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Project Partners LLC Announces New Release of User Interface Applications

UI-Apps™ leverage Microsoft® Excel to enable Oracle® E-Business Suite Projects users to dramatically improve productivity and reduce costs

HALF MOON BAY, Calif. June 5, 2009 / PRNewswire/ Project Partners, LLC, the world's foremost experts in Enterprise Project Portfolio Management, today announced the new release of Project Partners User Interface Applications™ (UI-Apps™) that enable project managers to utilize Oracle® E-Business Suite Projects applications, online or offline using the familiar interface of Microsoft® Excel. UI-Apps reduce labor for initial training by 75% and ongoing labor for project plan updates by 61%.

UI-Apps deliver four primary benefits:

- Project manager productivity is improved by minimizing screen navigation; up to 20 Oracle screens are replaced with one role-based Excel worksheet
- Project managers can work in traditional online mode or can work off-line and synch with Oracle when next connected via the internet
- Quick implementation in four weeks or less means less business disruption
- Minimal training is required, resulting in immediate user adoption

“Our UI-Apps consist of pre-defined, role-based workbooks which are designed to specifically address the needs of users in the Professional Services and Engineering, Construction and Operations industries, and also are easily configurable as a solution for capital projects planning in any industry,” said Randy Egger, president of Project Partners. “We have developed a proprietary technology to enable bidirectional communication via XML from Excel to the standard Oracle Applications Server, to the Oracle database.”

Project Partners UI-Apps feature:

- Pre-packaged workbooks enabling WBS maintenance, workplan and progress updates, budget and forecast management, and summary cost reporting for project managers
- Pre-defined configuration options to manage functionality and customize the layout of workbooks
- Built-in extensibility using custom fields, pl/sql code, vb code
- The ability to combine different worksheets into a custom workbook, for example, combining separate budget and forecast worksheets
- UI-Apps Framework Designer™ which allows IT personnel to customize delivered workbooks or build new ones using the middle-tier XML metadata

Unlike other Excel based products offered to Oracle Applications customers, UI-Apps provide:

- A role-based solution oriented to project managers, not a tool oriented to IT users
- The ability to perform multiple Oracle Project Management functions in one workbook
- Preformatted worksheets and reports used by Project Managers for workplan and financial plan maintenance and resource reporting
- Automatic validation of key data from Oracle stored in hidden sheets and available for use whether working online or offline
- Worksheets with built-in business logic, e.g. data calculation and manipulation
- Extensive configurability for tailoring worksheets to different end-user communities

Online demonstrations of Project Partners User Interface Applications are available at:

<http://www.projectp.com/products/ui.php>

About Project Partners

Project Partners, LLC are the *Experts* in Enterprise Project Portfolio Management™ and offer consulting services and software products to project-driven firms. An Oracle Certified Partner, Primavera Technology Partner, Microsoft Partner and @Task Gold Partner, Project Partners has executed global Project Portfolio Management implementations for clients who manage tens of thousands of projects, thousands of users, and multiple languages and currencies. More information about Project Partners can be found at www.ProjectP.com

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