



Oracle Federal Financials 11i Services

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The Client:

The Department of Interior’s National Business Center (NBC) provides systems and cross-servicing for budget, procurement, personnel management, payroll, finance and accounting, and other general administrative services for the Department of Interior and a wide variety of other Federal entities. The NBC has traditionally offered a variety of financial system services and recently began offering additional JFMIP compliant financial software to its clients. Specifically, NBC began offering Oracle Federal Financials, part of the Oracle eBusiness Suite.

The Objective:

SofTec was engaged to assist NBC in training and providing direction in its adoption of the Oracle Federal Financials product. NBC needed a partner that could provide technical and functional expertise to support the full life cycle of Oracle Federal Financials acquisition, requirements analysis, infrastructure development, implementation, testing, training, and support.

SofTec also provides support for the legacy AMS Federal Financial System (FFS), the GELCO Travel Manager system, and others. This combination of legacy and Oracle Federal Financials system support allowed for significant knowledge sharing across the product lines.

Meeting the Objective:

SofTec provided the necessary expertise to help NBC achieve its objectives.

Throughout this partnership, SofTec provided extensive expertise relative to how Federal business practices and requirements were addressed by the Oracle functionality. The SofTec team was instrumental in the successful implementation of NBC’s first Oracle Federal Financials customer, the Valles Caldera Trust. Additionally, the team trained NBC personnel and implemented a demonstration/development instance for NBC’s marketing and training efforts. The SofTec team also developed multiple Oracle Discoverer and other reports for the NBC.



The SofTec Solution

Goal

To transform the NBC into an Oracle Federal Financials cross-servicing provider for Federal entities.

Oracle Applications

- Federal Administrator
- General Ledger
- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Purchasing
- Fixed Assets
- Public Sector Budgeting
- Project Accounting

Benefits

- JFMIP compliant software meeting rigid Federal Financial system requirements
- Enhanced reporting and business intelligence capabilities
- Automated Federal Accounting and 3rd party integration
- Successful re-tooling of employee skills to support cross-servicing of Oracle Federal Financials
- Stable and scalable open system technical infrastructure

Meeting the Objective (cont'd):

The SofTec team at NBC automated the Federal USSGL account posting process, taking the selection of proper accounting out of the user's hands. Using a combination of triggers and the custom library, SofTec referenced a variety of transaction criteria (e.g. transaction type, fund type, Object Class, etc.) to automatically and accurately populate the Transaction Code on each required transaction distribution. This was implemented for Purchase Requisitions, Purchase Orders, Purchase Receipts, AP Invoices, AR Transactions, and AR Receipts.

For NBC clients transitioning to Oracle Federal Financials, SofTec helped NBC in designing the integration for a variety of other legacy system and business partner data. Chief among these is the integration of the Federal Personnel/Payroll System (FPPS) data. FPPS is one of the four remaining Federal payroll systems and serves as a complete payroll and personnel management system. A second area where SofTec provided vital support is in the design of a Credit Card interface to support Bank of America transaction processing. Oracle's standard out-of-the-box credit card interface was deemed insufficient to meet various NBC criteria such as obligation matching or immediate payments, thus necessitating further extension to the design. The integration of the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) supplier data into Oracle and coordination with the Procurement software teams is yet another area where SofTec focused efforts and gained valuable experience at NBC.

In addition to the various functional and development areas where SofTec assisted, the team was influential in developing the ADP Services Division of NBC into a capable cross-servicer of Oracle Applications. ADP supports the Department of Interior and NBC clients as their application service provider (ASP), primarily for legacy mainframe applications. SofTec supported ADP in designing the technical architecture for hosting Oracle Applications and assisted in procuring the necessary database hardware and software to support a secure hosting environment.

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At SofTec Solutions, we integrate people, processes, and tools—the key ingredients for your



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