



Client Case Study

Manufacturing Industry

External and Internal Procurement websites

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About Allegient, LLC

Allegient is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner with specific competencies in the Information Worker Solutions and Custom Development Solutions areas

Client.

Fortune 200 pharmaceutical organization that researches, develops, manufactures and markets products worldwide.

Problem.

The Procurement organization within a large pharmaceutical company was utilizing multiple procurement websites with a substantial amount of content to interact with suppliers, potential suppliers, internal employees and procurement employees. This content was often duplicated and the organization was unclear, sometimes resulting in an inefficient or unpleasant user experience. The Procurement organization has plans to rework their current Intranet and Internet structure into a more organized and functionally integrated structure yet they were unsure how to begin. The Procurement area needed an application that would streamline content updates, allowing business users to update product content real time with minimal IT involvement and the ability to target appropriate content to their various audiences by site and by user role.

Answer.

The Company was undergoing an enterprise wide initiative to deploy the Microsoft suite of products. The Procurement organization investigated the next generation of SharePoint Portal Server, MOSS 2007 as a potential replacement for their current website maintenance application. The goal of the project was to determine if MOSS 2007 could handle the **content management, documentation security and external data** needs of their external supplier website, extranet secured supplier website and internal employee and procurement websites. In addition, the team wanted to explore the design framework for what is possible with the new sites using Microsoft Office SharePoint Server (MOSS) 2007.

Solution.

Working with Allegient, the company was able to

- Confirm a viable replacement application for their current software managing multiple procurement websites
- Streamline the content management process, putting control of content back in the hands of business users
- Demonstrate the use of SharePoint security and audiences to provide various levels of access to information based on roles and sites
- Demonstrate the use of the Business Data Catalog to access an external supplier database
- Increase organizational buy-in to the Microsoft suite of products

The client was able to confirm the value of MOSS 2007 for content management and investigate using document level security, audiences and single sign-on as a way to target content and enhance the user experience. Leveraging MOSS 2007 will enable the client to utilize one tool to support multiple internal and external websites.

