Minimizing Accounts Payable Costs and Improving Cash Flow



IBM Information Management software

CGI Sovera Accounts Payable (AP)

Partner Solution

- Target Industry Cross Industry
- Business Application Accounts Payable
- Products IBM FileNet Business Process Manager IBM FileNet Content Manager IBM FileNet eForms IBM FileNet Image Manager

Business Challenge

Nearly every business is challenged with managing accounts payable processes. Accounting employees spend countless hours prioritizing, routing, processing and filing a sea of invoices generated from daily business activities. As organizations grow and change, managing the accounts payable process becomes more complex, and companies must devote more resources to keep accounting departments adequately staffed to accommodate the workload.

Healthcare organizations are mired in manual processes, which often results in high costs, processing errors, lost information and delays. The physical routing of invoices also impedes organizations' ability to qualify for early payment discounts, eroding profits and subjecting them to collections that negatively affect their credit.

Today, companies have an opportunity to implement technology to eliminate manual processing and data entry, streamline processing and provide management with visibility into accounting processes. Additionally, companies can provide access to accounting information quickly, to free up employees' time spent on tedious and non-value-added activities.

Moreover, companies can leverage this technology to institute best practices that improve accuracy and the bottom line.

Solution

For these business challenges, CGI, an independent information technology and business process services firm, offers Sovera Accounts Payable (AP). Powered by IBM Enterprise Content Management (ECM) suite of products. Sovera AP integrates with existing ERP and accounting systems to help companies control, manage and share information within their accounts payable processes, reducing costs and enabling management and accounting staff to significantly improve and accelerate decision making.

Sovera AP standardizes accounting processes throughout the organization. With out-of-the-box capabilities that provide rapid deployment, the solution replaces manual routing and data entry of invoices with a Web-based, automated system, enabling accounting personnel to process invoices quickly and easily. Sovera AP enables the creation of integrated reports and analytics, so corporations can review staff productivity and modify accounting processes as needed.



Sovera AP automatically captures, indexes, routes and stores invoices securely. A familiar interface allows system users to check invoice status and distribute invoices efficiently within the organization and to business partners. Delivering maximum business agility, Sovera AP maximizes employee productivity by leveraging rules and reminders to automate daily invoice processing, ensuring that bills are paid on time and discounts maximized.



Value Proposition

With more than 30 years of experience and a solid track record of technology and industry solution delivery, CGI empowers organizations to garner a rapid return on investment through the automation, integration and optimization of accounting processes, enabling them to:

- Create a paperless accounting environment that minimizes lost information;
- · Reduce processing and labor costs;
- Accelerate invoice cycle times;
- Maximize accounting staff productivity;
- Design flexible work assignments through shared work queues;
- Provide multiple system users with simultaneous access to invoices;
- Enforce deadlines and ensure tasks are completed promptly;
- · Reroute work as needed; and,
- · Comply with government regulations.

Company Description

Founded in 1976, CGI Group Inc. is one of the largest independent information technology and business process services firms in the world. CGI and its affiliated companies employ approximately 27,000 professionals. CGI provides end-to-end IT and business process services to clients worldwide from offices in Canada, the United States, Europe, Asia Pacific as well as from centers of excellence in North America, Europe and India. CGI's annual revenue run rate stands at \$3.8 billion and at March 31st, 2008, CGI's order backlog was \$12.04 billion. CGI shares are listed on the TSX (GIB.A) and the NYSE (GIB) and are included in the S&P/TSX Composite Index as well as the S&P/TSX Capped Information Technology and MidCap Indices. Web site: www.cgi.com/healthcare.

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