

Client

One of the world's largest ship classification societies, Client offers inspection and analysis services to verify that vessels are mechanically and structurally fit. The company's surveyors examine ships in major ports throughout the world, assessing whether the vessels comply with Client rules for design, construction, and maintenance. Its engineers also consult with shipbuilders on proposed designs and repairs. The not-for-profit company operates from more than 150 offices in about 70 countries. A for-profit subsidiary offers risk management consulting services.

Challenge

Provide an automated process for invoice capture, distribution, routing, entry, and payment. This supports a corporate initiative to consolidate payables functions into multiple regional service centers.

Solution (What Bluware Did)

Bluware consultants integrated financial applications (Oracle E-Business Suite) and a document management system (Livelink) to share key financial information. The solution utilized Oracle Workflow and Oracle's self-service framework to automate invoice capture and route electronic documents to a payables clerk for audit and dispatch. Email notifications were developed to alert invoice approvers that there were documents that required their attention. Users accessed the image stored in Livelink to review the supporting documentation and entered or reviewed the account coding assigned to the invoice. An escalation process would notify additional approvers according to the corporate delegation of authority. At any point during the payment cycle, authorized users could view supporting documentation from within Oracle Payables.

Benefits

- Eliminate redundant payables responsibilities.
- Reduce invoice payment cycle time.
- Create opportunities to negotiate favorable terms with suppliers through volume buying.
- Reduce or eliminate tracking down invoice approvals or bad account coding.
- Reduce or eliminate costs of mailing invoices.
- Recognize financial risk and obligations more promptly by creating an electronic record on receipt
- Eliminate multiple physical copies and subsequent filing of payables documents.
- Provide greater security to source documents via user and group security.
- Facilitate the data retention requirements.



Consultants

Team involving Oracle Sr. Developer, Java Sr. Developer, Oracle DBA, Oracle Sr. Developer, Oracle Functional Resource, Oracle Senior QA.

Technologies

Package Apps: Oracle E-Business Suite; Livelink by Open Text;

Tools and technology: Oracle Workflow; Oracle Forms; SQL; PL/SQL; J2EE; XML