

ERP for Growing Businesses

The Issue

Technology is great when it's working the way it should be. As business get bigger, both in volume and number of entities, the data grows and so do the reporting needs. What was great software for a small business does not suit a large group of entities. Business owners need to constantly review their technology requirements and take the next step when it is needed.

What we do for you

Our Business in the Cloud services set out many of the steps involved in preparing to select and the selection process involved in obtaining new technology platforms.

When it comes to moving up to an ERP system, naturally the considerations broaden, and the change management exercise grows. With an ERP system, there is no such thing as "plug it in and turn it on, ready to go". They are large and flexible and so need curating to suit you and your group. This means setting up many available options and features to suit the way you work, and on the flip side, improving your processes to take advantage of the clever features now on offer.

With our experience, we can assist as follows:

- a. Executing the discovery process outlined in our Business in the Cloud services.
- b. Expanding the process to ensure the additional detail of a larger group, broader reporting requirements, more complex products, ordering systems etc are accommodated.
- c. Ensuring you receive proposals which properly detail the work involved in getting the system to 'go live', the stages involved, the testing required, the change in process that might be required, support and training.
- d. Ensuring your contract is properly reviewed by your legal adviser and meets your requirements and contains the key elements of the proposal.

- e. Assisting you team with the establishment of the new system through project management across your team and the vendor and also providing accounting staff as required.
- f. Helping develop any changes to processes.
- g. Managing expectations through the process through to “go live” date.

Software implementations can test patience, they can go really well and they can also go horribly wrong. Having the right team on the project is the key to success.

The Benefits

The benefits to you are:

1. You may be entering into uncharted territory. We are familiar with the requirements of this project and can help ease concerns from you and your staff.
2. Implementing an ERP system is a large project. Having our team assist can give you space to keep the group operating whilst still being involved and informed.
3. Putting the right processes in place at the start – change management, contract review, testing etc – means the project has greater chance of success.
4. It's important that the exercise does not consume your internal team, potentially impacting business and cashflows. We believe we can effectively manage the process together with your team, providing staff on the group if needed, to keep disruptions to a minimum, or at least a known quantity.

What's next

Contact UHY to arrange a discussion about how we can best assist you. Connect with us and connect to possibility.