



SLIMS preferred tenderer, Technology One, to proceed to Fit Gap Analysis

Welcome to our latest newsletter.

A preferred tenderer, Technology One, has been selected for the SLIMS Project to proceed to the Fit Gap Analysis stage which will commence in late October.

The Fit Gap Analysis is the last stage of the Tender Evaluation process. The analysis will produce a clear understanding of any functional gaps and how they may be filled. A detailed implementation project strategy and schedule will also be produced for consideration.

The SLIMS Project Team and Technology One consultants will run workshops with students and University staff from business units, faculties and schools, and systems areas to look in detail at all functional areas across the student lifecycle.

At the conclusion of the Fit Gap Analysis stage a recommendation will be made on whether the preferred tenderer's software should be purchased and implemented as the SLIMS solution.

What have we achieved?

The Tender Evaluation assessment began in January this year with the creation of the business and technical requirement documents. The business requirements were produced from business mapping undertaken with managers and operational staff in business units. Further consultations with academic and general staff from faculties and schools across the University rounded the requirements. The technical requirements were produced through mapping and consultation with technical staff. These requirements formed the core of the Request for Tender.

The tender closed on the 4th June and all applications received were given an initial assessment against the Conditions of Tender. The tenderers that met the prescribed conditions were assessed and a shortlist was created. The shortlisted tenderers were then invited to provide a presentation of their products to be assessed by business and technical teams selected from University staff with specific areas of expertise and/or previous participation with the SLIMS Project.

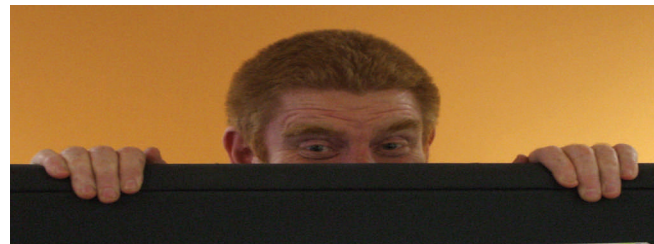
The presentations were held in July and the data collected from assessments of the tenderers' products were used to form part of the evaluation process to select the preferred tenderer. Reports from site visits to other interstate higher education providers using these products were also taken into consideration to assist in the selection of the preferred tenderer.

Thank you

The SLIMS Team would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who has assisted us in getting to the current stage of the Project and look forward to continuing to work together over the coming months. In particular assistance of staff from the following areas was appreciated: business units, schools and faculties who assisted in the business mapping and assessing, ITR staff who assisted with the technical requirements and videoconferencing, the Legal Office who provided training for staff in probity, and Riawunna, who allowed us to use their meeting room to hold the tenderers' presentations.

Do you have questions you want answered?
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Staff Profile



Just who is Stephen Bugg?

Trust me, you would know him if you saw him – 6 foot 2 with ginger hair; a man who can discourse with equal authority (if varying passion) on the lineage of English kings, the performance of the Australian cricket team and the relative merits of Oracle Reports vs Oracle Application Express as method of data presentation.

But what can Buggsy do for SLIMS, I hear you cry?

In his twenty three years with the University of Tasmania, he has been a key member of the Information Technology Resources team and occasional manager of the Management Information Systems group. Over these years he has worked on many of the University's core systems, and knows not only how these systems hang together but also how they support the business of being a higher education provider.

A perfect candidate for a project looking to replace a system that touches almost every corner of the University and seeks to support the EDGE2 objectives of distinctiveness and excellence.

In fact, Buggsy has been involved with SLIMS since its very beginnings. He has journeyed far and wide in search of best practice in student information systems and returned with tall tales, useful contacts and valuable insights that have guided the project team on their way. He continues to provide not just technical leadership but an ongoing focus on using the technical to support business.

Perhaps even more importantly, his seemingly unflappable demeanour and well-developed sense of humour can anchor the project team to the real world when project matters threaten to overwhelm.

Mind you ... the beer helps too.

Written by Bernie Catney

Welcome to new Project Team Members

Bernie Catney - Senior Project Officer - Business
Helen Watt - Project Officer - Business
Hannah Lancaster - Project Officer
Derek Klerck - Senior Project Officer
Michael Kremic - Project Officer - Systems Support

What is SLIMS?

Student Lifecycle Information Management & Services.

This project has been established to review and re-engineer academic administrative processes and systems supporting student information management and academic services.