Should-cost management is becoming an essential capability for best-in-class supply chain and procurement organizations who desire to build a more efficient and data-driven organization.

The intelligence supplied by should-cost management can be a significant competitive advantage in supplier negotiations – and in the development and pricing of products and services. GEP NEXXE Should-Cost management provides greater visibility and understanding into the true costs required to produce a product or deliver a service.

GEP NEXXE Should-Cost Management

The GEP NEXXE Should-Cost Management solution provides the power to analyze and understand raw material, component and manufacturing cost drivers to help you achieve more accurate estimates, accelerate product development and unlock cost savings. Price and trend analysis capabilities provide real-time visibility into values for more accurate forecasting. When combined with its AI-based engine, the solution has capabilities to analyze existing prices, assess trends and market indices, and compare should-cost against actual costs.

The solution provides robust models that compare costs and indices over time and allow you to drill down into each element for granular visibility into cost drivers. The should-cost management solution integrates with GEP's sourcing solution to form a cost estimation workbench that allows for coordination between product engineering and sourcing.

RESULTS

Up to 20% cost reduction through favorable terms.

Key Features

- **Cost Models**: Multiple bottom-up, customizable cost models that provide breakdowns of cost into all key elements and include cost evolution and forecasts.
- **Cost Estimation Workbench**: One-stop center for multiple price points including bids, contracts, purchase orders, invoices and spend, to determine cost estimations and baseline prices before initiating a sourcing event or negotiation.
- **Multi-layered Breakdowns**: Flexible, multi-tiered, multi-layered cost-breakdown structures for products and services, giving complete visibility into cost drivers.
- **Parametric Cost Modeling**: Machine learning engine that predicts the cost of products and services with no prior purchase history or for New Product Initiatives (NPI) or launches.
- **Collaboration and Workflows**: Central point for collaboration across complex cost modeling process, and capability to configure and manage workflows to increase transparency and accountability.
- **Central Visibility**: A dashboard with a single, centralized view for all cost reference points.
- **Link to Live Indices**: Ability to link cost models linked with more than 20,000 live market indices.
- **Real-time Data**: Real-time automated updates to feed cost models.
- **Smart Alerts**: Pre-configured, customizable smart alerts.
- **Configurable Workflows**: Flexible, configurable approval workflows.
- **Seamless Integration**: Seamless integration of cost data and modelling to sourcing events.
Key Business Values

A Driving Force to Reduce Costs

Today, spend analysis is primarily a rear-view mirror exercise. By connecting should-cost management with spend analysis technology, companies can make spend management a more proactive endeavor.

If spend analysis identifies categories for potential spend savings based on raw spend and price, should-cost analysis identifies specific products and services for savings based on cost drivers and opportunities for cost savings.

Should-cost analysis, and the power of parametric modeling, can identify cost savings opportunities that previously would have taken months to discover.

Gain Leverage in Sourcing Events and Negotiations

The application of should-cost models provides supply chain and sourcing professionals with greater leverage in sourcing events and negotiations. It provides professionals with a greater understanding of what the best price should be according to a detailed cost breakdown and analysis.

With greater intelligence on what it costs to design, manufacture, produce and deliver a product or service, professionals can gain leverage in RFX events and negotiations with suppliers. Professionals, armed with deeper intelligence, can put the best, fair price in the RFX or on the negotiating table – and have the detailed information and insights to make their case for a price.

The more detailed and accurate a cost breakdown analysis is, the more value and leverage it brings in negotiations. Should-cost solutions provide historical price data, tie-ins to real time data including markets and price indices; pre-built, customizable cost models; and detailed cost breakdowns.

An accurate estimate of all cost drivers puts you in the strongest position for successful negotiation and partnership with suppliers.

Data Driven Decisions

Should-cost management technology provides a platform for cross-functional teams to collaborate on product costs in real-time through an effective process. Should-cost management technology supports better decisions across budgeting, sourcing, negotiation, new product/service development and long-range planning. It helps develop and support data-driven decision-making and drives greater confidence in those decisions.

Should-cost management is increasingly becoming an essential business imperative and capability – and the GEP NEXXE Should-Cost Management solution will put your organization on the path to success with improved spend and cost management, strengthened negotiating position, and a more data-driven organization.

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Dashboard: Cost Analysis

Comprehensive view of cost with real-time market trends

Cost Breakdown View

Detailed view of cost breakdown and cost drivers
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