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Client Case Study

Kodiak Island Borough School District, Alaska

At a Glance:

Kodiak Island Borough School District, Alaska

Industry: Education

Faculty and Staff: Approximately 400

Students: Approximately 2,500

Challenges:

- Cumbersome, inefficient software that was both difficult to use and difficult to train staff to use

Solutions:

- Tyler Technologies' Infinite Visions[®] Product Suite procured through NJPA

Results:

- Increased efficiency and reduced paper processes
- Streamlined data analysis and reporting with SmartGrids technology
- Saved time and benefited from competitive pricing through NJPA

As the only school district located on the second-largest island in the U.S., efficiency is key to faculty and staff at the Kodiak Island Borough School District. This is especially true for the district's business department, which is responsible for a variety of essential operations including accounting, payroll, employee benefits, fiscal audits, enrollment reporting, and advising stakeholders on legislation affecting school funding. However, when Chief Financial Officer Roger Studley joined the district in 2014, their business processes were anything but efficient.

"We have a lot of operations at our school district that were extremely heavy in paper and attempting to organize things was a mess across the board – operations and procedures for payroll, accounts payable, human resources," Studley said. "And the software we had was extremely cumbersome and awkward. It was both difficult to use and difficult to train people to use."

Securing the "right choice" with ease

Studley, who was already familiar with Tyler's Infinite Visions[®] solution from his work in Arizona school districts, knew there was a better option for his district and capitalized on KIBSD's existing contract with NJPA to procure the industry-leading software.

"I've been sold on Infinite Visions for years, so it wasn't a sales issue for me. They sold me years ago. I've seen other software, I've talked to other sales folks, but I honestly didn't see any reason not to choose Infinite Visions," Studley said. "So we started looking for a way to specifically purchase Tyler because the pricing was above the direct purchasing and procurement rules we have to follow."

The district's investigation and research quickly turned them in the direction of NJPA.

"We looked for a cooperative that had Tyler with it and we realized Tyler was available with NJPA, which we already used for a lot of other purchases," Studley said. "As soon as we realized that, the process of purchasing Infinite Visions was extremely smooth. From signing the papers to getting the contract, the ability to procure software through NJPA made the entire process very stress free."

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After a thorough review of the software modules available through NJPA, Studley and the staff at KIBSD made the decision to purchase nearly the entire suite of Infinite Visions, including payroll, accounts payable, general ledger and HR, with the main goal of enhancing data analysis and increasing efficiency through reducing paper processes.

“We’ve been wanting to go as paperless as possible for a while, but we didn’t have the methodology of getting there,” Studley said. “The assistant superintendent of personnel is saying, ‘Why do I have to sign my name 412 times to all of these different documents?’ The answer is that you don’t if you have the right software. Our contract with NJPA allowed us to get the ball rolling and quickly secure the software that was right for us.”

Planning for the future with Tyler and NJPA

Studley said his staff members, who were initially apprehensive about switching software, have fully embraced the robust power Infinite Visions offers. With new insight into business functions like purchase orders and invoices, along with the ability to seamlessly export reports to Microsoft® Excel®, they are eager to see how Infinite Visions can improve their work experience.

In the future, KIBSD hopes to utilize NJPA to procure Tyler Content Manager™ and continue their journey toward paperless.

About us

Tyler’s Infinite Visions product suite is an integrated financial and personnel management software solution designed specifically for school districts. Tyler products empower the public sector to become more efficient, more accessible and more responsive to the needs of citizens.

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