

2006 PMI Project of the Year Award Results
WINNER
Manitoba Hydro
webTrader Enterprise software development project,

Manitoba Hydro, is a crown corporation that generates virtually all of its electricity from self-renewing water power. Headquartered in Winnipeg, Manitoba Hydro prides itself in supplying clean energy to over 500,000 customers.

The goal of the Manitoba Hydro project was to address the business requirements of trading in gas and power financial markets using the latest technology to provide Manitoba Hydro with a competitive edge. Despite a very aggressive deadline, the project team completed the project on time and the system debuted to great reviews.

This was a first for Manitoba Hydro. Aside from external market and competitive pressures, this project encountered many challenges including:

- Aggressive implementation dates
- Changes to multiple business processes
- A three phased implementation process that covered months in between phases
- Multiple contractual, legal and staffing issues
- And Rising vendor costs

With webTrader, Manitoba Hydro has successfully:

- Created the ability to trade electric and gas commodities in real-time.
- Created a competitive advantage over counter party technology
- And Created a state-of-the-art capture and settlement system which simplifies gas and power processes



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RUNNER-UP
VANSCO ELECTRONICS LP
New Product Development Process

Vansco Electronics is a Winnipeg based company that specializes in the design and manufacture of rugged electronic equipment for harsh environments for Original Equipment Manufacturers. Vansco developed an efficient end-to-end New Product Development Process which is resulting in faster time to market and higher quality products. A Project Management methodology based on the PMBOK was put in place and is being continued in subsequent projects.

This project included:

- planning the technical upgrade from SAP R/3 to ECC 5.0
- implementing the new business functionality
- testing and documenting the changes
- And training Vansco personnel on the new system and its applications

All deliverables were met and the project was completed 1 week ahead of schedule and under budget.

The success of this project served to solidify the value of applying Project Management principles and methodologies for Vansco's executive.

This ERP upgrade project has made a significant difference in the way Vansco operates its business today and has helped all parts of the organization to fully participate in the company's success.



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