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Back to Basics: Budgeting 101 for 8(a) Organizations and Government Contractors

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Budgeting 101 for 8(a) Organizations and Government Contractors

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Agenda

- Introductions
- Importance of a Sound Budgeting Process
- Common Budgeting Challenges
- Budgeting Best Practices
- Budgeting Tools and Technology
- Key Takeaways and Getting Started



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Importance of a Sound Budgeting Process

- Optimization of Project Execution and Financial Performance
- Manage Indirect Costs and Establish Provisional Indirect Rates
- Support Proposal Development and Decision Making
- Enhance Compliance and Transparency



Common Budgeting Challenges

- No collaborative process
- Inflexible tools
- Static, siloed plans
- No access to real-time data with drill down capability
- Complex allocation and cost pool structures
- No integration with ERP
- Difficult to budget by project, by resource and to see that data aggregated at roll-up levels



Budgeting Best Practices

- Define clear financial goals
- Collaboration across organization
- Utilization of historical data
- Detailed line-item budgeting
- Scenario modeling
- Regular review

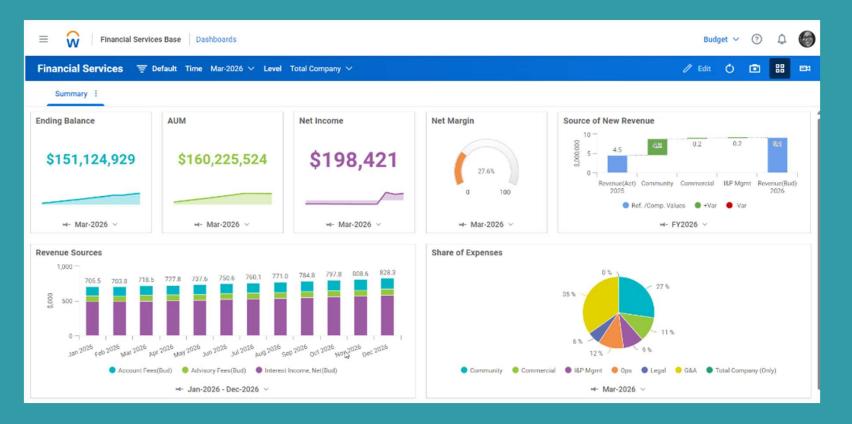


Budgeting Tools and Technology

- Cloud-based solution that allows real-time collaboration
- Intuitive/user-friendly interface
- Driver-based modeling
- Self-service reporting
- Automated integration
- Scenario planning
- Ability to drill into transactions
- Security features

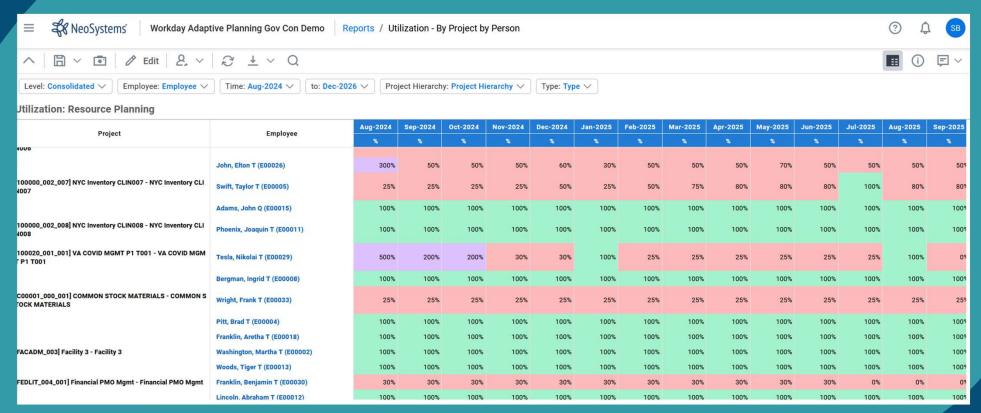


Sample Dashboard



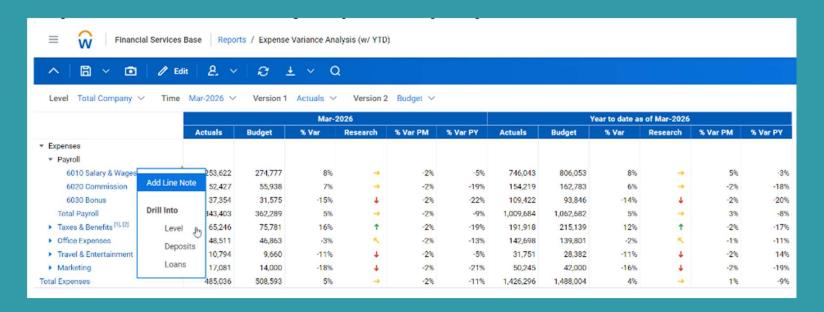


Consolidated Utilization Plan





Expense Variance Analysis Report



• This report compares two versions and includes variances. Active links can be drilled down upon. For example, salaries could be drilled into in order to view the data by project or org.



Key Takeaways and Getting Started

- Define clear goals and objectives
- Choose a tool that is best for your business
- Do not need to be a mature organization to have a solid budgeting process
- Improving the budget process will provide:
 - Better quality data
 - Better, faster decision-making
 - Improved trust in FP&A



Q&A



Thank you for attending

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