

Leading edge Planning and Consolidation solutions as a fully managed service

AIS Consulting & Attenda in Partnership



Business agility in a constantly changing world

Mid size companies typically operate with unmanaged spreadsheets for planning and consolidation, resulting in significant time and manual effort through the planning process. The problem is made worse if the critical operational information is spread across multiple applications and databases, or trapped in unstructured data held within individual spreadsheets.

The desire to change to a packaged software solution is usually considered to be too complex, with lack of internal IT resources, and too expensive.

To manage business performance efficiently, mid size businesses need a unified planning, budgeting and consolidation solution. This solution needs to address the key business challenges:

- Reduce cycle time for planning and budgeting, whilst improving user productivity
- Improving the accuracy and reliability of statutory, regulatory and management reports
- Streamline the statutory consolidation process
- Keep compliance and auditing costs down
- Enable planning and consolidation with limited use of IT resources
- Deliver real time availability and security for these business critical applications

“Our month end consolidation time has reduced from two days to instantaneous. BPC also allows us to carry out cross category customer profitability which we have never been able to do before.”

Lesley Beach, Group Financial Development Director, J&J Tranfield

Streamlining planning and reducing business risk

The Business Planning and Consolidation (BPC) application meets the needs of mid size organisations, by providing an integrated planning, budgeting, forecasting and consolidation solution that streamlines the planning process and produces management reports that instil confidence and reduce business risk.

The BPC solution bridges the gap between the creation of financial and business plans and the daily operation of those plans – at a cost that mid size companies can afford.

Delivering the business benefits of a fully integrated BPC Service

The BPC solution can be delivered on dedicated or virtualised hardware, or using the Attenda Cloud Computing platform, Attenda RTI, to provide a highly available, resilient, secure and highly scalable solution that meets the changing needs of the business, on demand.

With an all in one solution for financial and non financial processes, the BPC solution can operate on SAP or non-SAP technology environments, to readily integrate with your existing IT systems and services. The BPC solution is endorsed by Microsoft, and is optimised for the Microsoft platform, to deliver superior performance at a lower cost of ownership, enabling clients to gain business value from a best-in-class application to perform efficient and effective planning, budgeting, forecasting, reporting and analysis.

- Predictable costs and reduced dependence on IT with fully managed solution
- Empowers finance to own and modify common business processes
- Increases user productivity with minimal training
- Minimises business and compliance risk

A flexible, scalable, and future proof approach

Our Cloud BPC Service, provides the capability to scale computing resource up or down according to business demand, eliminating the need to provision additional infrastructure, to cater for increasing demand at month end.

In addition, the Cloud computing platform design enables clients to take immediate advantage of new components and generations of technology as they become available, continuously providing the optimal computing platform, and protecting investment into the future.

With fast deployment time, Business Planning and Consolidation provides a familiar and easy to use interface with pre-configured planning and consolidation processes. It provides unparalleled visibility of the business, with trending and forecasting tools that increase productivity.

Why AIS Consulting & Attenda?

AIS Consulting and Attenda are uniquely positioned to work in partnership to deliver SAP BPC solutions on a fully managed, subscription basis.

In the partnership, AIS Consulting specialises in the implementation of Business Planning & Consolidation (BPC), working closely with its project sponsors in finance and IT to develop a roadmap of improvement, helping clients to implement faster, with more accurate and consistent results. The key ingredient is the ability to understand the bottlenecks in the current processes and work toward more efficient processes that deliver a higher degree of transparency across the business.

Attenda brings to the partnership extensive expertise in the high availability application delivery and operational management 24 x 7, with flexible, scalable infrastructure provisioning and ITL based best practice processes, to deliver certainty in the availability, security and performance of the business critical BPC applications.

Whether implementing a new BPC solution, a migration of older legacy systems to BPC, or upgrading an existing BPC solution, AIS Consulting adopts a client-centric approach, working in partnership with the client and Attenda, to realise the benefits of reduced operating cost and process improvements.

About AIS Consulting

Established in 2001, AIS Consulting is a UK based SAP consultancy, specialising in the implementation of SAP Business Planning and Consolidation. Its experience of BPC being its key differentiator, with all of its consultants employed for their excellent financial and IT skills, with a consulting mindset.

AIS Consulting focuses exclusively on Enterprise Performance Management solutions, providing a range of services that include: requirements gathering and analysis, design and planning, implementation, training, support, project management, quality assurance and checkpoint consulting.

Underpinned by the rigour of PRinCE2 and tailored to the specifics of planning and consolidation, AIS Consulting provides a framework for the delivery of Enterprise Performance Management projects that help companies to get the best out of their investment, through a combination of best practice process blueprints, BPC accelerators, benchmark performance and a robust quality assurance process.

AIS Consulting works in partnership with Chelford Solutions, the most successful supplier of SAP based solutions to the mid-market, for provision of SAP BPC software licences in the UK and Ireland.

About Attenda

Attenda is focused 100% on managing high availability critical applications and IT Infrastructures that businesses depend upon to operate effectively, ensuring that they are 'Always On'. By allowing clients to selectively outsource their IT operations they can refocus on using IT to add strategic value to their business.

Attenda's unique delivery approach is based upon a substantial investment in our operations platform Attenda M.O. which uniquely integrates ITIL compliant processes, talented people and sophisticated technologies to deliver exceptional service levels, but at a cost that is amortised across its entire client base.

Attenda is an SAP Hosting Partner and fully Certified Microsoft Gold Partner. Our service operation adheres to ITIL best practice processes ensuring maximum client uptime, supported by ISO 20000 accreditation for IT Service Management, ISO 27001 and ISO 9001 industry security and quality accreditations.



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