

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR BUDGETING PROCESS WITH IDU-CONCEPT

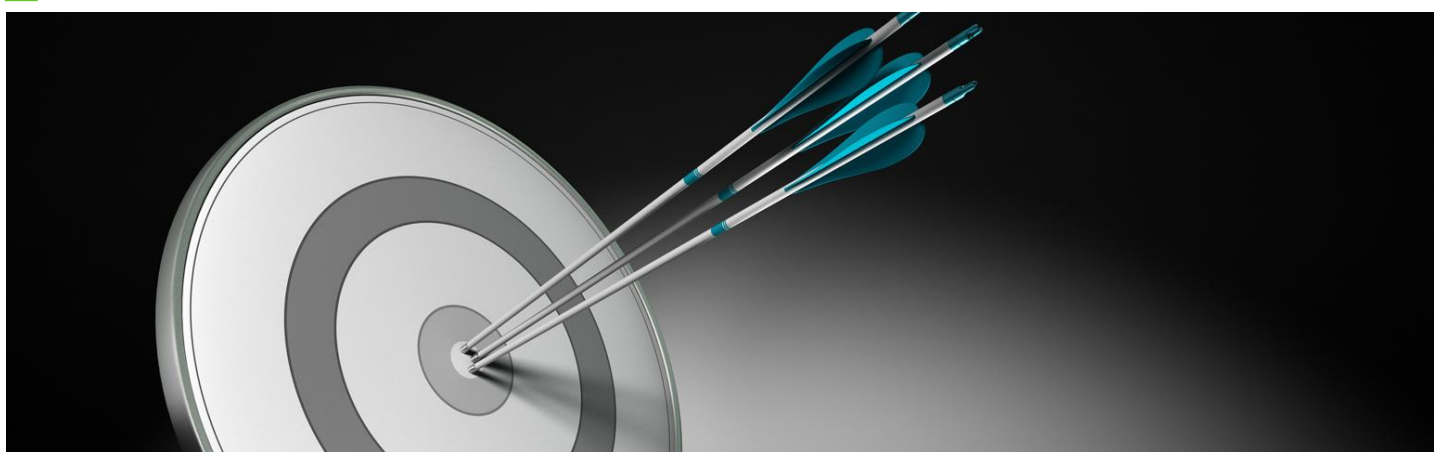
Simple, fast, agile and award winning Corporate Performance Management

FINANCIAL BUDGETING

IDU streamlines the budgeting and reporting process, frees up financial managers to be more strategic and business to be more agile and responsive, which is essential in a disrupting market.

Financial budgeting is an essential part of every successful business. By providing reliable access to defined and disclosed budgets, idu-Concept allows financial and non-financial managers to be in control of their accounts at all times.

Now, non-financial managers can easily give you the figures you need, in a standardised format that can be rolled-up into a single version of the truth. You bypass the ineffective, time-consuming, and soul-destroying spreadsheet go-round, shaving weeks and months off the budget cycle in the process. And, importantly, by providing increased visibility and transparency, especially of business strategy, you foster buy-in to, and ownership of, the budget.



Key Features:

- idu-Concept's user interface incorporates simple and point-and-click technology and other familiar web-based features to achieve a high degree of user-friendliness while still maintaining the functional power of the application.
- idu-Concept automates and streamlines the manual process of spreadsheet based budgeting, forecasting and reporting.
- The web-based platform automatically captures data where possible, thereby reducing the amount of time users would need to spend manually inputting information. This automation also leads to greater accuracy in the data.
- idu-Concept integrates with most ERP systems, from Pastel to SAP, and VIP to PeopleSoft. The system interfaces directly with the underlying financial accounts to provide a seamless view of actual financial information related to approved budgets.
- The application allows users to access and update the system in real-time. Users are able to capture their budgets and view the results immediately. There are also indicators built into the system so that the current status can be visually flagged, signalling the stage and progress of the budget at any point in time.
- Executive management can access the system and be provided with an up-to-date view of the budget and its status, without the need to wait for fragmented progress reports or manual aggregation of the latest budget versions.
- The system accommodates multiple structures enabling data to be aggregated in real-time providing many different summary views.
- idu-Concept accommodates numerous budget types, including:
 - Itemised Budgeting
 - Depreciation Budgeting
 - Grade and Employee Budgeting
 - Activity Based Budgeting
 - Project Based Budgeting
 - Percentage and Dynamic Reallocations
 - Departmental Transfer Budgets and more.
- Budgets and forecasts can be captured against non-financial accounts such as headcount and square meters. The financial budget can then be driven as a result.
- Excel integration, allows users to upload and download account information with ease.

- The system supports drill-down from the highest level, normally company and aggregate account (e.g. total income), down to individual cost centre/account and even to underlying budget elements.
- IDU offers as standard functionality the facility to capture comments on each account as the budget is created.
- Users are also able to attach and link supporting documentation when preparing their budgets.
- The idu-Concept Administrator Module allows the system administrator to define the cost centre access for each individual user. The user is only able to view and update the cost centre they are granted access to.
- The system administrator is able to customise multiple user-specific screen layouts. This can include variations such as what data is displayed or which calculations are performed.
- Restricting update rights for a cost centre to a single user allows business managers to exercise ownership for budgets they have captured, and take responsibility for their financial performance.
- idu-Concept maintains its own hierarchy tables or account groupings which allows it to build structures independent of the underlying financial system. This provides a toolset to report on both accounts and business units in multiple different views or dimensions, aggregating the underlying accounts and cost centres to present summary information as required.
- idu-Concept reduces budget cycles from months to weeks, and our clients typically realise a return on their investment within the first year of implementing the software.
- There are a number of complimentary modules available to further enhance your budgeting and reporting experience, these include Revenue Budgeting and Reporting, Report Scheduler, Dynamic Budgeting, Adjustments, Alerts and Tenant Budgeting



General

- idu-Concept is developed as a web-based application, using Microsoft .NET Framework and C# programming languages. This delivers a system which has been designed to operate efficiently on all current web browsers in an online environment.
- IDU are a Microsoft Gold Partner and idu-Concept works harmoniously with other business solutions by integrating - e-mail functionality, network login's, import and export facilities, storage of supporting documentation linked to specific items in a budget set, Excel, SQL, Power View and PowerPivot.
- The system is scalable, offering 3 different Editions with varying levels of functionality and complexity to meet a company's specific needs. These are Light, Standard and the full Enterprise Edition.
- Our solution is available both on premise and in the cloud.
- idu-Concept is noted for its rapid deployment. As a packaged application, it can meet most companies' requirements "out-of-the-box", and will not require additional time to implement customised developments. The solution can be implemented and ready for use in a relatively short time-frame.
- The idu-Concept product suite has been developed to provide the finance department with the tools to administer the system. This reduces the reliance on scarce IT resources and the ownership for the system ultimately rests with finance.
- IDU was recognised by Gartner as one of the top 25 Corporate Planning Applications in their Gartner Market Guide.