

New Dimension Solutions and TeamSAP Successfully Apply ASAP Methodology to Major NJ Water Utility

Project Scope

On the recommendation of Andy Zetlan IBU Director for Utilities and Lisa Dalesandro (SAP Account Executive), New Dimension Solutions was chosen to implement the SAP R/3 system for the Elizabethtown Water Corporation (EWC).



Background

EWC, located in New Jersey, is the fifth largest investor-owned water utility in the US. Its goal was to implement the SAP R/3 system to run Financials, Controlling, Asset Management, Project Costing and Procurement Functions. (FI/CO/PS/FI-AM/MM).

Resolution

The SAP-on-TAP project began in July, 1997 and went live on January 1, 1998, just 5 and a half months later. The ND-Solutions consulting team also assisted in the first month-end closing at end of January, 1998.

The small project team included 4 full-time consultants from ND-Solutions, who received periodic specialized assistance from SAP, plus a client team of 4-5 people who performed their normal functions. ND-Solutions was responsible for Functional and Basis consulting.

The project was implemented using ASAP as the methodology with Claire Herm of SAP America providing the ASAP QA role and Padi Benzing, SAP Consulting Manager in Parsippany, contributing assistance from SAP with specialized help in AM and Legal consolidation.

Benefits

Today, EWC functions smoothly on the R/3 system with minimal support from ND-Solutions and SAP. The company's small IT department has been self sufficient and able to run their business by themselves from "go-live." This is a powerful testimony to the suitability and reliability of the SAP R/3 system for any size enterprise. In fact, prospective SAP clients visiting EWC are impressed with Controller Dennis Doll's proficiency on the R/3 system.