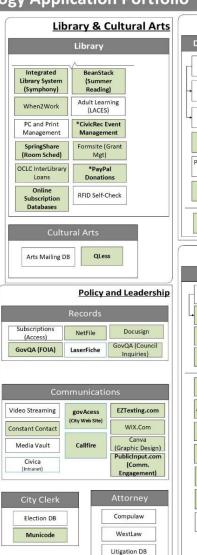
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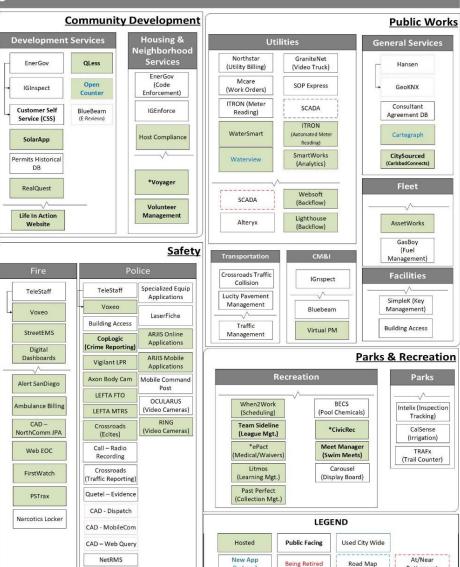


CARLSBAD EXPERIENCE

City of Carlsbad Information Technology Application Portfolio







(In Imp.)

TRAFx

Retirement

APPLICATIONS PORTFOLIO CHALLENGES

Portfolio of over 200 applications systems and modules

Data silos

Redundant systems

Legacy/outdated technology

Deferred maintenance

Log over the fence approach to technology projects

Shiny object syndrome

"Turnkey systems"

APPLICATIONS PORTFOLIO CHALLENGES



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STRATEGIC DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION INVESTMENT PROGRAM (SDTIP)

- Comprehensive approach to planning for and funding digital transformation efforts throughout the organization
- Strategy for evaluating and prioritizing projects

Strategy for identifying funding

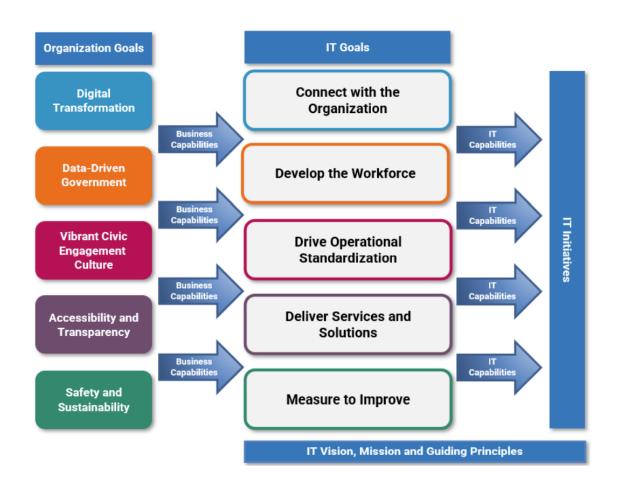


CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT

(KPI EXAMPLE)

SDTIP

- Pursue Communitywide Digital
 Transformation
- Build Capacity for Data-Driven
 Government
- Foster a Vibrant Civic Engagement Culture
- Enhance Accessibility and Transparency
- Promote Safety and Sustainability through Connectivity
- Strategy for evaluating and prioritizing projects





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BEST PRACTICES

THIS PRESENTATION IS ENTIRELY BASED ON BEST PRACTICES

Ignore at Your Own Peril









KEY BEST PRACTICES

- Application Support Roles and Responsibilities
- Needs Assessments and Business Process Reviews Assessments
- New System Requirements
- Resource Allocations and Project Management
- Change Management

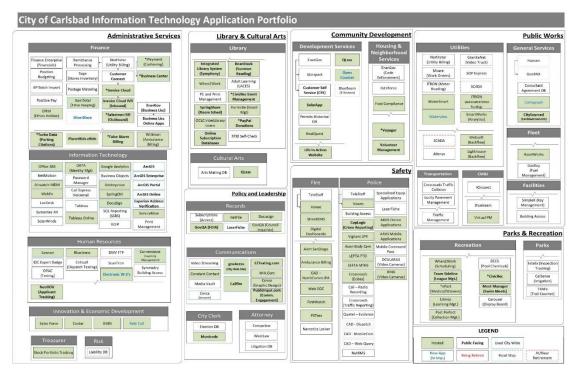
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 The days of total dependence on IT for 100% of software application maintenance and support is no longer realistic

Systems and functionality is too broad and in-depth





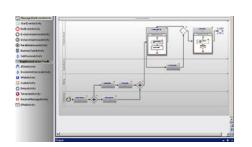


APPLICATION MANAGEMENT BEST PRACTICES

- Best Practice for Departments to:
 - Own and maintain their own business processes
 - More participatory management of application utilization and improvements
 - Understand, document processes, and train staff
 - Define staff Application Roles and Responsibilities by module

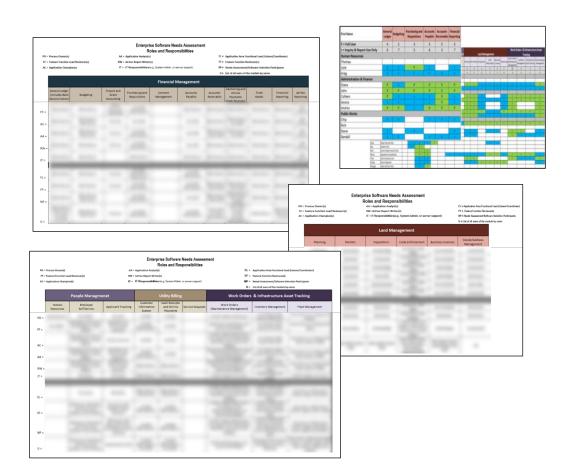






APPLICATION ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES

- Process Owners
- Power Users
- Report Writers
- Module Leads
- Key Module SMEs





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FINANCE INVOLVEMENT

- Roles and Responsibilities
 - Identify early, review often
 - Ownership and accountability
- Timeline and Milestones
 - Project charter
 - Feasibility
 - Input and agreement from all stakeholders
- Resource Planning
 - Identify roles and responsibilities within each department/division
 - Identify early, review often
 - Plan the work and time necessary





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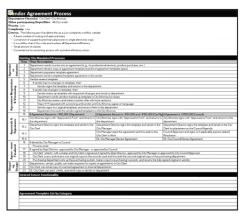


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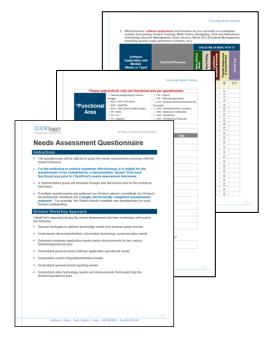
- Need Assessment
 - Surveys/Questionnaires
 - Process and Needs Workshops
 - Manual Processes
 - Shadow Systems (e.g., Excel, Access, etc.)
 - Inventory Reporting Gaps
 - Inventory Functionality Gaps
- Process Review Improvements
 - More Detailed Process Walkthroughs
 - Workflow Documentation
 - Narrative Steps
 - Diagrams
 - Swim Lanes

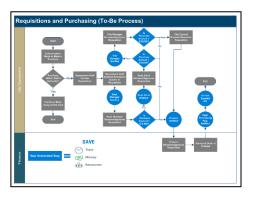




Find Ability to:

- Automate Manual Processes
- Eliminate Duplication
- Eliminate Spreadsheets& Shadow Systems
- Is a Process Truly Necessary?





BUSINESS PROCESS REVIEWS

- Identifying enhancement and streamlining opportunities
- Automating manual processes and eliminating paper
- Dramatically reducing the use of shadow systems
- Configuring the knowledge of subject-matter experts (SMEs) into the systems automated workflows

BUSINESS PROCESS REVIEWS

• Features, functions, and capabilities of applications systems can

dictate opportunities for process improvements

- Documentation as needed
 - Narratives
 - Diagrams
 - User Manuals
- Process review and improvement is a continual process.
 - Not settling on the status quo



SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

FEATURE/FUNCTION CONSIDERATIONS

- Not all feature/function gaps have the same effect
- Which issues or lack of feature/functions require significant efforts to work around (e.g., 2 hrs./mo. vs. 100-500 hrs./yr., or more)
- Avoid distraction by "bells & whistles"





REPORTING BEST PRACTICES

- Difficult to maximize utilization if data/info. cannot be accessed in a meaningful way
- Inventory all reports, including shadow-system reports (i.e., those compiled in MS Excel), by user and module
- ID those responsible for report development
 - Departmental staff know their business processes best
- Consider including reports, key data, and performance measure tracking on individual's dashboards



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GOVERNANCE

- City requires for each enterprise application
 - Governance document
 - Governance committee
 - Users group
 - Change control process





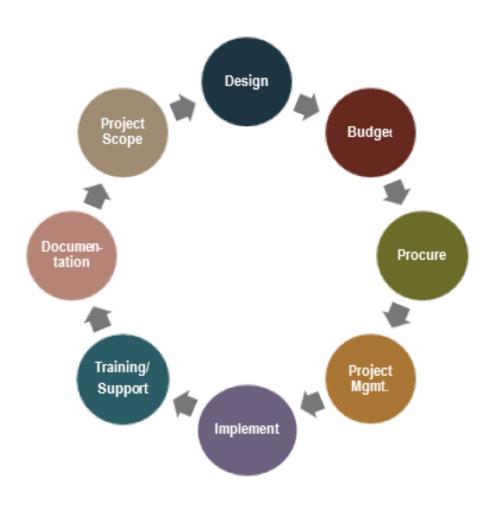
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PROJECT RESOURCING

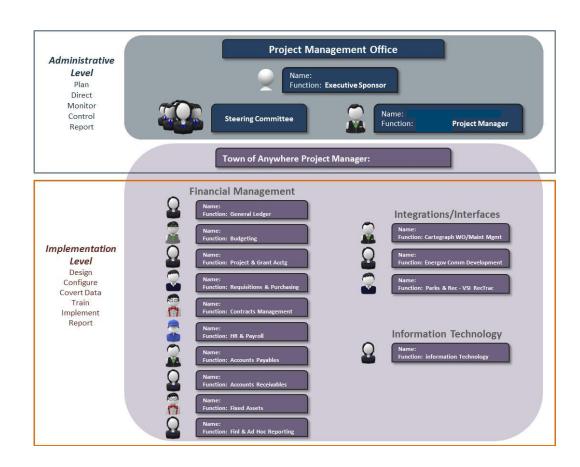
IMPLEMENTATION BEST PRACTICES

- Effective Scoping
- Independent Project Management Assistance
 - SME
 - Status Reporting
 - Scheduling
- Module Teams (collaborative teams, spread the work)
- Testing
 - Sample Transaction
 - Full Cycle (e.g., procure to pay)
 - User Acceptance Testing
 - · Conversion, customizations and integrations
- Reporting Inventory, creation and testing before go-live
- Training
- Communications



SAMPLE - PMO CHART

- This is your "Project Management
 Team"
- Skill Set
- Knowledge of Business Processes
- Personal Characteristics & Abilities



BUSINESS/APPLICATION ANALYST SUPPORT

 Focused on departmental core application modules (not desktop support)

- Business process analysis
- Application Training
- Ad hoc/custom report writing
- System setup and configuration Changes
- Project coordination
- Not a desktop/helpdesk technician



Sample job description available upon request!

ONGOING TRAINING BEST PRACTICES

- Training Has highest and shortest Return-on-Investment (ROI)
- Greater utilization is key to significant increases in productivity and greater efficiency, as well as achieving cost savings
- Survey, by user, to determine actual needs and enrollment
- Process improvement reviews will uncover many needs
- Training Room

In a study conducted by Nucleus Research, an organization drove productivity gains of up to 50% through ongoing, successful user trainings.

ONGOING TRAINING BEST PRACTICES

Determine strategies for accomplishing training needs and engage software vendors

- Self-learning aids
- Internal classes (internal or external trainers)
- On-site vendor training
- Lunch-and-learns
- Go-To Application Champions
- Training opportunities at software vendor annual user conferences
- Don't neglect the potential need for training when applying new releases/versions





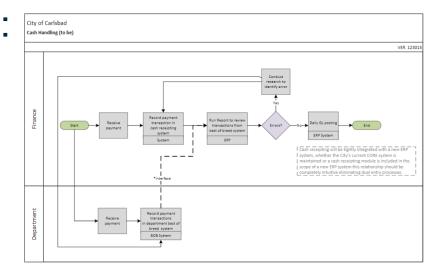
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BUSINESS SYSTEMS TEAM

- Technologists embedded in departments
- Liaison between IT and department
- Not only understand technology but also:
 - Business
 - Applications
 - Processes



Identify business challenges and develop requirements

ENTERPRISE APPLICATIONS TEAM

Server-side maintenance

Integrations

Database administratio

Web administration



PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Ensure projects are implemented following a standard methodology
- Maintain project schedule and tasks
- Primary point of contact between city and vendor project manager
- Coordinate city resources
- Change management



Project Schedules					~.			-04			_
Primary	Start Date	End Date	Sheet Name	Oct	Q4 Nov	Dec	Jan	Q1 Feb	Mar	Apr	Ma
QLess for CD Services	10/26/20	01/21/22	QLess CD Schedule								
Consolidation Core Systems (Finance/HR) Assessment Schedule	09/27/21	01/30/23	Consolidation Core Systems Assess								
Laserfiche Phase 2: Workflow Automation Schedule	07/05/21	02/06/23	Laserfiche Phase 2: Workflow Autor								
Traffic Server Migration Project	09/26/22	02/13/23	Traffic Server Migration Schedule								
EnerGov Transition to HTML5 (ver. 2021/2022)	07/13/21	02/17/23	EnerGov Transition to HTML5 Sche								
Project Management RFQ	04/29/21	04/17/23	Project Management RFQ								
Energov Business Process Documentation - Phase 2	12/07/21	04/28/23	EnerGov BPD - Phase 2 Project Sci								
AD MIGRATION PROJECT	04/05/21	05/01/23	AD Migration Project								
Premier One Cloud CAD Cloud Deployment	05/02/22	12/14/23	CAD Schedule								



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CHANGE MANAGEMENT

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- Key components ensure buy-in across the organization and key to a successful and timely implementation
- Main goals are communication and the mitigation of project disruptions that can affect the project
 - Scope
 - Schedule
 - Budget
 - Risk Management

CHANGE MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

Communication Facilitation

 Support the City's Project Manager and Core Implementation Team

ONE-TIME TASKS/DELIVERABLES

- Stakeholder Change Management Assessment Workshops
 - Review of Potential Change Issues/Impacts
 - Determine Change Management Committee
 - Representative sub-set of core implementation team
 - Change Management Escalation Team (sub-set of Steering Committee)
 - Recommend 3-5 persons

RECURRING ACTIVITIES

- Change Management Committee Meetings
 - Monthly (plus as needed)
 - Updates (awareness)
 - Status of existing issues
 - New issues discussion
 - Communication needs/planning
- Change Management Escalation Team
 - Monthly (plus as needed for escalation issues)
 - Updates (awareness)
 - Status of existing issues
 - New issues and risk discussions



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CHANGE MANAGEMENT

- Deliberate component of every project
- Consistent messaging across organization:
 - Stakeholders
 - Impacted users
 - Public
- Training
 - Content
 - Delivery methods
 - User Guides
 - Short term & long term





QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



WRAP-UP

THANK YOU