

SKIRE UNIFIER™ for Public Sector CIP Funding, Project and Program Management

DELIVERING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN NEW ERA OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

With the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“ARRA”), a level of infrastructure investment not seen in multiple decades is unfolding with a heightened emphasis on accountability. For agencies receiving ARRA funds or managing public sector capital programs/projects, an unprecedented level of transparency will be required so Americans will be aware of where their tax dollars are going and how they are being spent.

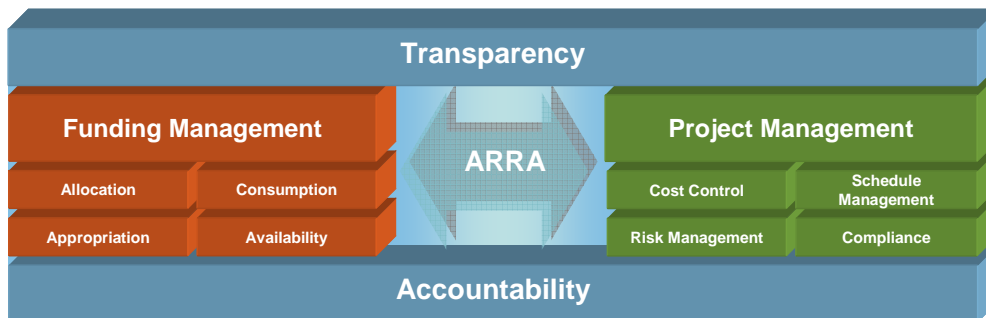
Specifically, recent guidance issued by the Office of Management and Budget* includes the following requirements:

- Funds are awarded and distributed in a prompt, fair, and reasonable manner;
- The recipients and uses of all funds are transparent to the public, and the public benefits of these funds are reported clearly, accurately, and in a timely manner;
- Funds are used for authorized purposes and instances of fraud, waste, error, and abuse are mitigated;
- Projects funded under this Act avoid unnecessary delays and cost overruns;
- Program goals are achieved, including specific program outcomes and improved results on broader economic indicators.

Agencies receiving ARRA funds will be required to report information back for posting on the recovery.gov website and, in the very near term, have a program in place for automated data feeds. It is expected that, over time, all agencies receiving ARRA funds will be required to report data back in a specified format. Time is of the essence to have a system in place to meet federal requirements.

THE SOLUTION: SKIRE UNIFIER

Skire’s flagship software platform, Unifier™, is a proven, battle-tested application delivering project accountability, transparency and reporting across the lifecycle. Unifier provides comprehensive funding management tools combined with a best-in-class capital project and program management solution, providing managers with the tools to execute projects efficiently and executives the program level visibility and automated reporting.



*Memo M-09-10 issued by the Executive Office of The President, Office of Management and Budget, February 18, 2009, " Initial Implementing Guidance for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009"

CENTRALIZED PLATFORM FOR VISIBILITY AND CONTROL

Unifier is a 100% web based, data-centric, collaborative platform offering a rich tool set that includes business process automation, cost and schedule controls, document, asset and resource management, all supported by powerful dashboards and reporting. The core of Unifier's capabilities involves a powerful and flexible business process automation system that includes pre-configured processes and the ability to configure forms and workflows to meet your specific requirements. Leveraging Skire's proven standard processes, your agency will be able to get up and running quickly.



By standardizing on Skire's centralized secure platform for managing all federal stimulus project related information and activities (documents, data and business processes), you will immediately achieve real-time visibility, automation and control across your entire program.

PRIORITIZE YOUR PROJECTS – AND SECURE FUNDING

ARRA places a premium on "shovel ready" projects that have been fully planned and are ready for execution. Using Unifier's Planning Manager, agencies are able to create, organize, prioritize, manage and update project planning initiatives from ideation to completion. As funding opportunities are identified, project lists are easily accessible with all data centrally captured to support funding requests, helping to ensure that opportunities are not missed.

CONTROL FUNDING FROM ALLOCATION TO CONSUMPTION

Unifier contains extensive functionality to manage, track, and maintain funding instruments and funding sources. A set of available funding sources is defined at the organizational level, and then allocated to a project based on the funding utilized by that project. Unifier then supports the consumption of specific funding sources on individual invoices or payment applications based on defined consumption rules.

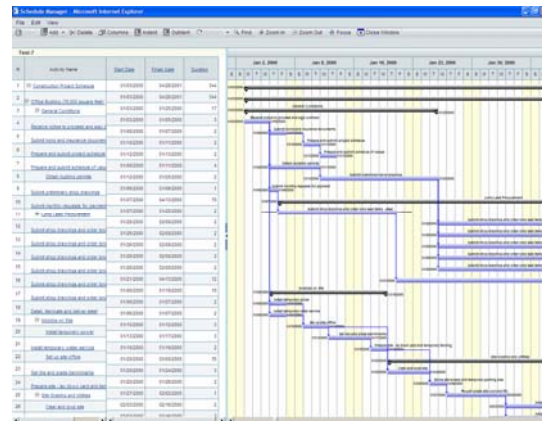
PROACTIVELY CONTROL PROJECT COSTS

Unifier's Cost Manager is a robust, flexible and intuitive solution that is a core component of the overall system which has been designed from the ground-up to meet the complex needs of sophisticated owners with large capital programs. Unifier's integrated cost control capabilities provide real-time visibility into the financial status of a project or portfolio of projects, and compliance with defined processes. Unifier's Cost Manager provides:

- Estimates, budget and scope management
- Bid management
- Contract and change management
- Risk management
- Schedule of values, invoices and payment applications
- Cash flow forecasting
- Drill-down visibility

MAINTAIN TIGHT PROJECT SCHEDULES

The Unifier Schedule Manager provides a robust internal scheduling tool for creating and managing project schedules. Schedule data can be viewed in a tabular format and in a fully interactive Gantt format. All activities can have multiple dates and calculations between dates for durations.



Unifier's Schedule Manager functionality includes all of the key features you would expect from an industry leading application, including:

- Interactive Gantt chart with ability to drag activity end dates, link activities and much more
- View activities and Gantt chart on the same schedule sheet
- Predecessors, resources, critical path
- Activity progress tracking and % work complete
- Fully configurable activity attributes
- One or multiple interactive schedule sheets for the same project
- Integration with Resource Manager enabling resource loading of schedule activities
- Interfaces with Microsoft™ Project or Primavera™

REST EASY

Increased accountability. Larger project volume. Higher complexity. As someone responsible for large capital programs, do you know where your CIP is at night? Unifier ensures compliance during project execution while providing the tools needed for project managers to capture and assess risk across project phases. Now you can rest easy knowing your projects are in control, while accurate data is seamlessly reported according to ARRA requirements.

