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BUDGET ANALYSIS AND REPORTING SYSTEM (BARS) STANDARD FEATURES

Feature	Benefit	BARS
Integrates Data, Narrative Charts and Graphs to produces all required OMB Reports and Budget Books	Easily and quickly addresses information requests from OMB and Congress. Consistent With OMB A-11, GPRA and PART.	✓
Unlimited Versions	Unlimited ‘what-if’ versions are supported for agencies, budget office and legislative users.	Unlimited
Narrative Support	Supports a convenient process to support the budget request with narrative information by organization, program and/or budget change components.	✓
Produce Budget Narrative Documents	Major time savings by combining narrative and data to produce budget documents. Also results in improved document accuracy.	✓
Unlimited Management Decision Packages	Allows users to classify changes based on change needs. Can be specifically based on proposed legislation, Presidential pass-backs, congressional markups, internal agency decisions, new programs or ‘maintenance’ needs. Also, supports priority tracking budget items.	✓
Decision Package Funding	Allows users to identify funding sources based on change package. Special earmark funding support.	✓
Performance Budget Data	Allows users to maintain quantitative measures for goals, objectives, strategies and other performance criteria.	✓
Performance Budget Supporting Narrative	Allows users to maintain goals, visions, objectives, strategies and other table driven narrative information that is later produced in documents that combine data and narrative. Supports GPRA and PART requirements.	✓
Performance Budget tied to Expenditures	Allows users to tie changes in expenditure budget to changes in performance measurements.	✓
Payroll Cost Projections by Budget Users	Allows budget users to enter new positions without affecting HR system. This prevents budget data from infecting production HR data.	✓
Payroll Cost Projections with Fringe Benefit Calculations by Employee without Affecting Approved HR. <i>(Not a blanket fringe percentage unless desired.)</i>	Supports payroll benefit calculations for all benefits by position. Much more accurate benefit costing projection.	✓
Distribute Position Costs by Cost Center	Allows each position to have its costs allocated across organizations units.	✓
Unlimited Pay Increase Scenarios Simultaneously Stored for Comparison Reporting	Allows ‘what-if’ analysis by funding source of an unlimited number of proposed pay increase changes.	✓
Classifying Budget by Demographic Criteria	Allows budget reporting by constituency group. User defined criteria can change over time.	✓
Flexible Roll-Up Capability for Data Maintenance	Allows roll-up for reporting and also data maintenance. Flexible rules by budget activity, subactivity or cost center.	✓
Funding by Program, Organization Unit and/or Expenditure type.	Allows easy entry of a complete budget with drilldowns into funding.	✓

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Projection Percentages	Allows use of projection percentage changes in what-if scenarios. Percentages may be applied to individual expense elements or to budget groups. Changes may be assigned to Decision Packages to easily identify and approve. May also be used to extrapolate related appropriation impacts.	✓
Default Funding Algorithms	Allows users to enter expenditures as a group and then determine funding sources. This can be done for all expenditures, by expenditure type (line) or by expenditure object.	✓
Capital Equipment	Allows users to enter equipment being purchased and allocate cost to multiple cost centers. Equipment purchases are also assigned to decision change package to determine funding and justification.	✓
Capital Project Module including Narrative Support, Funding, Initial Cost and Operating Cost Estimates.	Allows central office to evaluate and report capital project needs and prioritize.	✓
Commodity Code Budgeting	Allows for budgeting of selected line items by entering commodity quantities and utilizing projected commodity rates.	✓
Integrated Subschedules	Allows for entry of detailed data to support line item budget amounts.	✓
Projected Balances by Fund, including Carry-Forwards and Reserves	Allows for balancing budget appropriations, offsetting revenues and expenditures and how excess funds may be used.	✓
Estimate Offsetting Collections	Allows for assigning offsetting collections to specific or enterprise wide expenditures.	✓
Flexible Reporting	Allows for new reports to be easily developed based on organization specific needs.	✓
Flexible Column Set-up by Version Type and Year. Up to 36 columns are supported for each version.	Allows users to set up any budget structure with as many out-years as desired and/or budget stratifications.	✓
Define Version Submittal Path and Edit Checklists	Combined with security, this feature controls who may submit budgets and to whom. Edits budgets prior to submittal for completeness.	✓
Supports Organization Reporting Structure Changes (Re-orgs)	Supports organization changes for future years without impacting existing environment.	✓
Security by Budget Function that allows Changes Over Time	Supports data security by organization and budget version, and allows users to change version security to allow open access when appropriate.	✓
Dynamic Menu Building	Allows site to determine desired features by year.	✓
Excel Download	Allows user to download data for further analysis.	✓
Works With All Major Accounting Systems	Supports all leading accounting and payroll systems using the open platform methodology.	✓

BARS is the only fully integrated budget system, designed exclusively for the Public Sector. BARS integrates all budget components in a powerful, yet easy to use system.

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