

Soft-Tech Consultants Ltd. Capability Statement



Epicor Based IFMIS for the Public Sector

Based on the Epicor® Enterprise Financials Suite of products and customized for Government and Public Sector financial management, the IFMIS is a comprehensive system comprising of

- Budget Management
- General Ledger,
- Cash & Bank Management,
- Accounts Payable,
- Accounts Receivable,
- Procurement,
- Inventory Management,
- Fixed Asset Management,
- Payroll and Human Resource Management
- Data Warehousing.

The Soft-Tech Group

The Soft-Tech Group consists of 4 companies, Soft-Tech Consultants Ltd., SatCom Networks Africa Ltd., eCard Solutions Ltd and LearnIT Ltd. (please refer to brief company overview and group profile which is attached).

In partnership with Epicor Software Corporation of USA, the Soft-Tech Group has customized the Epicor® Enterprise Financials Suite of products for Government and Public Sector financial management. The IFMS system was first implemented for The Government of Tanzania in 1998 (case study attached) and in 2005 for Government of Malawi (case study attached).

Towards end 2005, the Soft-Tech Group bid for and won to implement the same IFMS for the Government of The Gambia, funded by the World Bank. The Government of The Gambia IFMS project implementation commenced in 2006 with final acceptance scheduled in July, 2008.

In January, 2007, Soft-Tech Group also bid for and won to implement the IFMS for Government of Lesotho, funded by the European Union. The Government of Lesotho IFMS project implementation commenced in September, 2007 with Go Live scheduled in September, 2008

Services

The Soft-Tech Group offers a wide range of services encompassing:

- Consultancy for requirements analysis, definition and mapping to the IFMS solution
- Project design and specification
- Software development & customization
- Hardware supply, installation, commissioning and support
- Software supply, installation, commissioning and support
- Network (LAN, MAN and WAN) design, supply, installation, commissioning ,support and maintenance
- Training and capacity building
- Change management
- Accounting & financial management consultancy
- Payroll and human resource management consultancy
- Electronic payment solutions

Key customizations include

- MTEF Budgeting
- GFS based Chart of Accounts & Reporting
- Budget Control,
- Commitment Control,
- National Revenue Management;
- Imprest Management;

IFMIS is configured, customized and implemented in line with the Best Accounting Practices. A wide range of operational, management and analytical reports designed for government and public sector financial management provide users with excellent management overview and control capabilities. The Report suite is based on International Financial Reporting standards for the Public Sector

Audit requirements are supported via online read only access that enables both internal and external auditors gain a comprehensive view of all processes and transactions. Security is implemented at the hardware, system software and application levels providing a highly secure platform.

The IFMS system can operate on a wide range of hardware platforms ranging from a Personal Computer / Portable Computer to a multi processor server system depending on the number of users. Essentially therefore the IFMS can be implemented in a single user environment to an environment with thousands of online simultaneous users. The IFMS system has been rolled out to function on local area networks, wireless wide area networks, VSAT networks and leased lines.

Boasting a user friendly interface and extensive online help, training on IFMS system, backed by well researched course material enables rapid transfer of skills to users and thereby reduces implementation times to a great extent.

The package is a generic public sector solution based on financial best practices and allows rapid implementation and hence offers the ability to achieve rapid payback and credibility as opposed to the very long time to returns typical with bespoke or other large & complex IFMS software solutions. The solution is modular and hence capable of phased implementation and customization.

The system operates on a relational database management system (RDBMS) that is both scalable and that can work on a stand alone PC, Local Area Network, wide area network (WAN) and across the Internet



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