

Navy Budget Management

Saving money, time, and effort for the US Navy - now and into the future



Challenge · The U.S. Navy was in the midst of a 15 year, \$3 billion effort worldwide to track and reassign more than 200,000 acres of former military installations. It involved a tremendous number of personnel as well as collaboration with federal, state, and local officials. The task was made more difficult when Congressional Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) mandates propelled the Navy to accelerate the project. The Navy turned to Xcalibur for assistance.

SOLUTION · Xcalibur's prior assignments with the Navy earned them a solid reputation and strong working relationship. Moreover, this relationship facilitated Xcalibur's ability to quickly grasp the Navy's unique needs and challenges. After gaining a comprehensive understanding of the Navy's challenge, our analysts and programmers thoroughly reviewed the mandate, researched and evaluated possible solutions, and then developed a system that could adapt to any shift or growth within the BRAC program. The result was BRACMIS.

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 "Xcalibur's services in the development of BRACMIS are a major factor in the successful execution of this very fluid, highly visible program," says William Robinson, Jr., senior director for Base Closure. "The modular application is very functional and easy to use, and Xcalibur's flexibility and responsiveness in dealing with changes and uncertainties in the evolution of the program are commendable."

Financial analysis and project management data are now coordinated nationwide through geographic information system components. BRACMIS' ability to generate custom reports quickly and easily lends itself to the system's flexible reporting capabilities. For example, a 1,000-page Congressional Budget Book can be generated with the

click of a button, allowing up-to-the-minute data changes to be incorporated into electronic or hard copy submissions.

BENEFITS · We developed BRACMIS to be a long-term solution. The system has proven to be a work-horse with amazing scalability and flexibility that has been able to successfully respond to shifting changes in Congressional policy, as well as address the Navy's future needs. Leaving no stone unturned, Xcalibur's application led to substantial savings in both cost and labor for the Navy:

- + Information is straightforward and easily navigable, and can be tailored so that the user only views information most pertinent to him;
- + The application efficiently tracks more than 30,000 milestones and budget items; reducing the level of effort required for Congressional budget submissions by more than 80 percent;
- + Adaptability of application means greater longevity, with a lifespan of nearly 15 years;
- + MS Office integration offers simplified, push-button reporting;
- + Automatic, recurring data archival routines enable longitudinal trend analysis over multi-year periods.

As the Navy prepares for its fifth BRAC round, BRACMIS stands ready to meet these new challenges. The Navy can count on us to provide users with a valuable and uninterrupted flow of information, so that current and future base realignments will be executed efficiently and cost-effectively.

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