



## **TechnologyOne helps University of Hertfordshire devolve financial control while improving procurement processes**

*One university's migration from its legacy system to a more modern software solution has seen the organisation's 30 departments control spending more efficiently through enhanced visibility.*

[TechnologyOne](#), a leading enterprise software application provider, has announced that the University of Hertfordshire has switched to TechnologyOne software to help more than 30 departments gain more control and visibility across budgets, resources and procurement.

Following a strategic decision to replace its legacy ERP software, the University undertook to deploy a suite of new, highly integrated software solutions covering key financial, human resources, payroll and student management functions.

Following a formal tendering and evaluation process in 2008, the University selected TechnologyOne for the finance solution based on its suitability to the University's key criteria.

University of Hertfordshire Chief Technology Officer David Ford said universities are highly devolved environments and it is vital departments are able to manage their own budgets while still following centralised processes.

"Another important aspect for the organisation was an intuitive interface," Dr Ford said.

"We needed an application that was easy to use with minimal training and able to provide a consistent set of processes."

Following a rapid nine-month implementation project supported by a team from TechnologyOne, the new system went live in August 2009. Over the last 18 months, the University has seen benefits in several areas.

"The TechnologyOne system has helped us to introduce more efficient online processes, support devolved financial management at the departmental level while also allowing us to centrally manage the software and sustain consistency and controls around the procurement process," explains Ford.

The University is now working closely with TechnologyOne to implement a group purchasing system to streamline the e-procurement of commodity items at lower costs from approved suppliers.

"Overall, it has been a very positive project for the University that will deliver cost and efficiency benefits into the future while providing us with a modern platform to support new innovative systems," Ford concludes.