

ERP Checklist

What an ERP Can Do for Your Business
(And What You Need to Do to Prepare)



If you're a building service or security contractor, you face many business challenges.



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Often, a software solution like an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system can help alleviate, or even eliminate, those challenges. An ERP system is a business management solution, or integrated suite of software products, that brings together data from across core organizational business units to save time, money and other resources.

So, what exactly can an ERP do for your business? Here's a brief checklist to give you the gist.



It can help you reach your organizational goals and position your business for growth...

...but first, you'll need:

- A clear corporate strategy and objectives.
- An audit of your business needs.
- Buy-in from employees from the C-Suite through field-based workers.



It can pay for itself over time...

...but first you'll need:

- Investment up front of time and money.
- A budget that factors in not only current costs, but the following:
 - The cost of implementation itself
 - Licensing fees for users
 - Infrastructure and technology upgrades
 - Ongoing maintenance
 - Training needs
 - Customizations to evolve your solution beyond "out-of-the-box" features
- Realistic expectations on ROI: It won't happen overnight. In fact, just implementing an ERP can take up to 18 months*. For some it can take 2-4 years to recoup the costs of the initial investment**.

It can evolve with your business...



...but first you'll need to:

- Evaluate how you can better leverage existing technology.
- Move beyond the core business processes.
- Consider third-party integrations.

It can bring immeasurable value to your business...



...because with an ERP you get:

- Readily available information
- Increased interaction and integration
- Improved data reliability
- Improved productivity and efficiency
- Better informed decision-making
- Reduced duplication of efforts
- Compliance controls
- Automated processes
- Real-time data
- Cost controls

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