City of Detroit Selects Oracle Cloud ERP and AST Corporation

First-ever Oracle ERP Cloud implementation in the public sector

Naperville, IL November 15, 2014: The City of Detroit has decided to transform their City business processes by replacing their existing ERP solution with Oracle Cloud ERP and has selected AST Corporation as their implementation partner for this dynamic project. This decision supports the planned overhaul of the City's IT systems and is a pillar of their efforts to improve their overall IT infrastructure as well as enhance citizen services.

This will be the first implementation of Oracle's Cloud ERP solution in the public sector industry in the United States.   The Oracle Cloud solution will provide the City with the ability to implement standardized leading-practices throughout their Departments.   The product set includes tools to manage Financials, Procurement, Planning & Budgeting and Grants.

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About the City of Detroit

Detroit is the most populous city in Michigan, is the largest city on the border between the US and Canada, and is a major seaport on the Detroit River. Detroit is a center for business, culture, finance and transportation in the Metro Detroit area, a region of 5.2 million people. Known as the world's traditional automotive center, "Detroit" is a metonym for the American automobile industry. It is also an important source of popular music legacies celebrated by the city's two familiar nicknames, the Motor City and Motown.

Following a significant population decline in the early 2000's, the City has increased their role as an entertainment destination in the 21st century, with the opening of three casinos, new sports stadiums, and a riverfront revitalization project.

The Michigan governor declared a financial emergency in March 2013, appointing an emergency manager for the city. On July 18, 2013, Detroit filed the largest municipal bankruptcy case in U.S. history and was declared bankrupt on December 3, 2013. On November 7, 2014, the city's bankruptcy plan was approved, allowing the city to begin the process of exiting bankruptcy. The City of Detroit will successfully leave municipal bankruptcy with all finances handed back to the city beginning at midnight on December 11, 2014.

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