

CASE STUDY: SPEND ANALYSIS

PROCUREMENT LINCOLNSHIRE

Lincolnshire Category Analysis Tool (LCAT) is the cornerstone of a category management approach to regional procurement for the East Midlands.

Procurement Lincolnshire in the United Kingdom is a shared service partnership between eight local authorities in the East Midlands.

Together they spend more than £600 million a year on buying in goods and services.

The partnership aims to save taxpayers money by smarter procurement and efficiency savings on goods and services.

ISSUE:
**PROCUREMENT LINCOLNSHIRE
CHALLENGES**

- Develop a bespoke spend analysis platform
- Instant user friendly reports for senior management
- Identify millions of pounds in efficiency savings
- Reduce time taken to produce in depth analysis



**£3 MILLION
SAVING IN FIRST
YEAR**
for Procurement
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Procurement Lincolnshire chose QlikView as the dashboard solution for their custom-built spend analysis platform.

SOLUTION:

LINCOLNSHIRE CATEGORY ANALYSIS TOOL - POWERED BY QLIKVIEW

Previous attempts to analyse spend data had met with limited success.

But following a detailed appraisal the partnership decided to develop a customised spend analysis platform - Lincolnshire Category Analysis Tool (LCAT) - making full use internal data management skills and procurement expertise.

It has become the cornerstone in implementing a category management approach to procurement, and is now the focus of a regional implementation of a spend analysis system for the East Midlands.

The choice of a dashboard and Business Intelligence solution to access customised data mining reports for a more holistic view of the organisation's spend was a critical challenge for the success of the project.

Above all it needed to be user friendly to ensure buy-in at all levels across the partnership where different financial systems are in use.

Procurement Lincolnshire chose QlikView business intelligence software from QlickiT because it provides users with an extremely simple but powerful means to analyse data and identify value from it.

Using QlikView it is possible to slice and dice views around supplier, department and transaction including line item detail.

The tool shows supplier financials including credit/ contracting limit variations over time, supplier locality

and spend category. Upon opening the analysis application, it is immediately possible to see a spend dashboard for the partnership, including local/ national spend, spend distribution across local authorities, and contract renewal timelines with associated spend levels.

OUTCOMES:

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In the first financial year, Lincolnshire County Council generated savings of more than £3 million with the help of its new LCAT spend analysis platform

**£24 MILLION
SAVING**
forecast over five
years

“QlikView offers the ability to access, simply, up to date data that can be modelled

without any worries over the integrity of data and provides multiple reporting options all in a very user friendly way.”

Jason Jarvis
Head of Business Management
North Kesteven District Council

using QlikView. The estimated forecast savings from the project over the succeeding five years amounts to more than £24 million,

The new system has also saved Procurement Lincolnshire around £30k a year in reducing operating costs for reports and analysis, which means the partnership is getting significantly more business value for less investment.

PARTNER VIEW:

LINCOLNSHIRE CATEGORY ANALYSIS TOOL - POWERED BY QLIKVIEW

“Procurement Lincolnshire is a great example of what can be done with QlikView technology in this area to provide greater insight into purchasing activities. I'm pleased that our many years of experience across the Public Sector in Spend Analysis has contributed to such an unqualified success story” comments John Elliott, Managing Director, QlickiT.

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