Stephen F. Austin State University

Introduction

This case study of Stephen F. Austin State University is based on a February 2017 survey of Global Software, Inc. customers by TechValidate, a 3rd-party research service.

> "Spreadsheet Sever has allowed me to create custom reports that are interactive due to the software's ability to automatically update data intensive spreadsheets with each variable change. This provides a powerful analytical tool."

Challenges

Struggled with the following reporting tasks before implementing Spreadsheet Server:

- Accessing applicable data
- Re-keying data from the ERP system into spreadsheets
- Manual, multi-step reporting processes
- Their lack of access to real-time information
- Heavy reliance on IT to create or edit reports
- Difficulty creating specific education reports in a timely manner
- Standardizing reports
- Organization required 25% of their IT support and/or ERP resources.

Use Case

The key features and functionalities of Global Software's Spreadsheet Server that the surveyed organization uses:

- Financial aid, tuition, loans, and expense data
- Funds/grants/awards
- Budgets and forecasts
- Costs/cost report audits
- Annual audits (financials and footnotes)
- Board reporting

In addition to Financials/GL, the organization uses Spreadsheet Server for reporting:

- Financial aid, tuition, loans, expense data
- Funds/grants/awards
- Budgeting/payroll
- Encumbrances/commitments

Results

The surveyed organization achieved the following results with Global Software's Spreadsheet Server.:

- Saved 100-200 reporting hours per year after implementing Spreadsheet Server.
- Increased employee workload by 25% with Spreadsheet Server.
- Automated 50-100 reports with Spreadsheet Server.

Organization Profile

Organization:
Stephen F. Austin State University

Industry:
Educational Institution

ERP Platform:
Banner

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