ERP to Improve UF Business Processes

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Over the next several years, NERDC will play a critical role in the implementation of the Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) project now underway. Florida State University (FSU) and Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU) are consortium partners with UF in this effort to obtain savings on licenses, maintenance and implementation costs.

What is Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)?

The UF ERP project is a multi-year effort to improve UF business processes with respect to university management, payroll, human resources, vendor relationships, sponsored research, property and facilities, and student affairs and records. The computing system, to be hosted at NERDC, will provide Web-based, integrated real-time information using common tools across a wide-range of university activities.

Why is UF doing this?

Currently, most of UF's peer universities (large research institutions) have already implemented ERP systems and business process changes to improve services and benefit from real-time information. With the changes in university governance in Florida, existing administrative systems provided by the state and used by UF must be replaced. This makes timely the change to a cohesive set of processes.

Who's Who?

UF Associate Vice President for Administrative Affairs Fred Cantrell is the UF ERP project manager. UF Director of Data Infrastructure Mike Conlon is coordinating the IT efforts related to ERP at UF. NERDC Assistant Director John Bevis and Systems Coordinator Steve Ware are also members of the IT Infrastructure Team.

What will the ERP design include?

The infrastructure design principles for the ERP project include:

- High functionality throughout
- High availability
- High throughput
- High survivability
- High security
- Plan for upgrades, maintenance and the unexpected
- Consistent approach to development, deployment, operations and support
• Strong relations with infrastructure vendors

For more information, see http://www.erp.ufl.edu.

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