

Client Case Study

DAVID ATKINS Uses Sage ERP solution from Provida



Client Background

David Atkins Enterprises (DAE) is one of the world's leading event and production companies. Owned and managed by David Atkins OAM, DAE has been producing ceremonies, arena events, musical and live productions in Australia, Asia, America, Europe and the Middle East for over 25 years.

In 1999 DAE was appointed as producer and artistic director for the Sydney 2000 Olympics and Closing Ceremonies.

"We have a unique set of requirements for how our business operates. Provida was more than willing to work with me to ensure that the system met our requirements even visiting our Vancouver office to demonstrate their commitment to being our long term ERP partner."

Kim Lang, Commercial Director DAE



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► The Challenge

DAE manages a number of high value projects and as such they require strong cost management, financial reporting and purchasing workflow. Provida was challenged to implement an ERP software solution with purchasing control standards that encompassed budget management, funds availability checking and approval workflow. Security was an important requirement because the purchase orders created by some users cannot be viewed by other users. And finally the ERP software needed to be user friendly.

► The Provida Solution

Provida implemented the core accounting modules as well as the purchasing approval module. DAE is now able to manage the purchasing process efficiently and at the same time track committed funds and actual expenditure against the event budget. Since the budget for any given event cannot be changed without approval from the client, it is critical to DAE operations that costs are appropriately managed. All purchase orders are approved by email or over the web.

► Achievements

Provida implemented the core ERP system on time and on budget. Furthermore Provida also created a customised software solution that allows ERP system administrators to restrict users viewing only the purchase orders for vendors that they are authorised to view or access. DAE is now able to use Sage ERP and its complex purchasing control standards to effectively manage worldwide events such as the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

At a Glance:

Key Challenge: Complex budgeting and purchasing control standards

Key Achievements by Provida:

Development of a custom software solution to control viewing of certain purchase orders by user

Industry: Event Planning & Management

Solution: Sage Accpac ERP, Purchasing Workflow, Custom Development Work

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