

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

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AMS Advantage Client News

Whether it is streamlining business processes, taking advantage of new functionality or just staying current on maintenance, one thing is clear: the AMS Advantage client community continues to transform.

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Letter from Pat Colacicco, Vice President, AMS Advantage Program



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- They run for [Steering Committee](#) to help evaluate proposed enhancements for future releases,
- They attend the [Forum](#) year after year to share their lessons learned and swap best practices,
- They go online to help each other resolve issues or try new functionality on the [Discussion Gateway](#),
- They [keep pace](#) with each new release, taking advantage of new functionality to grow more and more efficient.
- They honor us with award nominations based on successful projects such as the recent ["Best Fit Integrator" award from the Center for Digital Government](#) based on the eWake Project in Wake County, NC.

At CGI, we are grateful for the committed and generous members of the community who make AMS Advantage a personal and professional priority. Here are just some of the results of this community partnership that will bring valuable change to your organization for the future:

- [CGI Forum 2008](#) promises to be the best education and networking event yet with client-led sessions, one-on-one Showcase demonstrations and opportunities to connect with your peers like the Peer-to-Peer Roundtable Luncheon.
- [Release 3.8](#) which introduces quicker navigation, faster data entry, and improved management control and reporting.
- A new [Grant Lifecycle Management module](#), available in 3.8 and developed in partnership with Los Angeles County, CA that centralizes the grants process, online from opportunity to closing, with a global view into enterprise-wide grant activity for reporting.
- A [new rapid implementation methodology](#) for small to mid-size organizations that delivers the same built for government functionality in a fraction of the time, for a fraction of the cost.

I encourage you all to read the October edition of Insights and explore the many examples of this partnership.

See you in Hollywood!

Have a question? Contact Pat today at Patrick.Colaccico@cgi.com.

Don't miss his Session at CGI Forum 2008:

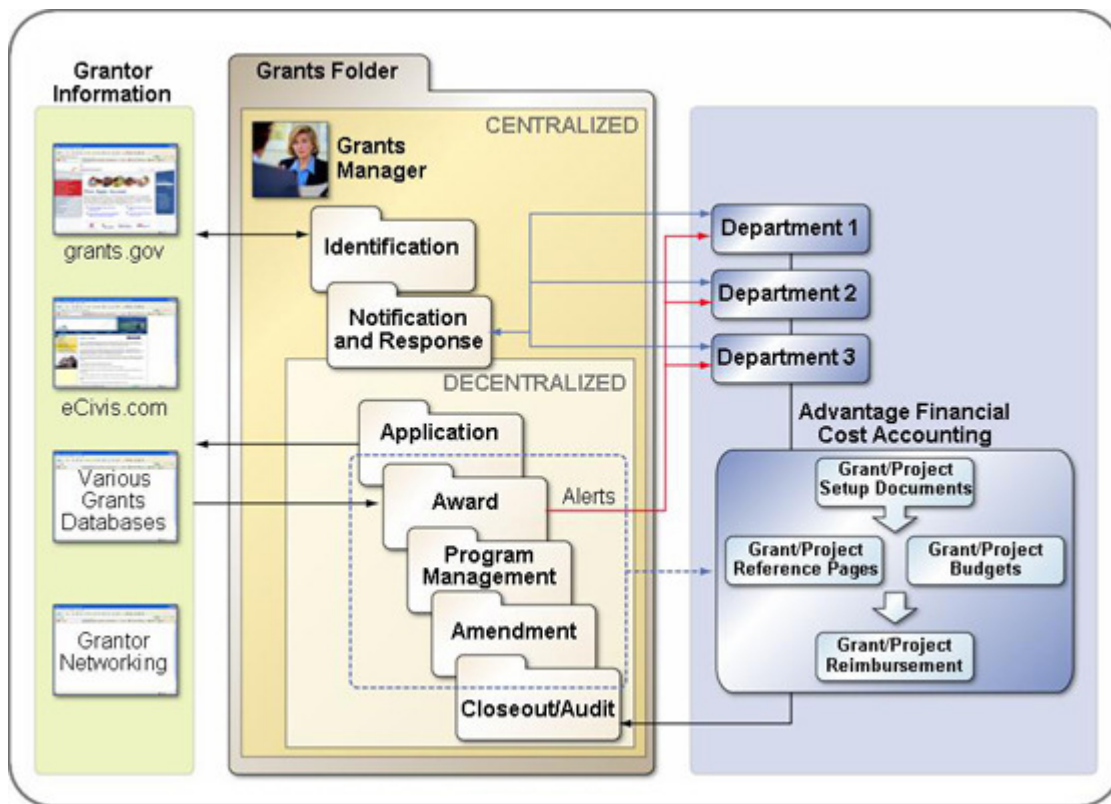
- 2301: AMS Advantage Program Update and User Feedback

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"With the new Grant Lifecycle Management module, we will begin managing the grants application tracking process more consistently across the County," said Robert Davis, Assistant Auditor-Controller, Los Angeles County, CA, "and with this improved access to information we will analyze win/loss patterns and share lessons learned to secure more grants funds for the County."

Grants Business Process



Today's AMS Advantage Cost Accounting module has been supporting state and local governments for years. "Until now, however, the focus has been on the accounting, on tracking the grant following the award," said Pat Colacicco, CGI VP, AMS Advantage Program, "By design, the existing module uses cost accounting functionality to track grant money and reimbursements. By automating the rest of the business process we are increasing efficiency and freeing staff for more value-added activities."

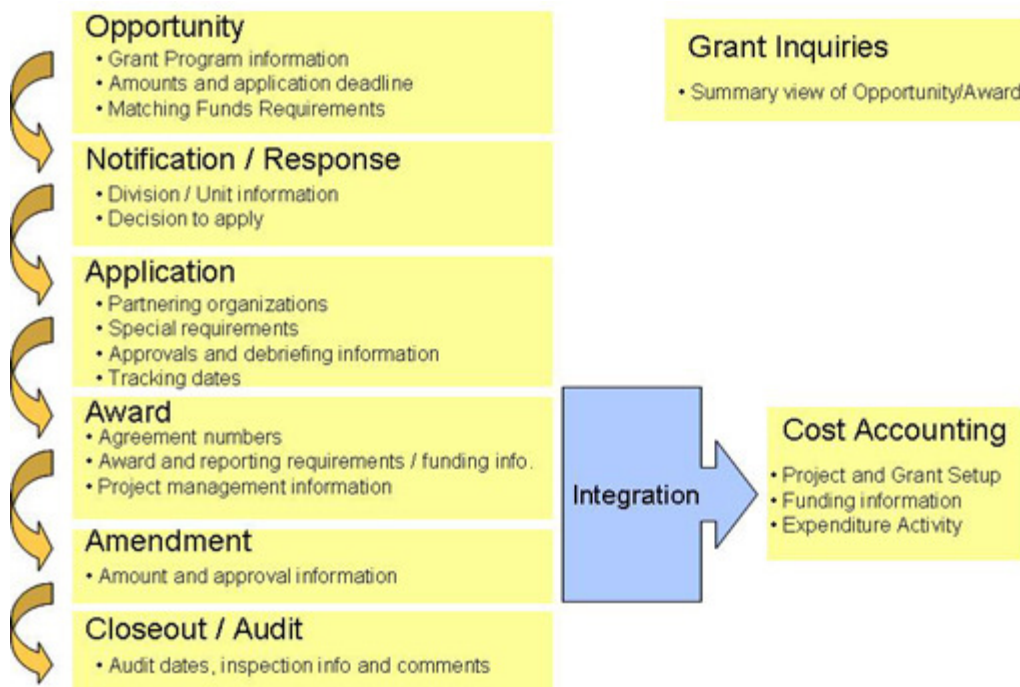
The new Grant Lifecycle Management module supports the entire grants lifecycle, as well as supporting the establishment of the accounting codes, including opportunity, notification, response, application, award, amendment, auditing and closeout. And it can be used separately or in

conjunction with Cost Accounting.

"We will increase our efficiency with the new Grant Lifecycle Management module," said Chuck Adams, Assistant Director Department of Public Works, Los Angeles County, CA, "By eliminating the manual effort required to manage the process end-to-end, including tracking opportunities, processing approvals, meeting deadlines and reporting on the results."

Thanks to key functionality, the new Grant Lifecycle Management module will do just that. For example, by recording opportunities online, the Grants Manager better facilitates the process, using email notifications with attached .pdf reports outlining the opportunity, helping keep potential grant applicants informed about new opportunities. Throughout the process, valuable response data is recorded for future forecasting.

Grant Lifecycle Management Supports Each Step of the Business Process



When it comes time to apply, Grant Lifecycle Management supports the application process by compiling information associated with the application in a single repository and reminding key personnel of critical due dates... With all information centralized online, everyone involved can monitor the application and any updates that are issued, and more importantly receive alerts of impending deadlines.

Once awarded, the Grant Lifecycle Management module supports tracking details associated with the award in addition to any amendments, which may take place. Additionally, accounting and reporting remain a priority within Advantage Financial. That is why the Grant Lifecycle Management module includes an option for integrating with the existing Cost Accounting functionality for managing payment, spending and reimbursement.

In August 2008, LA County went live with the new Grant Lifecycle Management module with the following goals in mind:

- Improve the County's visibility for grant opportunities which should lead to increased efficiency in the pursuit and capture of grant funds;
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requirement forecasting;

- Improve coordination and communication among staff preparing the grant applications;
- Provide tools to identify grant opportunities that were not applied for, thereby allowing management to take action;
- Reduce the risk of losing grant funds after they are awarded, as the system will provide expanded functionality for increased management access to the status of a grant and where it is in the life-cycle;
- Expand reporting capabilities of measuring proposal ratios such as proposal submission versus awarded by funding agency and/or grant program for future decisions to pursue one funding source over another; and
- Integrate with Advantage Financial to provide automatic updates to the grant accounting module and provide accurate, less labor-intensive grant expenditure reporting.

Partnerships such as this are a hallmark of the AMS Advantage Program," continued Mr. Colacicco, "Bringing forth the kind of government-specific functionality our clients can rely on. This is also an excellent example of what we can do when we pool our knowledge and resources through consistent client collaboration. We help one client achieve their goals, but do it in such a way that everyone benefits."

Have a question? Contact Howard Dryver today at Howard.Dryver@cgi.com.

And don't miss his session at CGI Forum 2008:

- 2202: Grants Tracking: New Module Coming to AMS Advantage 3.8 (Financial)

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Take a look at these key features!

Simplicity of Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Cost Accounting Setup (CAS) document gathers all grants, projects, and job data entry in one place and supports workflow reviews before update.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Streamline error analysis for Systems Assurance jobs 1, 2, 9 and 11 with new diagnostic date range tools
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inquire into Balance Sheet, Cash, & Fund Balance dollar amounts easily with the addition of drilldown views
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take the pressure off requestors during data entry with a new requisition line type of "Not Specified"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create a new Requisition from a Master Agreement or Purchase order with Copy "backwards"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Format text fields in Performance Budgeting with bold, italics, spell check and more
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easily perform mathematical calculations to budget line amounts with a new Pop-up calculator feature
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand batch job errors and gain insight on how to correct the error with improved Batch Job Messaging
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Save time looking for salary amounts with easier navigation through SBFS Salary Table and Help
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Automatic retroactive leave and deduction calculations reduce manual effort to enter many employment changes with
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roll over or payout excess employee leave balances with Automatic year end leave processing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Automate leave and benefit payout upon termination with the new termination wizard
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ease the burden of mass updates to pay, leave and title with reference table upload and download
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace paper forms in the position requisition and staffing process with the Automated Personnel Action Request (PAR)
Management Control and Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Centrally monitor Grant opportunities throughout your organization. Establish reminder alerts and schedules. Analyze Grant success rates, and identify applications not submitted or awarded for process improvements.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store, query, and report on Warranty and Maintenance data for Fixed Assets
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce duplicate vendors by enforcing Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) consistency and uniqueness with new controls
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enable entry and workflow of multiple modifications independently with simultaneous modification entries for Contract (CT) and Master Agreement (MA) documents

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish workflow rules that compare fields on the same line for more intelligent approvals
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secure which forms can be printed forms based on a document's entry/approval status with phase-specific printing of documents
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow buyers to directly update their own Procurements with enhanced security for Procurement Folders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control increases to an award with a new lifetime 'Not to Exceed' amount for Contracts and Purchase Orders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced status change controls for discontinued/debarred/suspended vendors to allow for continuing entries for existing awards, but not allow new awards.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filter, view and modify data across multiple budget requests without having to open each individual request with the new Budget Requester Filter View (BRFV)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use "what-if" scenarios when running salary projects without impacting SBFS Reference tables
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure adherence to budgets with Position Substitution checks for comparable title group and salary schedule
Functional Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Option too include approver information and document comments on document printing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Track and report on Minority/Women Owned Business and Sub-vendor utilization
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for 1042-S forms processing per IRS regulations, in addition to 1099 forms creation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New document to post a Cash Receipt advance (an advance deposited) and clear the advance with a reclassifying entry when the advance is used.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capture vendor compliance details and vendor Surety/Insurance data with expanded award tracking information
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Import budget lines, with itemizations and position lines, directly into a Budget Request from an Excel file
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and investigate salary changes due to non-step, step, or salary increases with new data captured in SBFS results tables
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accommodate mid-year changes with easier effective dating for Classification Records
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specify an existing position on a position line for more accurate forecasting of position costs with expanded Budget Forum functionality
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ease employee data maintenance with expanded mass change capabilities including deductions and benefits
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminate the need for manually tracking for support for donated (or shared) leave programs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take advantage of AMS Advantage Learning Management, including centralized training, shared learning and staff performance with out-of-the-box integration to HRM
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved tracking of positions and automatic position number with new capabilities for position related activity management
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee access to their performance evaluation via Employee Self Service

Have a question? Contact CGI at amsadvantage@cgi.com

Don't miss seeing Release 3.8 in action at CGI Forum 2008:

- 1201/1301: What's New in AMS Advantage 3.8 Financial Management and Procurement,

Part 1/2 (Financial, Procurement)

- 1203/1303: What's New in AMS Advantage 3.8 Human Resources Management, Part 1/2 (HR/Payroll)
- 1306/1405: What's New in Performance Budgeting 3.8, Part 1/2 (Budget)
- 2410: A Functional Overview of the 3.8 User Interface Enhancements: The New Face of AMS Advantage (General Interest, Financial, HR/Payroll)
- 2202: Grants Tracking: New Module Coming to AMS Advantage 3.8 (Financial)
- 2205: Salary Projection Scenarios: An In-Depth Look at New Performance Budgeting 3.8 Functionality (Budget)
- 3302: A Technical Overview of User Interface Enhancements in 3.8 (General Interest, Technical)

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Other system integrators and solution providers have been touting rapid implementations with varying degrees of success. Some merely provide a scaled down version of their traditional methodology, or a slimmed-down application that does not allow for expansion of scope or scale. CGI's rapid implementation methodology is designed exclusively for government, just like our AMS Advantage ERP solution. Based on best practices from our deep experience, we pre-configure many of the business processes managed by the application to speed up the initial implementation so you are up and running quickly.

"Not everyone needs or has the budget for a traditional implementation," said Pat Colacicco, CGI Vice President, AMS Advantage Program, "But every government could benefit from the automation and efficiency the AMS Advantage solution offers. CGI's rapid implementation option will deliver the same built-for-government functionality in a fraction of the time, for a fraction of the cost."

Reduce Implementation Time, Cost and Risk

For rapid success, our implementation experts have packaged government best practices and lessons learned with pre-configured software. The result is a complete solution that accelerates time to benefit while reducing implementation time, cost and risk.

What's Included

Software	Base AMS Advantage Financial Management, Administration, End-User Purchasing	✓
	Preconfigured Database with government-specific content and built-in business best practices	✓
	Preconfigured Nightly Cycle	✓
	Standard Reports	✓
Training	Administrative System Training	✓
	End User Process Training	✓
	Change Management	✓
Consulting	Environment Installation and Configuration	✓
	Step-Through Configuration Process	✓
	Project Management Framework	✓
	Configuration Testing and Client Testing Support	✓

Tools	Interface Templates and Procedures	✓
	Conversion and Data Load Templates	✓
Support	Post Implementation Support	✓
	First Year-end Processing Support	✓

Rapid Implementation in Action

Working with CGI, organizations consider their options for leveraging out-of-the-box functionality using a comprehensive questionnaire to refine the preconfigured solution. The key is adaptation; adjusting business processes around the best practices built into the software rather than modifying the software to fit a custom process.

The results of the questionnaire are used by CGI to quickly refine the business rules. Cutover is scheduled for year-end and the organization shifts their focus to preparing end-users for the transition to AMS Advantage. A CGI-executed validation test confirms the configuration, using reusable testing tools and scripts, followed by Client-executed acceptance and interface testing. CGI's Client Support Group takes over for post implementation support, addressing operations support, and complimented by onsite assistance for special events.

The result is a quick win, which can be a first step as the foundation for growth, or the final step. CGI's rapid implementation methodology is designed to be built upon over time, giving organizations the ability to add additional features, functionality and services for year-over-year incremental improvements as needed.

Next Steps

Whether you are looking to upgrade from AMS Advantage 2 to Release 3 or implement the web-based AMS Advantage 3 for the first time, CGI's rapid implementation might be right for you. Available for AMS Advantage Financial Management and a June 2009 go-live, CGI is planning to roll out a similar methodology for additional components of AMS Advantage, including Human Resources Management and Procurement.

Are you ready for web-based technology and the advanced, built-for-government functionality AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management has to offer? Contact CGI today to discuss our plans for a Beta Site in 2009.

"State and local governments choose the AMS Advantage solution because it fits their business processes," continued Mr. Colacicco, "CGI's new rapid implementation methodology means large or small, all government organizations can take advantage of the **best fit available**."

If you have questions or comments about this new implementation option, please contact Mike Clair today at Michael.Claire@cgi.com.

Don't miss his Session at CGI Forum 2008:

- 2109: Alternate Implementation Approaches: Rapid Implementation and the Upgrade Starter Kit

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An Update from the AMS Advantage Steering Committee Chair

It is Forum time! That means it is time to gather your questions, set your email to "out of office" and meet us in Hollywood, California for CGI Forum 2008. With daily activities and evening events, this is your opportunity to [network with your peers](#) and share best practices and lessons learned, face-to-face.

Right now CGI is busy executing our plan to make networking the #1 part of your CGI Forum 2008 experience. It all starts with the Sunday night "Welcome to Tinseltown" reception where you can reconnect with your colleagues over light fare and beverages. I recommend you use this time to make a plan to meet at the Peer-to-Peer Roundtable Luncheon on Tuesday where you can share best practices.

It may seem obvious to mention that daily Sessions are a great way to earn your CPE credits, learn what your peers are up to on their sites and hear about new functionality from CGI. I know many people will be attending the new [Grant Lifecycle Management](#) session to learn about how this functionality and to learn from Los Angeles County first hand how it is working for them.

The point is, with many sessions client-led, and many more influenced by actual client experiences, Sessions are the best way to make new connections. Hear something that might work on your site? Make a plan to meet up in the Showcase to discuss.

Speaking of the Showcase, did you know many of the improvements we make from year to year are based on your feedback? For example, last year we saw many people gathering around flip charts on the piazza throughout the day to swap lessons learned. This year, the Showcase will host a seating area with flip charts to facilitate just that.

The Showcase Reception on Monday night is an excellent opportunity to meet each of this year's [Steering Committee nominees](#). And did you know you can schedule a one-on-one product demonstration in the Showcase? Whether you are exploring existing functionality or new products to support your business process, CGI experts are on hand to share a tailored demonstration based on your specific needs. I encourage you to take advantage of this excellent opportunity!

But when the last Session has ended, and it is time to wave goodbye, remember, the networking and collaboration doesn't end with the Forum – the Discussion Gateway is seeing to that! When the Steering Committee and CGI established the Discussion Gateway in 2006, networking and collaboration is what we had in mind; people from organizations across the community working together to learn, grow and resolve issues by sharing knowledge. With thousands of users across the U.S., and too many threads to count, I leave you with an excellent example of collaboration that happened recently between the State of Maine and Los Angeles County, CA when AMS infoAdvantage extracts were running longer than expected. Read the [Discussion Gateway – Making Connections Count](#) article to learn how you can put the Discussion Gateway to work for you!

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Have a question? Contact Fran today at Fran.Pinkston@ky.gov.

Don't miss her Sessions at CGI Forum 2008:

- 1108: "Req" to Check Workflow in AMS Advantage Financial Management, Part 1
- 1211: "Req" to Check Workflow in AMS Advantage Financial Management, Part 2

- 1307: Simplifying Large Catalog Management with AMS Advantage Procurement
- 2505: Procurement Users' Group Meeting

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Jon Ryder, Programmer Analyst for the State of Maine, has been working with AMS infoAdvantage for the past two years. But when extracts started running much longer than expected, he turned to the Discussion Gateway and the AMS Advantage client community to see if anyone had a recommendation.

Can you describe the issue in more detail?

We kick off a batch cycle each night, which includes reports based on a set schedule. A production crew monitors this cycle throughout the night for failures. We also use some automated email notifications to understand what has finished and if there are any major problems. In the morning, business users log on to our site to review or download their reports. The good news is this really streamlined our reports process, no more sitting around printing and collating reports or mailing around paper.

The issue was, we were seeing the AMS infoAdvantage extract run time running longer and longer. But the real problem was it was causing us to come up late each morning.

What steps did you take to address the issue?

Well, we tried to work through it locally, reaching out to Client Support to explore all possible avenues. Then I was looking around the Support web site, searching reported issues and their resolutions. But nothing was similar. That is when I discovered the Discussion Gateway. The site talked about connecting with peers across the client community and how through user-to-user collaboration issues were being resolved. I figured it was worth a shot, perhaps someone out there was experiencing the same problem. So I posted a thread.

What kind of response did you get?

In the first few days, just two or three, and unfortunately, they weren't related. But users can sign up to watch threads so after a few days I figured those automatic emails must have kicked in because I started to see more responses, from folks in Southwest Florida Water Management District and City of Roanoke, Virginia. SWFWMD confirmed that even though they were only just testing the ETL it appeared to be running the same amount of time each night.

Then Bob Davis from Los Angeles County, CA created a post. He had been to the Forum last year and had some great conversations with CGI members and some other clients. They learned at one of the sessions that the ETL should be running much faster than it was on their site. They have been doing extensive improvements in their Nightly Cycle and ETL process. And they were experiencing the same problems, but after some improvements had resolved the issue. He hooked me up with his technical person, Theron Fox.

How was the issue resolved?

Theron was great. We discussed the problem and reviewed the different improvements the County developed. For example, indexing some tables from the Financial Management Database, where the extracts were coming from like the largest tables - journal accounting. That is where the County had seen the biggest improvement. We applied the same improvement and it was a pretty

impressive change - extracts that were running 15 - 20 minutes, came down to one or two minutes! That means we are back to coming up on time and our users aren't sitting around waiting for the extracts to run.

Would you use the Discussion Gateway again?

Absolutely, if I ran across an issue I couldn't work out on my own or through Client Support, then I would turn to the Discussion Gateway. In fact, we've received encouragement from our management team to reach out to other installations in the community to see what we have going on in common. And I recommended we use the Gateway to do just that.

As far as this issue is concerned, I've taken another step by posting the resolution to my initial thread. I'm hoping that if someone experiences this issue in the future they can use this thread to try the improvements that worked for us in Maine as well as LA County. Kind of closing the loop, but also giving back based on what we learned. Check it out at <https://support.cgi-ams.com/advantage/threads/1292>

What are the next steps for Maine?

Honestly, the bulk of our reporting right now is based on what we were reporting on with the previous release, a recreation of those reports. However, over the past few months we are seeing users reaching out and doing it themselves with the ad hoc query tool. That is a really good thing, since there is so much information out there it can be a little overwhelming and so far we've only just done initial training.

So now that folks know how to use it, and are reaching out on their own, the Office of the State Controller is doing additional training around specific business areas. For example, people who do a standard AP report can talk about what they are really looking for and see if, through the ad hoc query, they can get something better.

Have a question? Contact Jon today at Jon.Ryder@maine.gov.

Don't miss learning more at CGI Forum 2008:

- 1207: AMS infoAdvantage ERP Administration and Monitoring
- 1308: AMS infoAdvantage Performance Tuning

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Meet Your User Group Steering Committee Nominees

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Nominations are now in for the 2008-2009 Steering Committee election, and communications are now out to Primary Contacts for the next stage of elections – voting. Each site may cast one vote for each seat that corresponds to the AMS Advantage product(s) the site licenses. The following table indicates which products/ licenses are required to vote for the current open seats.

Seat	Product/License Required to Vote
Budget	Performance Budgeting or BRASS
HR - Functional	AMS Advantage Human Resources Management
Financial Management - Technical	AMS Advantage Financial Management
Procurement	AMS Advantage Procurement or Financial Management

We are pleased to present your nominees for the following 2008-2009 elections. Get to know their experience and credentials and put a face to a name so you can connect onsite in Hollywood. Or feel free to reach out to the nominees with your questions.

Voting Details:

Don't miss learning more at CGI Forum 2008:

- Ballots must be completed by the Primary Contact. Primary Contacts may designate a proxy to complete the ballot on their site's behalf.
- Each site may cast one (1) vote for each seat that corresponds to the AMS Advantage product(s) the site licenses.
- Ballots must be faxed back to Lindsay Brindley at 703.267.7286 by COB Tuesday, October 14 or submitted at the Forum registration desk in Hollywood no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, October 20th.
- All faxed ballots will be confirmed within 48 hours of receipt. If you submit a ballot and do not receive a confirmation email, please contact Lindsay Brindley at 703.267.2216 or via email at lindsay.brindley@cgi.com.

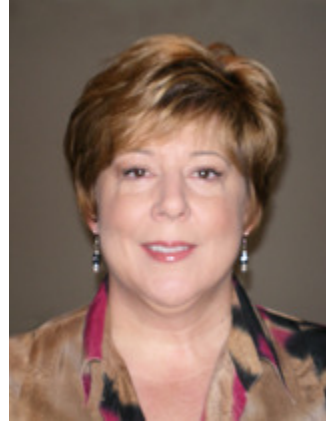
Winners will be announced at the Users' Group Business Luncheon on Tuesday, October 21st and posted on the CSG Website.

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BUDGET

- [Johnna Rogers](#), Deputy County Manager, Budget & Management Director
- [Trucynda Hawkins](#), Water Rates and Revenues Manager

Johnna Rogers, Deputy County Manager, Budget & Management Director



Products Licensed by Site:

- AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management
- AMS Advantage 3 Performance Budgeting
- AMS Advantage 3 Human Resources Management (2009)

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- Over 15 years of governmental financial and human resources management, having served as Chief Financial Officer in the previous organization where her responsibilities included oversight of finance, budget and payroll
- Additional experience includes HR/Payroll, Budget and Finance business areas
- Five years of experience serving the County as Budget & Management Director
- Recently promoted into the role of Deputy County Manager
- Successfully led the Performance Budgeting application implementation last year
- Presented at CGI Forum 2007 and is presenting again in 2008
- Involved in the early stages of the County's AMS Advantage implementation including work on their custom budget structures
- Also involved with the HRM portion of the project

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

The candidate has dedicated the past year to a successful implementation of the Performance Budgeting system and has been involved in all aspects of the AMS Advantage implementation from the beginning of the project. In her role as Deputy County Manager, she has ownership of all the departments involved in the AMS Advantage implementation and has subject matter expertise in all functional areas as well as an understanding of the key integration points between all the systems. She has extensive experience and knowledge that can be of value to the Steering Committee. It is her interest to partner with CGI and participate in the Steering Committee so that the product can continue to mature and be leveraged widely by government entities.

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Trucynda Hawkins,
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Products Licensed by Site:

- AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management
- AMS Advantage 2 Human Resources Management
- BRASS

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- 23 years of experience, 20 years as Budget Coordinator for the City Department, 4 years as Administrator for the BRASS system
- Project lead for the implementation of BRASS and Position Control, as well as the upgrade for AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management
- Current and past responsibilities include but are not limited to:
 - Overseeing various department Budgets as well as overall coordination of City-wide Revenue and Expenditures Budgets (\$1 billion budget – approx 5,500 employees)
 - Ad hoc reporting and cost analysis of various proposals including union negotiations
 - Salary projections
 - Salary "what-if" scenarios
 - Creating macros to perform various projections and reconciliations as required
 - Determining various ways to set things up in BRASS in order to easily report in the numerous different and ever changing ways required by management
 - Working with departments on utilizing BRASS to help them in their everyday and monthly/annual requirements
 - Administering the BRASS system and finding innovative ways for all levels of the City (users, budget staff, and upper management) to utilize the system in their everyday work as well as the required monthly and annual processes
 - Creating a Financial Models for determining required rate increases and bond authorization/sales requirements
 - Forecasting services, revenues, and water use for all revenues of the Water Department
 - Establishing/updating Impact Fees
 - Preparing costs analysis for various contracts as well as for decision making on water treatment options and isolated fees to developers
 - Performing and reporting various requested analysis which involves multiple data systems such as the AMS Advantage Financial Management System, AMS Advantage HRM System, and BRASS
 - Preparing and monitoring information for numerous legal requirements
- Currently on the Steering Committee for the Budget Seat

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

Having been on the Steering Committee for the past three years, the candidate has been involved

with moving AMS Advantage Performance Budgeting (PB) to a system that has surpassed BRASS in its capabilities, as well as worked with CGI on realistic pricing of conversions from BRASS. Where three years may seem like a long time, it really is not – just when you finally understand how the whole interaction between CGI, the Steering Committee, and the user community work, your three-year term is up.

Staying on for another three years to continue to help enhance Performance Budgeting means the candidate will focus on the whole of Performance Based Budgeting, and finding a method for a meaningful way of tracking the cost of various service levels in a way for meaningful and accountable management decisions. In addition, she would like to continue to work with BRASS clients to ensure they are not forgotten and help them find innovative ways to utilize the system to achieve increasing requirements given the lack of any future system enhancements.

Trucynda will continue to work with CGI and the user community to look out to the future and help direct the product in the right direction. She will continue to work toward better integration between all systems – Performance Budgeting, Financial Management, and HRM. She will work with both Performance Budgeting and BRASS to find ways to have both systems be used to their potential for all levels of the organization – user departments, budget/finance departments, and upper management.

She would still like to get users communicating with each other better to share the various ways they are meeting the ever-changing requirements placed on them. Bottom line, she believes in both the Performance Budgeting and BRASS solutions and loves working to make them even better – either through future enhancements (PB) or through figuring out innovative ways to use each product on their on or in conjunction with other tools.

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- [JuneMarie Perkowski](#), Systems Analyst
- [Liz Brown](#), County HR Manager

Helle VerHoeven,
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Aldine Independent School District, Texas



Products Licensed by Site:

- AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management
- AMS Advantage 2 Human Resources Management (Release 3 in 2009)
- AMS Advantage 3 Procurement
- BRASS
- AMS infoAdvantage

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- 29 years in Accounting and Payroll
- 16 years experience working with CGI
- Lead implementation of AMS Advantage 2 Financial Management and HRM
- Primary responsibilities include reviewing and authorizing payment of payroll deductions, Year End reconciliation and processing of W2's for more than 100,000 employees
- Supervise Accounting staff of 14 and Payroll staff of 7 (including Supervisors)
- For the AMS Advantage 3 HRM implementation, responsible for table set up and testing as well as training staff for go-live in January 2009.

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

As a manager and part of the HR implementation team, the candidate has hands on experience from setup to training of staff as well as working together as a team with the implementation of AMS Advantage 3 HRM. She would like the opportunity to work with the Steering Committee and be involved in reviewing and maybe recommending future enhancements. She has participated in the Forum for many years and finds it very helpful to connect with other sites and looks forward to attending this years Forum in California.

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- AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management
- AMS Advantage 1.6 Performance Budgeting
- AMS Advantage 3 Procurement
- AMS Advantage 3 Human Resources Management

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- One year and 10 months of experience
- Part of the Implementation Team for the initial installs of the AMS Advantage 3.6 Human Resources Management and AMS Advantage 3.7 Financial Management system.
- Part of the team that upgraded the solution from Release 3.6 to Release 3.7
- Current responsibilities include support of functional users for HRM, Procurement and Financial Management with daily tasks
- Currently the chair of Baltimore County's onsite HRM User Group Meeting

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

Being on the Steering Committee has given the candidate the opportunity to network and learn from peers and CGI product experts. As a member of the Steering Committee, her County has input to CGI's product and communications plan by contributing to the review, analysis, and prioritization of baseline product enhancements for future releases. As a Steering Committee member she can give insight on how the product is used at client sites.

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Liz Brown,

County HR Manager
County of Monterey

Products Licensed by Site:

- AMS Advantage 3 Human Resources Management

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- 20 years of experience in the Public Sector
- 3 years, 7 months as the County HR Manager for Monterey
- B.S degree in Business Administration/Human Resources Management
- Masters in Leadership/Organizational Development



- 1988-present as a SME or lead negotiator involving employment/labor relations and labor/contract negotiations
- Has been involved in 4 HR Information Systems implementations, including serving as the lead on the HR pre-implementation for the AMS Advantage 3 implementation
- Currently the HR lead for the County-Wide HR and Finance Advantage system
- Extensive experience in recruitment, compensation and classification, and benefits

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

Coming from (20) twenty years of Public Sector Agency experience with employers that have had relatively sophisticated technological Personnel Systems, the candidate believes that she can bring insight and practical experience to the AMS Advantage User's Group Steering Committee.

As the County HR Manager for Monterey County, the candidate has the resources and ability to retrieve information, needs and desires from the departmental HR Managers. In addition, she has applied HR knowledge, skills and abilities to strategically plan with and communicate information back to the AMS Advantage User's Group Steering Committee in a manner that would benefit other Human Resources Departments in the Nation.

Lastly and most importantly, the candidate would like to be a part of a team of individuals that can help support the future of a strong Enterprise Resource Plan.

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- [Jackie D. Holland, Jr.](#), Application Development and Support Manager
- [Jennifer Robertson](#), Internal Policy Analyst
- [Lori Bowen](#), Fiscal Systems Analyst
- [Peter Reddy](#), Assistant Executive Director, Financial Systems Manager

Christopher Owan, **Programmer Analyst Supervisor** *City of Austin, Texas*



Products Licensed by Site:

- AMS Advantage Financial Management 3.6.0.3
- AMS infoAdvantage 3.6.0.3
- AMS Advantage Vendor Self Service

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- Over 14 years' experience working with the AMS Advantage Financial Management System and its predecessors in both the Mainframe and UNIX/AIX/Oracle environments. Four years experience with the AMS Advantage Financial Management/VSS/infoAdvantage 3.x systems including production 3.6 Advantage Financial/VSS/infoAdvantage for two years. Over 7 years of supervisory experience related to the support of Advantage applications.
- Implementation Team Lead role in overseeing all Technical aspects of the successful implementation of the AMS Advantage 3.6 Enterprise Financial System and Vendor Self Service System at the City of Austin in a UNIX/AIX/ORACLE environment. This included the Advantage Financial /VSS/infoAdvantage Hardware/Software configuration, Data Conversion, Interfaces, and Reporting. Served as Implementation Team Lead, overseeing all technical aspects of the successful implementation, including Financial Management/VSS/infoAdvantage hardware/software configuration, Data Conversion, Interfaces and Reporting.
- Currently manages all the technical aspects of the City's enterprise AMS Advantage Financial Management/VSS/infoAdvantage systems at the City, including managing teams for Technical System Support, Application Administration, Database Administration, Security, Interfaces, and Workflow.
- Performs Oracle Database Administration (DBA) and WebSphere Administration duties in an AIX/UNIX environment for Financial Services applications, including the AMS Advantage Financial Management 3.6.x and VSS 3.6.x systems. This includes installation, configuration, performance tuning, upgrades, patches, high availability, and disaster recovery setup.
- Provides maintenance and ongoing support for previously developed/implemented applications and/or customer solutions and new applications/solutions being developed, including the City's Financial System, Project Management and Minority Business Tracking and Reporting application (eCapris), the City's budgeting and performance applications (eCombs, CARMA, ePerf), and Web Based applications and solutions provided by the Controller's and Purchasing Office.
- Provides technical and customer support for the City's Production Financial/VSS systems and

Financial Services Department including 24x7 on-call responsibilities.

- Is an active member of the Advantage User community and a regular attendee of Annual Advantage User's Forum.

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

The candidate believes that a seat on the Steering Committee provides an excellent opportunity for the City of Austin to share their experiences with other sites and to collaborate with other AMS Advantage Clients. As a member of the Steering Committee for Advantage Financial, the candidate sees himself working closely with other AMS Advantage Clients to help CGI improve the technical aspects of the AMS Advantage applications in a way that cost effectively benefits everyone.

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Products Licensed by Site:

- AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management
- AMS Advantage 2 Human Resources Management (Release 3 in 2009)
- AMS Advantage 3 Procurement
- BRASS
- AMS infoAdvantage

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- 12 years' experience with Aldine Independent School District as Director of Technology Information Services
- 25 years of experience in Technology
- Member of the Technology Leadership team responsible for coordinating technology implementation throughout the school district
- Project Management for AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management and HRM upgrades
- Supervises a staff of 11, assigning and prioritizing projects
- Responsible for researching and resolving functional and technical issues, set-up and maintenance of system security and workflow, and training and communication with functional users

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

The candidate has 12 years of experience with the CGI software starting with GHRS and LEAFS to AMS Advantage 3 HRM and Financial Management. As a member of the Steering Committee, she could provide valuable input and direction, especially from the K-12 public school perspective. She would like the opportunity to assist in the future direction of the HRM and Finance software. She

has attended many Forums and enjoys networking with other CGI clients. As a member of the Steering Committee, she would have a chance to share her knowledge as well as learn from other clients. In her position at Aldine, she works very closely with the HR and Finance functional users as well as her technical staff. Therefore, she can provide the committee a viewpoint from both the functional side and the technical side.

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Products Licensed by Site:

- AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- 21 years of experience
- Oversees system security, workflow, uploads and interfaces with other systems as well as conversions and release fixes
- Maintains existing systems, including writing programs for reports, upgrading systems by making changes, and maintaining databases for assigned systems
- Consults with users to identify current operating procedures and clarify program objectives
- Direct supervision over Application Support Project Leaders, Application Development Project Leaders, Application Support Analysts and Application Developers

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

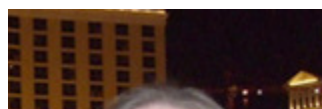
The candidate is a dedicated professional who is always interested in developing better ways to improve efficiencies in the workplace. His twenty-one years of service has made him invaluable to the organization. He has extensive knowledge and understanding using AMS Advantage and currently serves on the Steering Committee. Given the broad Consolidated Government, with multiple departments, he believes the issues that identified by his users would greatly benefit and enhance the AMS Advantage solution as well as the product development team. He has extensive experience with Release 2 and Release 3, both Financial Management and HRM, as well as a deep understanding of CGI's history and how the software has evolved.

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Jennifer Robertson,
Internal Policy Analyst



Commonwealth of Kentucky

Products Licensed by Site:

- AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management
- AMS infoAdvantage
- BRASS
- ePay

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- Eight years of experience
- AMS programmer on Kentucky's AMS Advantage 2 implementation
- Conversion Team Leader on Kentucky's AMS Advantage 3.x project
- Disbursement and Interfaces SME for KY
- Coordinates upgrades, patches, etc for KY

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

Jennifer has a thorough working knowledge of nearly all functional areas in AMS Advantage 3, in addition to being the commonwealth's leading technical resource. Having worked for AMS, she understands the importance of putting a good project/application out to the user community. She looks forward to working with other clients and committee members to make AMS Advantage 3 an even better product than it is today.

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- AMS Advantage 3 Procurement
- AMS Advantage 3 Performance Budgeting
- AMS infoAdvantage



Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- Two years of experience
- Hired as a Software Analyst, the candidate came to the City six months prior to go-live and launched herself into her new duties with uncommon zeal and vitality and in a very short

time acquired the skills and knowledge to be sought out as the subject matter expert

- Designed, developed and implemented the training plan and materials, responsible for teaching 700+ end users
- Continues to update the training materials, responsible for all ongoing system training
- As the Fixed Assets subject matter expert, she has been instrumental in the implementation of this module
- Promoted to Fiscal Systems Analyst and is currently the document troubleshooter for the system, working closely with the Client Support Group on issues and escalations
- Works and coordinates directly with the IT department and development team to test patches, fixes and implementation roll-outs
- Outstanding leader and dependable manager and administrator
- Honesty and integrity, coupled with sterling performance and leadership ability, generate immediate confidence in superiors and subordinates
- Highly motivated, conscientious and a trusted resource to all users
- Represents excellence, spirit, and professional dedication
- Concern, involvement and consideration for others is not limited by self-interest or in only getting the job done
- Refuses to be content with merely accepting the "status quo" and always finds ways and means of making her customers feel that their system issues are of the highest priority to her

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

One of the candidate's ambitions and goals is to become a member of the Steering Committee. To utilize her talents and abilities to help others gives her great personal and professional satisfaction. It is not always about the amount of money you make. She firmly believes that she is capable of assuming and discharging the responsibilities of a Steering Committee member and her track record supports this.

She possesses excellent communication, customer service, conflict resolution, and time management skills. In addition, she is an experienced manager, trainer, and human resource technician. She believes these are all important qualities when looking for someone to be open minded, result oriented, and have no hidden personal agenda when considering the business needs of any organization. This application represents her clear commitment to promote and continue excellence with the AMS Advantage Financial Management system

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- AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management
- AMS Advantage 2 Human Resources Management



- AMS infoAdvantage

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- Three to four years as a consultant with six years as an employee
- Responsibilities include oversight of production, infrastructure, business, testing, and development teams for all financial production systems, including: Workers Comp, FMS (AMS Advantage 2.1), OTPS (AMS Advantage 3.6), PIP (customized AMS Advantage Vendor Self Service), and IFA (AMS HRM). As well as those systems in design and development phases, including; Vendex (AMS Advantage Framework), and Citywide accounting (AMS Advantage 3.8)
- In previous role, responsibilities included Development Lead and Project Manager of the implementation of the City's Pension Payroll Management System (PPMS). The system produces approximately 300,000 checks per month with a monthly gross payroll of over \$500 million
- Prior to the PPMS project, responsibilities included management of the FMS Application Development Group, an area that included application development, application architect, system test, and configuration management teams
- Prior to the management of the FMS Application Development Group, responsibilities included FMS application architecture team management and lead architect for the FMS budget system
- Primary responsibilities include vendor management, scope management, implementation & rollout planning, oversight of conversion effort and presentation of monthly status report for Executive Steering Committee

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

The candidate has extensive experience and expertise using the AMS Advantage product. Having been development manager at his site for a heavily customized version of AMS Advantage 2.1 Financial Management, he has a deep understanding of the basic enterprise architectural concepts employed in the Release 2 architecture. Many of the same design concepts are employed in the AMS Advantage 3.6 architecture as he and his development / business teams came to understand during their implementation of the Release 3.6 solution. He gained a deep understanding of the AMS Advantage 3.6 application as the CGI team designed (with FISA) and implemented a highly complicated real-time integration of the AMS Advantage 3.6 and 2.1 products.

He has also implemented the AMS Advantage HR product for a timekeeping system and a customized version of the AMS Advantage Vendor Self Service application. All three of these AMS Advantage products are integrated into the AMS infoAdvantage product and have legacy interfaces with the City's existing AMS Advantage 2.1 application. The AMS Advantage suite of products at his site is responsible for managing a \$60 billion dollar budget and producing over a million payments a year.

The candidate has a strong desire to represent the needs and wishes of AMS Advantage users. He hopes to be able to influence decisions to ensure that new supporting system software elements are assessed for early certification and that critical entrenched technologies with a longer life cycle continue to remain supported. He also has an interest in networking with users from many sites and speaking on their behalf. FISA is a services agency and its role is similar in nature to that of the vacant Committee leadership position. There are many similarities between the responsibilities of his current position and the description of the "Financial Management – Technical" position.

He also has an interest in driving product direction. With the City's engagement, he is actively finding opportunities to improve the baseline application performance and feature set in ways that are usable by a wider audience. This position will provide an excellent platform from which to steer these features and capabilities to a generally available customer base.

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PROCUREMENT

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- [Radcliffe Brown](#), Manager, Finance Systems Clerk & Comptroller

Fran Pinkston, **Purchasing Director** *Commonwealth of Kentucky*



Products Licensed by Site:

- AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management
- AMS Advantage 3 Procurement
- BRASS (Upgrading to Performance Budgeting)
- AMS infoAdvantage

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- Nine years of experience
- A buyer in the central procurement office in 1999
- Took over the role of procurement lead in 2001 and led the enhancement of Procurement Desktop, the previous AMS procurement application through an extensive 40,000 hour design as the functional design manager for the Commonwealth
- Beginning in May 2004, procurement lead for the implementation analysis for AMS Advantage 3 which went into production in May 2006. This included close involvement with CGI development and implementation teams for writing over 50 procurement-specific enhancements, including scenario development, process mapping, functionality, performance and regression testing, which were incorporated into AMS Advantage 3.6/3.7 baseline
- Elected to the Steering Committee in October 2005 to the Procurement seat and has served as the Chairperson for 2008
- Holds certification of CPPB (Certified Professional Public Buyer) from the Universal Public Purchasing Certification Council, and has been a member of the National Association of State Procurement Officials. Current member of the National Institute of Government Purchasing and the Kentucky Public Procurement Association.
- Currently serving as the Purchasing Director for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Parks and the Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

The candidate is dedicated to the profession of public procurement, and feels a significant contribution can be made by continuing to improve the procurement functionality of AMS Advantage as the primary software for public sector clients. It is well supported that the financial capabilities of the application are superior, as evidenced by the high percentage of the sites ranked near the top in financial management that utilize the software. She feels there are still many opportunities to make the procurement functions more intuitive, logical, friendly and sound in accordance with the generally accepted procurement principles and procedures. She feels it has been a privilege to serve on the Steering Committee over the past three years, and she would very much like the opportunity to continue making progress that this Committee has been diligent about over the past three years.

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- AMS Advantage 3 Procurement
- BRASS

Summary of Experience and Qualifications:

- Experience working with CGI and AMS Advantage since 1989 as the Finance Systems Manager
- Background in programming in addition to his managerial experience
- Lead at the County for the LGFS and AMS Advantage software
- Served on the Steering Committee in the past and has done an excellent job representing both the County and all other users of the AMS Advantage solution

Reasons for Running for the Steering Committee:

The candidate is committed to making the AMS Advantage Financial Management solution, as well as all modules, the best they can be. By sitting on the Steering Committee he can evaluate site issues to determine the best direction for the product and make recommendations in areas where he sees the product(s) are lacking. He has served well on the Steering Committee in the past in the Financial seat, working very closely with the Procurement community regarding procurement processes in AMS Advantage. His ability to understand and work with multiple subject matter experts, coupled with experience and knowledge of how the procurement module interacts with the other Advantage modules, would be a great asset to the Steering Committee in the Procurement seat.

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AMS Advantage Client News

Whether it is streamlining business processes, taking advantage of new functionality or just staying current on maintenance, one thing is clear: the AMS Advantage client community continues to transform.

Congratulations to the following CGI clients that have recently gone live with AMS Advantage 3:

- [Los Angeles County, CA and the Department of Public Works implemented the new Grants Tracking module in August 2008](#)
- Volusia County, FL from AMS Advantage 2 HRM to Release 3 in September 2008
- City of Springfield, IL implemented AMS Advantage 3 Talent Management in September 2008

Congratulations to the following CGI clients that have recently upgraded:

- Orange County, FL upgraded from AMS Advantage 3.4.1 Financial Management to 3.7.0.1 in August 2008.
- Cobb County, GA upgraded from AMS Advantage 3.3.2 Financial Management and HRM to 3.7.0.1 in August 2008.
- Idaho Department of Transportation from AMS Advantage 3.4.1 Financial Management and HRM to 3.7.0.2 in September 2008.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with the following clients moving forward with the web-based AMS Advantage solution:

- Orange County, CA is moving forward with the AMS Advantage 3 HRM Fit Analysis Project toward implementing the full ERP suite at the County
- City of Los Angeles, CA is moving forward with an upgrade to AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management

We are honored to welcome the following client that has recently signed a brand-new contract into the AMS Advantage community:

- City of Cleveland, OH signed with CGI to implement AMS Advantage 3 Financial Management including Financials, Procurement, Vendor Self Service, Performance Budgeting and Electronic Content Management for Accounts Payable

Press Releases:

- [30th Annual CGI Forum Brings State and Local Government ERP Community Together](#)
- [Commonwealth of Kentucky Transforms Budgeting, Recruiting Systems with CGI's AMS Advantage](#)
- [CGI Wins Client-Nominated "Best Fit Integrator Award from the Center for Digital Government](#)
- [CGI Transforms Wake County, North Carolina's Budget and Finance Processes with AMS Advantage ERP](#)

