



Praktis Solutions deliver a hosted Oracle e-business solution for the public sector organisations, geared to delivering shared services.

Praktis Solutions are working within the public sector to deliver hosted application solutions to support shared services initiatives. The Gershon Report has encouraged public sector organisations to target back office efficiencies and head count savings by looking to improve upon their back office functions enabled by new technology.

Praktis Solutions has created an Oracle e-business suite solution called COMET which is based upon standard Oracle e-business business flows which have been enriched with process content provided by the our highly experienced consulting team working in the public sector - health, central and local government.

COMET is a template driven solution which has been specifically designed to support shared services. The underlying Oracle e-business architecture has been developed with the Oracle UK public sector team to ensure key Oracle set-up decisions are identified and established within the solution and capable of managing 'shared service' enabled transactions.

Praktis has also been working closely with a number of public sector organisations via the Oracle User Group to review the pioneering shared service projects. The key architect decisions with respect to organisations, chart of accounts and security rules have been 'embedded' in the COMET templates.

The COMET solution can be hosted at partner or with Oracle Corporation. Praktis can provide references for both scenarios in the UK public sector.

What is COMET?

- A business process driven solution hosted at partner or with Oracle
- A set of process maps covering all back office areas e.g. P2P
- A detailed set of Oracle e-business suite configurations
- A suite of Oracle connectors and reporting solutions
- A scalable solution and designed to support annual upgrades



Ideal 'client' organisations

- Organisations committed to developing shared services in Finance, Procurement, HR and Payroll
- Organisations willing to adopt standard public sector business processes e.g. A2FR
- Organisations constrained by existing legacy systems and local IT resources
- Organisations committed to supporting internal business processes
- Organisations considering outsourcing specific business processes or transactions

What is the Cost?

- Implementation costs based upon business processes e.g. Finance P2P and A2FR for around £100k
- Hosting costs including support from £1000 p.a. per professional user
- Total budget for a new finance solution for 50 users = £150k and £50k for additional years.

References.

1. **Business Support Partnership (BSP) in Wales** - the COMET solution is being adopted to provide an interim solution for several Trusts and to build the 'target solution' for the shared services in the NHS in Wales
2. **A Government Agency** - the COMET solution was originally implemented to provide a low cost hosted solution and to reduce the dependency on a legacy hosted solution provider. The COMET solution has recently been implemented across the Agency and is now managed by a national accounting centre based in Tingley, Leeds.

COMET - Common Organisational Model for Enterprise-wide Transactions

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