CFO - Request for Information - Budgeting Software

Question from Northwest Territories/Nunavut: What are people using for business budgeting software and what is the level of satisfaction with the product(s) if applicable?

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AB	Our budgeting system is made up of Excel spreadsheets. We provide each department with a template to fill out. Then, we upload the results into our G/L for reporting purposes. Although it does serve our purposes, we have a project underway to evaluate our home grown solution and determine whether to enhance it or replace it. That decision is expected in early fall.
BC	In B.C., we don't use business budgeting software.
MB	We use Excel to do our budgeting and budget/actual reporting. And, actually, prior to my joining the WCB 10 years ago, I used excel at Red River College as well. What I have found is that any budgeting software I looked at had several drawbacks mostly in the area of reporting on staff positions. I should also point out that the excel system we use is very sophisticated. The budget manager is extremely knowledgeable in excel and has created dynamic reports, complete with uploads from our financial system, etc. etc. Our internally created budgeting system allows for staff to input their budgets and upload them to a secure/confidential area where the budget manager is able to consolidate the information into the WCB total budget. The budget manager is then able to create several reports to allow financial analysis and eventual presentation to our Budget Committee and to the Board of Directors. I have often commented that he should patent his creation
NB	We use a combination of Microsoft Access and our financial reporting software which is called FRx. It is part of our Epicor financial software suite. It works quite well for us. No major issues and users seem satisfied.
NL	

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NS	The WCB of Nova Scotia utilizes a variety of Excel Spreadsheets for budgeting purposes. On a monthly basis we have established templates in excel that captures budget and actual information at the cost center / departmental levels. The actual information is downloaded from the financial reporter (print financial statements / statement designer) functions in ACCPAC. By having to download into excel this is somewhat inefficient as it adds a layer of steps to the reporting process. On an annual basis, the budget is built in excel. The ACCPAC program permits us to accurately record and report; however, it is somewhat cumbersome to export into financial statements and budgeting reports. A cost benefit trade off. We plan to look at options in the next couple of years. We would be interested to know how others respond.
NT/NU	
ON	
PE	We don't have a package business budgeting software package. We recently develop a small visual basic application for staff salary budgeting and forecasting. We primarily work with spreadsheet to do budget planning and forecasting.
QC	In Quebec we use an in-house system developed about 15 years ago.
SK	
YT	We use excel spreadsheets.