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Minimum Effort, Maximum Reward – The Metcash TM1 Story

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Agenda

- > Solution Objectives**
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Solution Objectives

- > Enterprise wide Budgeting & Forecasting application down to individual Business Units(550), Departments (6000), Accounts (2300), Years (5), Months (12) and Versions/Scenarios (6)
- > The solution needs to allow each of the four Business Pillars to budget independently, different business rules and budgeting methods:
 - bottom up
 - top down
 - driver based
 - zero based budgeting
 - All of the above
- > Real-Time consolidated reporting for the entire business
 - With Drill Through to Source System transactions

Solution Objectives cont..

- > Business driven solution. Designed , built and maintained by the Business**

- > A balanced view of the three design principles:**
 - **Design for Functionality**
 - Needs to meet end user requirements

 - **Design for Maintainability**
 - Solution needs to be simple

 - **Design for Performance**
 - The solution needs to perform well as it's replacing an Excel based solution running locally on the users PC's

Environment

- > IBM Cognos TM1 9.1 sp4**
- > IBM Cognos Executive Viewer 9.4**
- > Windows 2003 R2 64 bit**
 - 2 Intel Xeon Quad Cores 2.6ghz
 - 32gb of memory (RAM)
- > PeopleSoft General Ledger**

Implementation Methodology

- > Guardian Services**
- > Rapid Application Development (RAD) Methodology**

Live Demo

- > Budgeting & Forecasting**
- > Reporting**
- > More...**

Lessons Learnt

- > Ask the experts**
- > Use IBM Cognos Executive Viewer**
- > User Acceptance Testing**
- > Keep It Simple**

Project Wins

- > Reduced Budget cycle times**
- > Better visibility into the Business**
- > Project delivered on time and on budget**
- > Met all Business requirements and more...**
- > Internal knowledge of solution and product**
- > Development speed**
- > Overall performance of the solution (3 second rule)**
- > Windows Integrated Login**
- > A future proof strategic performance management platform**

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