



Founded in 1917, Anderson University is a Christian school headquartered in Anderson, Indiana. The school was a major step in the life of a young fellowship of Christians, which originated around 1880.

Today the University has grown to be comprised of an undergraduate liberal arts program, organized into two colleges and three schools, a graduate School of Theology and a center for adult education. The Anderson University community educates over 2,800 students and employs nearly 300 instructional and professional staff.

Anderson University

Case Study

Challenge:

In the spring of 2006, the IT staff at Anderson University was facing its own end of life dilemma -- its current ERP system was set to expire on December 31, 2010. Although this was ample time to research, select, and deploy a new system, there was a considerable financial incentive to implement a solution much sooner. The University could save \$100,000 needed to nurse the existing, yet terminal system through to its ultimate demise.

After setting a March 2009 deadline for the ERP transition, the AU team now set its sights on finding an affordable system that would deliver an immediate return on investment by being easy to deploy and flexible enough to meet current as well as future needs. Working with a limited budget and restricted resources, AU knew these requirements were imperative as they researched a number of ERP solutions.

ONE solution:

It wasn't long before Oracle's® PeopleSoft Enterprise system emerged as the clear choice to meet AU's needs. Universally recognized as a "best in class" product, PeopleSoft applications are designed specifically to meet complex business requirements while easily accommodating changing organizational needs or future upgrades and enhancements.

The only task left now was finding the perfect partner to help them successfully implement the new system. Facing a 15-month timeframe with a tight budget, the final vendor of choice would need to hit the road running, providing immediate PeopleSoft expertise combined with a working knowledge of the higher education industry. After much research, the perfect partner was obvious -- Moore Integrated Solutions (MIS), Inc.

"We were extremely pleased to have partnered with MIS, Inc. to assist Anderson University with the implementation PeopleSoft/Oracle. They provided solid leadership in the planning for this enormous project, their consultants were always committed to our success, they had high regard for our institutional ethos, and their price was affordable to this medium-sized university."

Michael Collette
Vice President of Enrollment/IT

Client Facts:

Industry: Higher Education
Location: Anderson, Indiana
Students: 2,800
Employees: 300
Client Since: 2007

PeopleSoft Solutions:

Financials
HRMS
Payroll
Campus Solutions
Contributor Relations

MIS, Inc. specializes in the implementation of Oracle's PeopleSoft applications. Understanding the budget constraints of every organization in today's challenging economy, we utilize an onsite/offsite model enabling us to deliver an efficient and affordable implementation solution.

MIS, Inc. provides strategic resources, with industry knowledge as well as PeopleSoft experience. Our expert team is cross-functional, possessing the ability to take on multiple facets of an implementation.

As your trusted implementation partner, MIS, Inc. works as an advocate and liaison to deliver tailored solutions that best meet your needs.

Final Results:

- Accomplished all goals and met go live deadline, allowing AU to save \$100,00 in expected maintenance fees for previous ERP system, which was set to expire.
- Finished entire implementation within budget.
- Provided AU with a more robust ERP system that features the flexibility needed to accommodate future upgrades and enhancements

ONE partner:

Working alongside the AU team as a trusted partner, MIS, Inc. experts helped establish goals and objectives, including go-live dates, knowledge transfer, and future system needs. By setting a specific timeline, the team was able to help reduce conversion and training expenses. With the development of a long-term upgrade and enhancement plan, AU will spend less money over the lifetime of their PeopleSoft ERP system.

MIS, Inc. uses a cost-effective onsite/offsite approach to help reduce travel expenses and consultant costs. By utilizing collaborative technology tools such as WebEx, Skype™, email, and conference calls, MIS, Inc. is able to communicate effectively and provide cross-functional resources to curb costs. Using this business model, MIS consultants worked remotely for 75% of the AU implementation project, significantly reducing travel and related business expenses.

Despite not being previously trained, the AU team was able to successfully leverage the knowledge transfer from MIS, Inc. consultants during their productive monthly visits. Through this "sleeves-rolled-up, hands-on" approach and delivery, the AU staff learned how to effectively implement and use their new PeopleSoft ERP system.

ONE result:

With the assistance of MIS, Inc, Anderson University completed their implementation within budget and ahead of schedule. As a result, the university saved the \$100,000 they would have spent simply maintaining their previous ERP system through to its eventual end.

The new PeopleSoft ERP implemented by MIS also enabled AU to mail their first round of award letters to students and families on March 6, 2009, well ahead of the fall semester.



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