

AMS Advantage 3.8

Why Upgrade?

WHY INVEST IN...

The new Grant Lifecycle Management module

Paper processing, redundant data entry, inconsistent processes and lack of communication can all increase the risk of grant dollars lost. The goal to securing grant funds is managing them efficiently so you don't miss out. With Grant Lifecycle Management, organizations like Los Angeles County, California can:

- Improve efficiency by tracking grants online throughout the entire lifecycle
- Increase visibility into lifecycle activities through automated alerts and reporting
- Improve decision making with access to timely, accurate information
- Improve staff productivity with better forecasting tools and increased collaboration
- Reduce risk of loss before, during and after award with detailed tracking and reporting

The new Dashboard module

With AMS infoAdvantage Dashboard, organizations improve insight into business operations with key performance metrics and visual, interactive analytics. Dashboard includes:

- Financial Management analytics
- Procurement analytics
- Human Resources Management analytics
- Common Metric Repository

IMPROVE EFFICIENCY, REDUCE EXPENSES, GENERATE NEW REVENUE

For state and local governments today, maximizing their ERP investment is about increasing efficiency—replacing paper, automating approvals, reducing data entry, and improving access to information. But the further away organizations are from a current release, the more opportunities are lost to take advantage of new and innovative functionality that further supports the goal of efficiency.

Something as simple as the new “copy backwards” feature, importing a budget from Excel or additional “what if” scenarios can automate multiple steps and replace manual effort. More importantly, automating the grant lifecycle or allowing managers to visualize key performance metrics can revolutionize a business process. Add in a more efficient and user friendly interface and you save time and dollars in a period when every penny counts.

Those are just some of the benefits of upgrading to AMS Advantage 3.8, the latest release of CGI's web-based AMS Advantage ERP solution. With Release 3.8, CGI furthers its commitment to the needs of state and local government and education organizations with built-for-government functionality and new modules that help organizations improve efficiency, accountability and access to information.

“After evaluating AMS Advantage 3.8 Performance Budgeting, including new features such as the import from excel, formatting on text fields and the pop-up calculator, the Commonwealth is prepared to go live in June of this year,” said Rachelle Wilkins, Commonwealth of Kentucky.

All eyes on the bottom line

Quicker navigation, faster data entry, easier error handling, and improved management reporting are just some of the features in Release 3.8. With a combination of client-requested features, software updates, and integration between solutions and technical platforms, Release 3.8 will increase efficiency while simplifying ease of use. With Release 3.8, organizations will:

- Enhance navigation for faster editing, data entry, reduced scrolling, easier error handling and personalization without coding thanks to Rich Internet Applications
- Improve management control with enhanced workflow and security
- Secure greater funds more efficiently and comply with ARRA requirements
- Simplify steps to administer employee updates with rule-based Personnel Action Wizard
- Process deductions and benefit changes for large groups of employees with Deduction/Benefit Mass Change
- Track repair and maintenance histories for historical reporting with Fixed Asset Warranties and Maintenance Tracking
- Capture compliance details for minority business types with Contract Management enhancements, including worksites locations, non-financial data
- Calculate Budget and Position line values with a pop-up calculator

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Discuss amongst yourselves and then share with your clients – we believe you will agree Release 3.8 will have an important and positive impact on our clients.

Top Ten reasons clients should consider upgrading:

1. New Dashboard module puts visual, interactive analytics in the hands of managers, driving more informed decisions for increasing effectiveness and efficiency
2. Enhanced User Interface eases navigation through the personalization of fields and a document spreadsheet mode to decrease the time needed for data entry and viewing information, plus a re-written User Help is more process driven
3. Greatly expanded functionality within the Salary and Benefits Forecasting module to allow users to more easily and effectively forecast salary and benefit costs
4. Features such as Performance Budgeting's Import Directly from Excel reduce the time spent entering/analyzing budget data to improve efficiency
5. Increased functionality for Cafeteria Benefits allows for implementing a robust Cafeteria Benefits program to achieve cost savings
6. Enhancements to fundamental HRM capabilities, such as employee performance evaluations and employee training scheduling, can replace secondary systems
7. New workflow comparison capabilities
8. Maintain technology with architecture updates, take advantage of the new lower-cost Linux for Oracle platform
9. Reduce printing and storage costs with "Secure Forms Printing"
10. New Grant Lifecycle Management module offers centralized repository to track details, automated reminders, set up to streamline process, integrated Cost Accounting, plus grant performance reporting (grants.gov, recovery.gov) and ARRA compliance

Greater efficiency with day-to-day tasks

In addition to 100+ client-submitted enhancements, Release 3.8 introduces an enhanced User Interface for greater productivity.

- **Quicker navigation.** New 'accordion model' displays what is immediately necessary so users can quickly flip through document components.
- **Faster entry.** New 'editable grid' for editing multiple document lines.
- **Reduced scrolling.** All actions, including buttons and links, are displayed at all times, reducing scrolling and providing significantly more screen real estate.
- **Personalize.** Redefine, reorder or hide fields using online setup.
- **Easier Error Handling.** Error panel now expands onto the document to display a scrollable list of errors and special icons highlight error severity.

CORPORATE PROFILE

At CGI, we're in the business of satisfying clients. For 30 years, we've operated upon the principles of sharing in clients' challenges and delivering quality services to solve them. A leading IT and business process services provider, CGI has approximately 25,000 professionals operating in 100+ worldwide offices.

Through our leading ERP solution, AMS Advantage, CGI has helped 190+ state and local organizations better serve 90+ million citizens. Designed exclusively to support the business of government, CGI's AMS Advantage solution allows clients to improve operational efficiencies, constituent services and performance—all while reducing costs.

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