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Business Intelligence

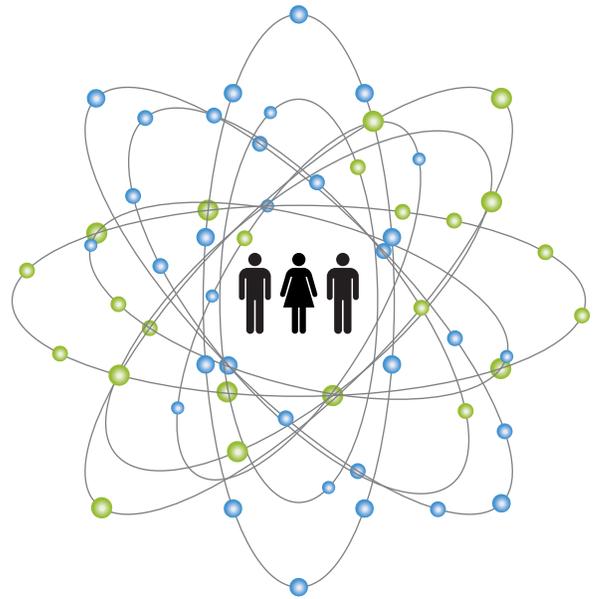
Know where you are going

Know how to get there

Know your weaknesses

Know how to adjust

Know when you are there



Know when it is time to reach higher...

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Are you getting the very best results from your improvement programs?

SixNet Business Intelligence enables your organization to complete more improvement projects in a shorter period of time with better success by providing:

- Road maps with tools and templates for your project leaders
- Virtual management across all projects
- Capture and publishing best practices
- Aligning the impacts of all projects to strategic initiatives
- Virtually linking all team members
- Using SixNet had immediate returns and lasting results for your organization.

SixNet Features

SixNet Intelligence System delivers five integrated components in a web-based portal that supply the flexibility and control to meet your company's changing requirements:



Features

Deployment Management

- Do more with less by balancing resources against business priorities keeping returns high and costs low.
- Reduce the risk of costly deployment errors through escalating system alerts.
- Simplify complicated and time consuming deployment management activities.
- Assemble and analyze distant pieces of information scattered throughout the organization.
- Meet corporate governance while maintaining local independence.
- Provide leadership with at-a-glance reporting on both financial and non-financial measures.

Project Tracking

- Increase individual productivity and the quality/consistency of work.
- Template driven approach provides less experienced team members the proficiency of veteran practitioners.
- Establishes discipline throughout the project lifecycle.
- Reduce cycle times with real-time data visibility.
- Remove data collection non-value added time.

Corporate Alignment

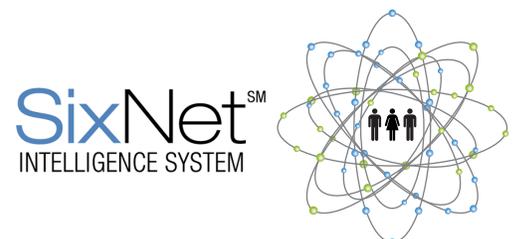
- Build a shared and consistent organizational focus driving performance improvement programs towards common corporate goals.
- Align project selection & prioritization with the performance of your strategic goals and objectives.
- Aligned project impact with corporate strategy to maximize return on investment.
- Report project impact alongside corporate strategy.
- Achieve desired results via a reciprocal sense of commitment from staff through to corporate leadership.

Knowledge Management

- Locate, harvest, and share knowledge between individuals and teams to enhance organizational performance.
- Eliminate duplication of effort, leveraging best practices, saving time and increasing success.
- Replicate best practices throughout the whole organization.
- A central repository for all performance improvement knowledge.

Virtual Teams

- Reduce travel expenses while increasing project communication.
- Build teams based on competencies not physical locations.
- Increase quality of life with increasing productivity.
- Reduce project cycle times by removing scheduling conflicts.



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Eight Key Benefits SixNet Delivers

Using SixNet offers immediate returns and lasting results for your organization.

1. Build Executive Commitment
Report alignment of programs to corporate goals and objectives
2. Replicate Best Practices
Capture knowledge to use throughout your organization
3. Track Your Projects Enterprise-Wide
Track all corporate-wide improvement programs within a single system
4. Delight Your Users
User friendly interface ensures high usage
5. Fast, Easy Implementation
No customization; ready to use in 48 hours
6. One Global Application
Web-based, multi-language, multi-currency application
7. Complete Management System
Easily manage complex improvement programs
8. IT Friendly
Completely secure; integrates with existing systems and no software required

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Benefits

1. Build Executive Commitment

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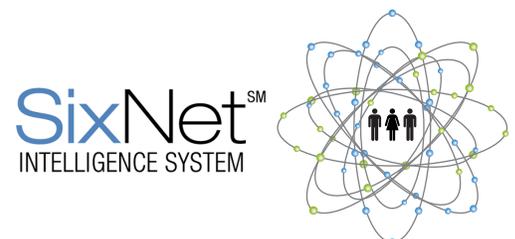
Strong executive commitment is of paramount importance when implementing any performance improvement program. SixNet ensures leadership commitment by aligning and reporting results using your current corporate measures and strategic initiatives.

One of the critical success factors associated with any performance improvement program is a strong commitment from the leadership team. Experience has shown, that although executives usually support improvement programs, they rarely are actively engaged to help drive success. We have found that this disconnect is primarily driven from poor communication.

Your leadership team has grown into their roles as a result of a long track record of success. They spend much of their time, developing specific strategic initiatives for your organization and then driving those initiatives from a measurable set of metrics. Performance improvement programs have rarely aligned themselves to these metrics and rarely report results in the fashion in which leadership evaluates the business.

To actively engage your leadership team, you must report performance improvement activities as aligned to corporate strategy. You cannot expect your leadership to adapt to your way of thinking until you manage your deployment across the same key measures they use to manage the company. This involves linking to activities such as balanced scorecard, and strategic initiatives to capture the commitment from your leadership team.

SixNet is the only deployment management and project management tool that integrates business intelligence within its reporting portal, enabling direct integration to your executive objectives and measures. Reports and dashboards are easily created giving executives the instantaneous knowledge of the impact performance improvement efforts are having on their core business processes. Using these built-in features you'll be able to report your program results in any format real-time and thereby capture the attention and gain commitment from your leadership team.



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2. Replicate Best Practices

Capture knowledge and use throughout organization

Having a way to capture best practices and then replicate them throughout the organization results in faster completion of projects and a higher return on investment. SixNet logically stores all projects, allowing employees to conduct full text searches on the projects and attachments to replicate them within their area of responsibility. As projects are completed, configured e-mail messages are produced and sent to key leaders, who are likely to value from a similar project.

Nobody wants to spend time “reinventing the wheel”, but organizations do it time and time again. A successful performance improvement project starts by gathering data about the existing process and determining the desired outcome. After working with companies around the globe, we are constantly reminded how many different parts of the same organization are trying to solve the same issues. Unfortunately in most companies today there is no easy way to view other projects that have been implemented to address the problem that your organization is currently trying to fix. Dedicating a team to correct a problem twice prevents you from competing effectively in the marketplace.

SixNet provides a logical format in which to store all the data and attached files associated with all performance improvement projects. This information is completely searchable to allow you to mine information that guides future projects. In addition to making this data readily available, SixNet provides tools to replicate project successes across multiple constituencies within your organization, that are identified as likely to benefit from replication.

The knowledge repository contained within SixNet guides your performance improvement leaders to complete projects with shorter cycle times and with proven results. This approach, not only shortens the time to realize the associated benefits of the project, but also reduces the cost of implementation and provides a higher success percentage.

The unique information search capabilities, best practice sharing, and project replication tools built within SixNet provides your organization are unparalleled in the market. Properly tapping this knowledge creates sustained measurable results.

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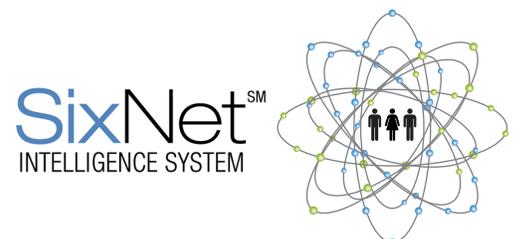
3. Track Projects Enterprise-wide

Track all corporate-wide improvement programs within a single system.

All companies have a variety of unconnected improvement activities being implemented at any point in time. SixNet enables any performance improvement program to be tracked within a single system providing guidance and templates to all of your users. This includes programs such as: Lean, Six Sigma, Sarbanes Oxley, Merger & Acquisition, DFSS, Capital Improvement, Engineering, New Product Development and IT.

SixNet is an Operational Excellence Intelligence System that provides deployment management, knowledge management and project tracking for all performance improvement programs across your Enterprise. SixNet is designed to provide fully configurable methodologies and templates that will ensure common reporting across all your programs. The visibility provided by SixNet's Business Intelligence reporting module will ensure that critical decisions are made with the full knowledge of the impacts those decisions will bring to your programs.

SixNet allows your Administrator to create new methodologies, phases within those methodologies, tasks within those phases and pre-attach deliverables or tool templates to those tasks. This provides SixNet an unlimited capability for adding and changing methodologies to support all forms of process methodologies. All changes to methodologies are made without needing any programming changes or access to the underlying database. This extends the value of the system beyond simply performance improvement team into multiple areas of the business including compliance, mergers & acquisitions and development.



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4. Delight Your Users

User friendly interface ensure high usage

Having the best project tracking tool in the world provides no value, unless it's used. SixNet has been developed with direct input from over 40 clients. This voice of the customer input has built a system that users find simple to navigate and realize immediate value. This logical flow ensures fast adoption by your team.

Tools that provide your project teams with productivity enhancements must be intuitive, easy to use and provide real benefits to the users to ensure success. SixNet provides fully configurable methodology roadmaps for your current and future needs with deliverables, tools and templates pre-attached directly to each individual task.

In order to ensure uncomplicated adoption by your users most functions within SixNet are accessible from the main screen via just one or two clicks. The layout of the screens utilizes tabs to ensure that the screen does not become overly long. As users navigate through the screens, feedback is provided to show where they are and what options are available to them. Context sensitive help is provided on all screens, along with "live help" available by clicking on the icon. These capabilities ensure that any required user support is immediately available. All reports within the system automatically support a drill through capability to access the underlying data along with filter, sort and grouping capabilities.

5. Fast Easy Implementation

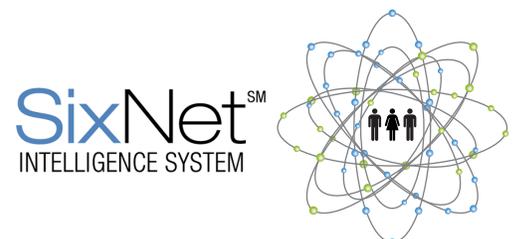
No customization, ready to use in 48 hours

Expensive customization not only drives cost up while slowing implementation, it also creates significant problems associated with future upgrades and enhancements. SixNet has been developed from the ground up using a Microsoft .Net platform to be completely configurable by customers. This results in a system that is immediately ready to use in only 48 hours. SixNet is easily aligned to your approach to performance improvement. SixNet molds around your business, and will evolve as your business needs grow.

Having deployed SixNet with some of the largest companies in the world, we have the experience to ensure that the implementation of SixNet, the administrators training, the train-the-trainer and user training is all planned out and seamlessly executed. Implementation time for SixNet can be as brief as 48 hours. As the initial roll-out of training is a critical milestone for successful integration of SixNet into your deployment a dedicated product manager coordinates the entire implementation. We have successfully implemented many SixNet sites and can easily make any configuration changes to SixNet during the initial set-up and administrators training to best meet your requirements.

SixNet, fully utilizing the considerable benefits of a Microsoft.Net development environment, has been programmed from the ground up to provide clients complete control of the configuration of the SixNet system through standard administration screens. All commonly used features within the application can be configured by the client via the administration menus. Examples are: methodologies, phases, tasks and deliverables templates; financial hierarchies; organizational structure; key initiatives, core processes; public dashboards/reports; user roles and permissions; menu navigation and user profiles. Where specific customization is required for an individual customer, the customization is incorporated into our source code. This ensures that SixNet is always fully supported and any new functionality or bug fixes are always available to all customers. This guarantees that our customers always have access to the latest functions and features.

In cases where customization is required to meet your unique business requirements the benefits of Microsoft.Net combined with a single SixNet code base across all SixNet versions ensures that your SixNet system will be ready quickly without compromising your ability to take advantage of version upgrades for the life of the product.



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6. One Global Application

Web-based, multi-language, multi-currency application

In our global economy team members need to participate on performance improvement programs regardless of geography. SixNet's web-based application configures to local usage by dynamic translation into local language and currency. This creates global acceptance of a single system by providing real-time data to anyone from anywhere in the world and reduces the challenges faced by non-English-speaking users.

Our global diversity of clients and services provides us both economic stability and deep pools of real life experience. For this reason SixNet is designed to run as a web application through the use of a standard web browser. The entire application has been designed and developed specifically to support internationalization and localization. Text is translated in real-time before each screen is displayed. This enables SixNet to support any language requirements. Which language is displayed is based on the individual user computer language settings. Since we know, the users of SixNet are distributed throughout most time zones throughout the world; all time and date values are stored as GMT and are dynamically translated for display in the user's browser. The selection of the time and date that is displayed is automatically based on the computer's time zone settings. In addition to both language and time, SixNet has the ability to dynamically generate financial reports in different currencies.

Successful adoption of improvement programs among groups where English is not the first language is critical to the adoption of performance improvement methodologies within a global organization. SixNet is fully globalized to support multiple languages without modification. SixNet automatically detects the user's default language from the user's computer settings and translates the user interface to match the language settings of the user's computer. The system supports all 70 standard languages including Kanji character sets.

Benefits

7. Complete Management System

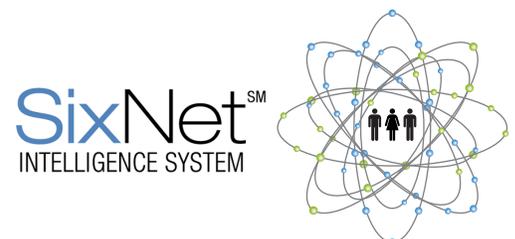
Easily manage complex improvement programs

Managing all the moving pieces of performance improvement program is a daunting task. SixNet removes complexity, providing the tools you need to plan rather than react to changes, schedules, resources, communications and reduce the risk associated with your improvement program.

SixNet is a fully integrated solution that incorporates Deployment Management, Project Tracking, Knowledge Management, eLearning and Online Support into one consistent, easy to use, fully configurable application that can be accessed via a standard web-browser in multiple languages from anywhere in the world.

The combination of project pipeline, project alignment, resource assignment and toll-gate review process provides the required data collection capability while providing an efficient and beneficial environment for the project teams to work within. Utilizing the only data warehouse reporting solution of its kind for an application of this type, SixNet provides an unlimited reporting capability, fully configurable by users, integration of both public and private dashboards all accessible via a standard web-browser with no software installation required from your IT groups. Data Analysis provides you with the answers you need at an aggregate level with the ability to drill through the data to access the projects or resources that are providing the data. The performance of your business improvement program is displayed both graphically and tabular with full export, print, email and snapshot capabilities.

Detailed business intelligence reporting that allows you to mine your deployment data and identify a variety of aspects of performance improvement opportunities. SixNet provides a complete business intelligence reporting module, backed up by pre-configured deployment reports and ad-hoc reporting capabilities that will meet all your deployment needs. Easy to use global view of critical tasks, roadblocks, resource constraints and missed deadlines and deliverables. SixNet provides real time project management access across your entire deployment from anywhere in the world. Pro-active email notification will alert you to important events by pager or text message even when you are traveling.



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8. IT Friendly

Completely secure, integrates with existing systems and no software required.

Complete acceptance of any new application by your IT department is essential. SixNet provides an inexpensive high value program, with no concerns about incompatibility with your existing systems or with future version upgrades. Users log-on to a completely secure portal aligned to your requirements. This is accomplished without installing any software on user's computers and with no support required from your internal IT department. The combined strength of our technological architecture and the business value SixNet provides to your improvement program sets SixNet far above our competition.

Extensibility: SixNet has been designed and developed using Microsoft .Net. This is a common development platform for most corporate technology groups. This provides a known development platform for building extensions to SixNet. The Web-services already available within SixNet allow simple data transfer to back office systems.

Data Warehouse: As the only solution using a data warehouse, SixNet seamlessly integrates external data with your project tracking data to provide any manner of business intelligence reporting required without limitations. Additionally SixNet's data warehouse can be used to feed business intelligence reporting to corporate reporting solutions including Business Objects, and Cognos.

Technical Architecture: SixNet can be deployed as either a hosted system or as an installed application on your existing systems. As SixNet is a web based application which is designed and tested to run efficiently over slower internet connections and requires no client software installation, there will be no impact at all on the existing IT systems. SixNet is a fully HTML client browser application, all sessions are connectionless ensuring that performance is never compromised. All SixNet software is guaranteed defect free. Single sign-on is fully integrated using Active Directory or external LDAP authentication technologies, removing the need for SixNet users to remember multiple passwords.

Flexible Self-Configuring: SixNet is developed with the goal of providing all configuration capabilities through standard Administration configuration screens. Where specific customization is required for an individual customer, the customization is incorporated into our source code. This ensures that SixNet is always fully supported and any new functionality or bug fixes are always available to all customers. This guarantees that our customers always have access to the latest functions and features.

Extensible: With built in support for Sharepoint Services, SixNet can be easily extended using technologies common within corporate technology groups. Integration with SAP, PeopleSoft and Oracle are now completely accessible without requiring any custom development. This ensures forward compatibility with future SixNet versions, allowing you to take advantage of future functionality.