



## Solutions for a Digital Government

# Financial Management

**“Our management wanted to be able to get to key financial data at any time without having to wait for others to produce reports. Information Builders’ WebFOCUS gave us this capability and helped us connect seamlessly to SAP R/3 without the need for costly custom interfaces.”**

**Jacques Roy**  
Director Corporate Systems, Comptroller's Branch, Industry Canada

In the face of shrinking budgets, constant cutbacks, and a volatile economy, government agencies need to maintain an iron grip on finances. But gaining firm control with up-to-date information can be elusive, especially when dealing with hard-to-reach legacy mainframe systems.

Information Builders’ business intelligence and enterprise integration solutions enable federal, state, and local agencies to consolidate financial information from multiple disparate sources and deliver it as accurate and timely reports, key performance indicators, and analysis in any format, anywhere, to anyone who needs it. With comprehensive, real-time information at their fingertips, decision-makers can gain complete visibility into the finances of an agency, department, initiative, or program and make more informed decisions.

Information Builders technologies help agencies save money by reducing fraud and duplicate grants; increase productivity and decrease costly errors by automating financial reporting processes; plan for the future by analyzing revenue trends and forecasts; and make timelier, better informed decisions by providing up-to-the-minute data via customizable financial portals. We also enable agencies to easily access and report on key financial data in packaged applications such as SAP, PeopleSoft, and many others.

Information Builders’ solutions leverage familiar tools – such as Web browsers, e-mail, and wireless devices – and include industry-leading Excel integration and a wide array of graphic presentation and geographic mapping capabilities. As a result, complex financial information is easily accessible and understandable by any user, anywhere, anytime no matter what the level of technical expertise.

Government agencies currently use Information Builders technologies for:

- Budgeting and analysis
- Contract management
- Currency and banking retrieval
- Grants management
- Commodities bid entry
- Financial reporting
- Compliance reporting
- Forecasting

### Learn More

To find out how Information Builders’ solutions are helping government agencies at all levels effectively monitor and manage financial assets, visit us at [www.informationbuilders.com](http://www.informationbuilders.com) or call (800) 969-4636.



## Government Solutions in Action

### USDA's Funding Analysis and Management System – Delivering Aid Dollars Wisely

**Agency:** U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development, Office of Community Development.

**Challenge:** Enhance the ability of the agency to monitor and manage funding programs by providing personnel with access to timely reporting and analysis.

**Solution:** Using WebFOCUS, iWay intelligent adapters, and iWay ETL Manager, the USDA was able to implement a cost-effective integrated system that taps into legacy databases and delivers information via any standard Web browser to more than 5,000 USDA users.

**Results:** The system has dramatically improved the reliability and timeliness of information, raising the accuracy of data and analysis for some reports from 80 to 98 percent. Improved information access also enables the agency to respond to congressional requests in a matter of seconds, instead of weeks.

### Montreal's Financial Portal – Information and Insight on Demand

**Agency:** City of Montreal.

**Challenge:** Achieve real-time consolidated reporting from the disparate financial systems of 27 suburban municipalities.

**Solution:** Using Information Builders' business intelligence and integration technologies, the city built an enterprise Web portal used by over 300 employees to access all types of tax and financial reports via a standard Web browser.

**Results:** An increase in user self-sufficiency has paid off in reduced IT overhead, better productivity, and improved access to critical information, which can be used to make timelier, more informed decisions.

### Industry Canada's Management Reporting System – High-Level Information for Executives

**Agency:** Industry Canada, a federal government department responsible for fostering economic growth and prosperity.

**Challenge:** Provide the agency's finance department with complete executive-level reporting via the Web from a newly implemented SAP R/3 system.

**Solution:** WebFOCUS and iWay intelligent adapters were used to build an integrated information system providing executives with easy access to high-level summaries and detailed drill-downs to live SAP data.

**Results:** The agency made a smooth transition to SAP R/3 with high-level management now able to get up-to-the-minute financial information and make more informed, timelier decisions.

**“Not only have we implemented technology that improves the efficiency of our own operational area, but we have leveraged the power of the Web to empower community leaders to take charge of their own development and rely less on the federal government.”**

**Victor Vasquez**  
Associate Administrator,  
Office of Community  
Development, USDA

**“We had a dual challenge. Integrate financial data from 27 different municipalities and then create Web access to our Oracle Data Warehouse. Information Builders helped us accomplish this quickly and economically.”**

**Jean-Francois Leclair**  
Director of Fiscal Planning,  
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