

MPS Management Process Systems

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MANAGEMENT PROCESS SYSTEMS LAUNCH CCM TRACKER

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Management Process Systems Limited (MPS) today announced the launch of the latest enhancement to their innovative Contract Change Management (CCM) system. CCM Tracker automatically records all contract notifications issued within the CCM audit trail over the internet. The presentation of the records in the widely available and friendly format of a spreadsheet enables all users to readily see which incidents require action. They can also see the latest prices set against compensation events. A further facility provides the relevant project manager access to a forecast entry screen that enables predicted values to be entered for compensation events which have not yet been agreed. The spreadsheet can then be exported from the web to the users own computer for further work, with the user knowing that the original figures came from the robust audit trail within the collaborative CCM system.

Roland Grzybek, Director for Flood Defences and River Engineering at Halcrow Group said, "Our engineers and project managers have been using the CCM system on a number of projects for the Environment Agency in the south of England. The system has helped us to achieve improvements in contract management performance. We welcome this enhancement to CCM and expect it to help us achieve further improvements in forecast cost predictability."

The Internet based CCM service, provided by MPS, is designed to manage the contract change processes set out in the NEC/ECC form of contract. CCM is currently being used by an extensive range of clients around the UK, on civils, power and building projects. Key benefits include timely agreement of change; quality assured contract administration; compliance audit; visibility of change and progress status for all parties; reduced risk; and the early completion of final account.

Robin Wilkin, Operations Director of MPS said, "We have implemented a number of enhancements to CCM over the last three years following feedback from our more experienced users. CCM Tracker is the best so far. As a project manager and ex quantity surveyor, I believe that this improvement will bring a step change in the benefits that CCM can bring to our customers. The data held in CCM is created by the Project Manager and Contractor in a joint database. It is now available to users in a format which all commercial managers are very comfortable with. In addition they can now download this auditable information to their own PC, where they can carry out additional calculations and reports. I believe this is a big step forward for us as we respond to our customers needs."

The CCM system is provided in partnership with the CSF Group, who provide the IT infrastructure through CSF Managed Services. The systems and infrastructure design supports an On Demand Business requirement where business processes are integrated across the enterprise and with key partners, suppliers and clients. The application and associated databases reside on a fully managed IBM e-server

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configuration in a state of the art data centre. CSF also supplies MPS with a full consultancy service around the hosted online service.

About Management Process Systems Limited

Management Process Systems Limited is a management services company whose mission is to deliver innovative solutions that deliver identifiable business advantage to the construction industry. The company has extensive experience in the business processes, methodologies, information and knowledge requirements of the construction industry. This expertise and knowledge is re-enforced by a highly experienced capability to deploy Information Technology in support of business processes.

For more information, visit the web site at <http://www.mpsprocess.com>

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Information regarding MPS is available on the website www.mpsprocess.com.

Contract Change Management (CCM) is an innovative and exciting British success story on the provision of IT support to a key business process.

Over 500 construction industry professionals from over 100 companies have been managing projects totalling over £500m using the system since 2002. These projects have included over 5000 Early Warnings giving notice of new risks, and over 5000 Compensation Events to manage change.

Customers include the University of Cambridge, EDF Energy, Highways Agency, Environment Agency, and Imperial College London as well as a number of County Councils.

Four key gains leading to reduced costs for customers using CCM are -

1. Increased productivity

Increasing workloads and shortages of skilled managers have led firms to maximise efficiency of their professional staff. CCM enables remote working, less travelling, and more effective use of key resources. Managers spend more time on decision making and less time on administration. They are also able to manage more projects.

2. Improved predictability of outcome (cost & time)

Predictability of cost and time are two of the top ten key performance measures for business excellence as identified by the Government's (dti) Constructing Excellence. CCM improves predictability, minimises surprises, facilitates speedy agreement of change, and provides very early close out of final accounts.

3. Reduced risk

CCM facilitates early warning of liabilities and opportunities, improved risk management, increased collaboration, and therefore better-informed decision making. CCM also improves contract management, which reduces the level of risk to all involved.

4. Compliance - Improved audit and visibility

CCM is a secure quality controlled system, which enables compliance in the most challenging and demanding environments. Process visibility and audit ability facilitate improved communications for all participants. Coupled with its ability to transcend location, CCM provides a powerful management tool for all members of the project team.

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