



Streamlined and Simplified Grants Administration Process

A Government Department for Labor and Development

A department within the USA State government which handles most of the state's labor and workforce issues at the administrative level.

Project/Service Category

Implementation of Grants Management System (EGrAMS)

Technology

- ASP.NET, VB.NET
- MS SQL Server

Benefits

- Automation of entire grants management lifecycle
- Simplified, Streamlined, and Automated grants administration process
- Central grants data repository for easy and quick access to grants information
- Interface to existing authentication system and financial accounting system enhanced the faster grant lifecycle process

Background

Division of Business Partnerships (DBP) is a department within the USA State Government that partners with several public and private sector organizations to build a pool of skilled and trained workforce.

DBP's primary activity is to provide funding through grants and other agreements, to various organizations for providing training and other forms of employment assistance to prepare the citizens for high wage and high demand occupations.

DBP selected HTC Global Services (HTC) for implementing EGrAMS to automate and streamline the grants management processes. It wants HTC to help perform necessary configuration, installation, and training on a Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS) Grants Management software product to enable the DBP's grant processes to be more efficient and effective. Around 18 programs are being implemented using EGrAMS.

Scope

The scope of the project involved:

- Automation of approximately 22 grant programs and interfacing with the States' authentication for external users and LDAP / Active Directory for division users.
- EGrAMS also interfaced with SAGE MIP for generation of accounting entries passed on the AKSAS.

Solution

With a view to minimize training impact and bring all State staff teams aboard EGrAMS, the project was implemented in three phases based on grant life cycle process areas:

- Phase I involved configuration of EGrAMS and application entry
- Phase II involved review, approval, and award processes
- Phase III involved reporting (expense claim reporting and progress reporting), payments, amendments, and interface with the SAGE – MIP

Each phase included all the identified grant programs.

