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Surviving the Downturn – ERP Can Help!

The one thing on everyone's mind these days is the state of their business. Today's businesses are focused on how to survive this economic downturn by finding ways to drive business forward. One area businesses are looking at is in technologies that help them take costs out of their operations. Ultimately, these technology investments will provide the tools businesses need to help move beyond basic survival and sustainability by lowering costs, improving service levels and operational efficiencies, and getting their companies to thrive even in today's challenging economy. IT is one of the most important strategic initiatives that can still drive competitiveness, efficiency, and cost reductions in troubled times. It can help transform the company into a more streamlined and agile enterprise that's ready to cope with more demanding and volatile economy in the years ahead.

Here are some of the cost cutting advantages that the NDS ERP Solution offers:

Integrated Enterprise: Having an integrated ERP solution creates the collaborative framework necessary to achieve shared insight of all business processes from a single database.

Eliminating double entry, enabling real-time information to be viewed by all departments and more accountable decision making to be made.

Advanced Planning Tools: Advanced planning and optimization processes take a look at what's in inventory, predict demand from the customers, the supplies on order, and then pull together a preferred production schedule.

Lean/JIT manufacturing: For many, Lean is the set of "tools" that assist in the identification and steady elimination of waste. As waste is eliminated quality improves while production time and cost are reduced. Lean manufacturing is therefore focused on getting the right things, to the right place, at the right time, in the right quantity achieving superior work flow while minimizing waste as well as being flexible and able to change.

Automation: Automating repetitive procedures can streamline your operations and provide real value. Once a process has been identified, spend a little time investigating how you might be able to automate the process, including researching tools that could assist with automation, and estimating the level of effort required to implement the automation versus the total cost and risk of requiring team members to manually perform the procedures. As with any other business decision, it really should come down to a cost versus benefit analysis.

Flexibility: For rapid deployment opportunities either with taking on new business, responding quickly to demand or changes to processes, the more flexible the enterprise software, the easier it is to react.



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Take out the guess work when bidding: One big problem is that even when companies win the business, they may end up with low margins or even losing money. Focus on the breakdown of product, labor and associated services. An enterprise class ERP system will help you capture the details of true costs and increase accuracy on bids. When a company is engaged with engineer or build to order requests, estimators can gather and construct the data to reach maximum accuracy assuring that appropriate profit margins are maintained. High performance Product Configurator and Proxy Tools are integral with the NDS-ERP solution.

Managed Services: Whether you call them managed service providers or outsourced IT departments, the concept is the same – to help lower costs by monitoring and managing IT infrastructure. To take it further, Hosted solutions or Software-as-a-Service are also in some cases cost cutting services. These solutions require fewer infrastructure resources to deploy, run and manage, and they reduce requirements for on-site maintenance and support staff.

Given the state of the economy, it's important to focus your efforts and resources to eliminate costs on all fronts. Now is the time to use technological tools to help create a more efficient and streamlined enterprise. The NDS ERP Solution offers all of these advantages along with many others. Visit our website at www.ndsapps.com or call us at 727-538-2250 for more information on how the NDS Solution can help cut costs and streamline your business.