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AMS Advantage Upgrade Starter Kit

Business benefits

“The Upgrade Starter Kit approach allowed the City of Rockville to achieve its goals of a lower cost and lower risk AMS Advantage 3 implementation. In the process, it enhanced our organizational knowledge by allowing staff to take the lead role in completely managing the upgrade project tasks.”

*—Tim Peiffer, Director of Finance,
City of Rockville, Maryland*

- Achieve lower cost—up to a 50% reduction in CGI consulting hours
- Realize lower risk by incorporating your organizational processes into the solution
- Benefit from enhanced functionality and modern technology by leveraging your original AMS Advantage investment
- Reduce training costs and ease transition—many concepts from AMS Advantage 2 have been retained within AMS Advantage 3
- Control consulting hours—you choose from a menu against a bundle of hours
- Transform your staff—knowledge transfer and retention is greater than from a traditional project
- Apply know-how immediately to support AMS Advantage
- Access proven tools with the same analysis and conversion tools used by all upgrade projects

The tools for a low-cost, low-risk upgrade to AMS Advantage 3

Are you ready for the enhanced functionality and new technology available through AMS Advantage® 3 but are challenged by budget constraints? CGI is committed to providing you with a lower cost, lower risk upgrade alternative.

The Upgrade Starter Kit is a comprehensive set of analysis and conversion tools and templates that capture the best of CGI practices and project success from over 30 AMS Advantage 3 upgrade projects. The kit includes the approach, process, learning, tools and consulting hours you need to achieve your upgrade goals.

Unlike traditional implementation projects, this upgrade approach puts you in control, allowing you and your team to drive critical upgrade activities. While CGI consultants serve to guide and assist you, the kit lets you directly incorporate your organizational business processes into the web-based AMS Advantage 3 solution.

The result? Clients benefit from deep functional and technical knowledge transferred from CGI and retained within the organization. This level of expertise far exceeds the knowledge gained from a traditional implementation project and can be applied immediately to the use and maintenance of your new modern system.

Just ask the City of Rockville.

The City of Rockville, which serves more than 57,000 residents, employs more than 1,225 staff, and has a budget of \$50.96 million, has been a member of the AMS Advantage community since 1987. The city’s vision for future growth required the performance improvements and functionality enhancements available in AMS Advantage 3, including a flexible chart of accounts, budget drill down capabilities, modern technology, and automated workflow.

The city recognized their budgetary limitations and opted to avoid a traditional implementation approach by taking the lead with the Upgrade Starter Kit. Their meticulous planning and dedicated project team formed a strong foundation for success. Cost savings translated to almost half of the initially budgeted consulting hours—an additional success touted by the city council. The city’s project team and employees applauded the added benefit of maximum knowledge transfer through their ownership of the project.

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CGI's AMS Advantage Program is committed to improving the business of government by providing a comprehensive, proven approach that helps our clients achieve their goals for advanced functionality and modern technology through a lower cost, lower risk alternative. Features of the Upgrade Starter Kit include:

Framework	eLearning	CGI consulting hours	Conversion	Additional services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation guide • Upgrade overview • Upgrade steps • "How to" examples • Analysis map from AMS Advantage 2 to 3 • Phases that span planning, envisioning, building and achieving post-implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning forum • Technology-based learning • Self study • Getting started • General tracks • Baseline for user training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,000 hours of CGI consulting with a menu of options • Hardware sizing • Software installation • User community training • Security • Workflow • Reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pervasive Data Integrator (PDI) license for data migration • Conversion script kit • Third-party bundle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance tuning • Supplemental training • Supplemental consulting • Advantage 2 environment hosting to focus on upgrade project • Platinum Support and maintenance

Is the Upgrade Starter Kit right for your organization?

- Are you a small- to medium-sized organization?
- Do you require a "vanilla" implementation with little or no customization?
- Do you have a dedicated, full-time project manager?
- Do you have a dedicated, full-time project team?
- Do you have a dedicated project team with functional, technical, and process expertise?
- Do you have a dedicated project team with extensive knowledge of AMS Advantage 2, perhaps even from the original implementation?
- Do you have a dedicated project team empowered to make the necessary decisions to keep the project on track?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then the Upgrade Starter Kit's approach may be the solution you need to upgrade your organization to AMS Advantage 3.

Company profile

At CGI, we're in the business of satisfying clients. For 30 years, we've operated upon the principles of sharing in clients' challenges and delivering quality services to solve them. A leading IT and business process services provider, CGI has approximately 25,000 professionals operating in 100+ worldwide offices.

Through our leading ERP suite, AMS Advantage, CGI is pleased to have helped 190+ state and local organizations better serve 90+ million citizens. Designed exclusively to support the business of government, CGI's AMS Advantage solution allows clients to improve operational efficiencies, constituent services and performance— all while reducing costs.

To begin enjoying the benefits of AMS Advantage 3's advanced functionality and modern technology, contact CGI at (800) 321-0267.

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