



Founded in 1948, Grand Isle Shipyard (GISY) is one of the leading diversified construction service providers in the Gulf of Mexico. With over 2,400 employees and 13 facilities, having a streamlined approach to timesheets and approval is critical to keep costs down and ensure greater visibility within the organization.

While GISY used a powerful ERP, Microsoft Dynamics Great Plains (GP), many of the tasks still needed to be completed manually. However, manual time-entry and verification for its thousands of employees were extremely inefficient and time-consuming, especially for an accounting team processing timesheets on a weekly basis.

GISY was looking for a scalable automation solution that seamlessly integrated with Microsoft Dynamics GP's Project Accounting module and could map to customized fields.

 **500+**

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES



ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

THE PROBLEM

The difficulty in accurate timesheet management

As a large energy company with thousands of employees, the accounting system should be a well-oiled machine. When looking at time-tracking, the accounting team needed a way to better view and process hourly work. Furthermore, timesheets needed to be entered accurately, as correcting them later was time-consuming and expensive.

Approvals, in particular, can be tedious, with managers needing to review the documentation before it enters the ERP system. In some cases, it may be required to redirect timesheets to other department managers as well.

With an integrated timesheets application, the team would be able to automatically log hours within their system. Ideally, they would also be able to customize their timesheets to make the approval process faster within Microsoft Dynamics GP.

With its fast and easy-to-use integration, Gorilla Expense quickly became the chosen software at GISY.

KEY BENEFITS



Seamless Dynamic GP PA Integration



Intuitive & Easy to Use



Limit Access to Assigned Projects



Efficient Approval Process



Quick Go-Live



Scalable Solution Across Multiple Entities

THE SOLUTION

Automating customized and scalable timesheets

Once the GISY team experienced the Gorilla Expense demo in December 2020, they were impressed with how the integration seamlessly worked with Microsoft Dynamics GP's Project Accounting Module. It was exactly the kind of solution they were looking for.

In addition to mapping out their integration, Gorilla Expense customized the automation process for Timesheets to match GISY's needs. The company was live within two months, by February 2021.

With the rapid integration completed, GISY could continue to roll out software changes across the organization, which consists of three companies. Currently, one company is fully onboarded, and the second will be completed by 2023, if not sooner. They now have 530 active users licensed to Microsoft Dynamics GP.

Gorilla Expense's part in the integration didn't just save time in the short term. GISY employees have found the program more intuitive and easier to use, meaning that they could spend more time on high-value tasks.

Through limiting projects and codes that could be used, as well as automating the timesheet process, the increased processing speed and accuracy has saved the administrative staff time and money.

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Gorilla Expense has met or exceeded every schedule that we've had, and answered every question immediately. Our employees are thrilled to be done with Excel timesheets and they appreciate being able to see their time has been approved. They no longer have to contact anyone to make sure their time has got into Dynamics GP.



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