



Questica Budget Proposal

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City of Breezy Point, MN

Dear David,

Questica Ltd. is thrilled with the possibility of partnering with the City of Breezy Point in its effort to transform the current budget development and management process. We welcome an opportunity to leverage over 25 years of success with similar sized customers across North America to help the City of Breezy Point:

- Transition from labor-intensive, unsupported on premise software to an efficient, comprehensive, cloud based budgeting and forecasting software system
- Enable City staff to more actively participate in a collaborative budgeting process remotely or in the office
- Better serve the planning team, finance staff, executive leadership and the community by facilitating analytics with up-to-date information presented in actionable reports, dashboards, and queries
- Budget more effectively for personnel, manage multiple scenarios and decision packages in a single system with a consistent, user-friendly user-interface

Questica proposes a Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) subscription of our industry leading multi-user Questica Budget solution and our professional services for implementation, integration, configuration, training, and post-implementation customer support. Questica is unique in providing a fully integrated solution offered with a consistent and well-organized user-interface that is purpose-built for budgeting in the public sector.

Simply put, Questica is THE most trusted budgeting solution provider by governments in North America. Some key considerations that set Questica apart include the following:

- **Full circle, end-to-end budgeting solutions:** Questica provides a single solution with modules and functionality to address your budgeting needs from start to finish. Per your requirements, we've provided a proposal that addresses your Operating and Personnel budgeting needs.
- **More configurable, less customizations:** Questica's 25 plus years in the government budgeting space means we've seen best practices across multiple budgeting approaches at hundreds of State and Local agencies and organizations. Rather than customize the platform for each approach, Questica builds in incremental best practices as configurable options, offering Questica customers the ability to replicate those processes without re-inventing the wheel. Ultimately, this leads to quicker, less costly, and more stable implementations for long-term ROI.
- **You are in control:** Questica Budget is designed for client-side administration, with security, reports, and workflow configurable at the admin user level. We also leverage a single tenant architecture, which means that each customer has a unique and segregated instance of our software, enabling the City to choose when to apply software updates, based on your convenience and schedule.
- **Singular focus and purpose built for government:** Questica Budget is not a generic "one-size-fits-all" solution, nor is it a "Swiss army knife" that proposes to do many things half-well. Instead, Questica Budget is a point solution that excels at enabling a collaborative budgeting process for state and local governments, and public agencies. Since our inception, we have been 100% focused on crafting best-in-class budgeting solutions for the public sector.
- **Right sized for you.** Questica is big enough to support your organization, yet nimble enough to remain agile. We currently have 130+ employees, which means we have the resources needed to support large-scale, complex implementations while remaining flexible to accommodate your unique requirements. We manage all aspects of our customer implementation, from kick-off to post-implementation support, exclusively with Questica employees.

We have an unmatched track record of success in implementing our solutions for government organizations and we stand firm in our **'getting it done right the first time'** mission. We look forward to continued conversations with your finance team and to demonstrating how Questica will provide unquestionable value and return on investment to the City of Breezy Point.

Sincerely,

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WHO WE ARE

For the past 25 years, Questica has partnered with public sector organizations to enable data-driven budgeting and decision-making, while increasing data accuracy and productivity and improving stakeholder trust. These organizations are modernizing their business processes using Questica's budgeting, performance, transparency, and engagement software solutions.



Questica is consistently recognized as one of the leading and most trusted budgeting software solutions:

- 2021 - 2019** As part of Euna Solutions (previously GTY Technology), recognized by Government Technology in their annual GovTech 100 Index which showcases the 100 leading companies serving state and local governments in unique, innovative, and effective ways.
- 2019** CV Magazine's Canadian Business Awards, "Best Cloud-Based Budgeting Software Solutions Provider."
- 2018** "10 most trusted public sector solution providers" by Insights Success magazine.

The Questica team is comprised of roughly 130+ technology experts, budget professionals and business specialists who have decades of experience working with local government. We in fact represent the largest group of budget software experts in North America dedicated to serving the public sector.



Euna Solutions is a leading provider of purpose-built, cloud-based solutions that power critical administrative functions and financial operations for the public sector. Formerly GTY Technology, Euna Solutions offers easy-to-use solutions for procurement, payments, grant management, budgeting, permitting and K-12 administration that are proven to increase operational efficiency, transparency, collaboration, and compliance. Euna Solutions is a trusted partner to more than 2,000 government and public sector organizations across North America, empowering digital transformation and streamlining business processes through a relationship-centered, service-focused approach. Euna propels public sector progress. To learn more, visit www.eunasolutions.com.

Our team understands the unique challenges that government organizations face when preparing, managing, and sharing the details of a budget, and we bring our collective years of experience to the City of Breezy Point project.

WHO USES QUESTICA BUDGET?

- ◆ City of Marshall, Minnesota
- ◆ Crow Wing County, Minnesota
- ◆ City of Seattle, Washington
- ◆ City of Blaine, Minnesota
- ◆ City of Plymouth, Minnesota
- ◆ City of Spokane, Washington
- ◆ Dodge County, Minnesota
- ◆ City of Waconia, Minnesota
- ◆ Wood County, Wisconsin
- ◆ City of La Vista, Nebraska
- ◆ Saline County, Kansas
- ◆ City of La Vista, Nebraska
- ◆ Town of Erie, Colorado
- ◆ City and County of Denver, Colorado
- ◆ City of Bellevue, Washington
- ◆ City of Lee's Summit, Missouri
- ◆ Larimer County, Colorado
- ◆ City of Southfield, Michigan
- ◆ City of Rock Springs, Wyoming
- ◆ Kansas City Area Transportation Authority (KCATA)

QUESTICA BUDGET CLIENT SUCCESS STORIES

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We have a lot more confidence in the data that's in and coming out of Questica. The security structure in Questica is much more robust and it's just a really good powerful system. Some of the things that hadn't ever worked correctly in the old system, we now have.



— **Laura Altizer**, Former Budget Performance Manager
City of High Point



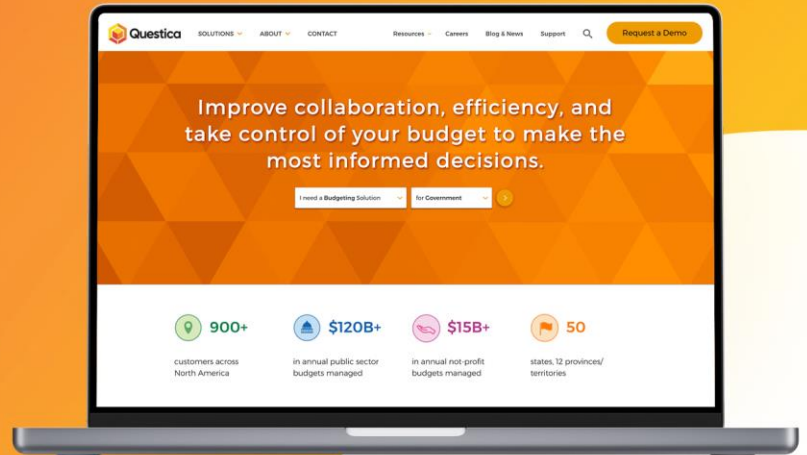
Questica's customer service and responsiveness are excellent.



— **Kelly Greunke**, Manager of Budget Operations
Office, City and County of Denver

ABOUT QUESTICA

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OUR MISSION

“We’re on a mission to simplify the complexities of public sector finance, empowering brilliance at every turn.”

—TJ Parass, Co-Founder of Questica



At Questica, our mission is to empower many to work together in a secure environment, to take control of their budget, and make informed decisions. For the past 25 years, Questica has partnered with public sector organizations to enable data-driven budgeting and decision-making, while increasing data accuracy and productivity and improving stakeholder trust. These organizations are modernizing their business processes using Questica’s budgeting, performance, transparency, and engagement software solutions.

OUR GOAL

Questica’s goal is to drive budget transformation by creating a single source of data truth. As a leader of budgeting preparation and management software since 1998, Questica partners with public sector organizations to better enable data-driven budgeting and decision-making, while increasing data accuracy, productivity and improving stakeholder trust.



Over 800 local and provincial governments, colleges, universities, K-12 schools, hospitals, healthcare facilities and non-profit organizations have eliminated spreadsheets using our budgeting, performance, transparency and engagement solutions. Across 50 states, and 12 provinces and territories, we’ve engineered custom budget solutions for public sector customers which seamlessly integrate with existing financial and other systems.

WHY CLIENTS CHOOSE US

We have an unmatched track record of success in implementing our solutions for government organizations and we stand firm in our ‘getting it done right the first time’ mission. We’ve integrated highly scalable solutions for public sector entities managing budgets of a few million, and other organizations multi-billion-dollar annual spending plans. Our team is comprised of technology experts, budget professionals and business specialists. We are passionate and friendly collaborators who enjoy teaming with our customers to find the right solution to meet their needs.



KEY BENEFITS OF QUESTICA



CLOUD-BASED

Questica Budget Suite is a cloud-based solution hosted on Questica's secure Microsoft Azure server. Cloud-based solutions enable clients to access their budget data online at any time and from any location. Hosting on single tenant architecture means your budget data is isolated from other clients', with the flexibility to choose when to upgrade to new versions of the product.

COLLABORATIVE

Budgeting is a people-centric process that requires communication and teamwork. The Questica Budget Suite is a collaborative platform that allows your budget managers to work with departments to prepare and manage budgets efficiently. We streamline budget access for financial and non-financial contributors; the result improves communication and expedites decision-making. This is particularly important if staff work remotely.



FUNCTIONALITY

Questica Budget is feature-rich and provides powerful functionality for greater control and visibility into budgets. With the tools to calculate, analyze, forecast, report on, and develop what-if scenarios for budgets, users gain deeper financial insights while creating budgets that last. With seamless integration for flow of data to the existing ERP, users can build budgets based on accurate, real-time financial information.

CONFIGURABILITY

Configurability means fewer requirements for customization. This will save time, resources, and complexity both in the initial implementation, and through ongoing use as upgrades and enhancements are released. The bottom line is a significantly lower cost of ownership over your lifetime use of our product.



FLEXIBILITY

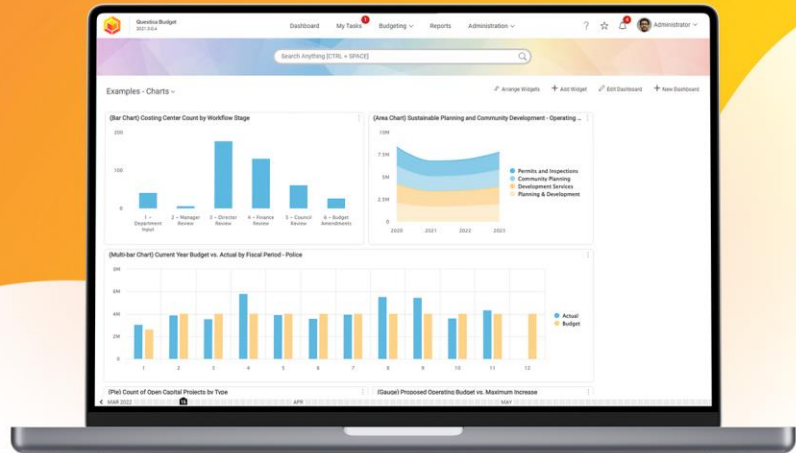
COVID-19 continues to challenge communities, heightening the need for local governments to make decisions quickly and accurately. Our product offers the capacity for multiple scenario models, for governments preparing for the future, and pivoting as plans change. When your plans shift, you don't want to be limited by manual data entry, spreadsheets, or an inflexible legacy system. Questica Budget adapts with you, adjusting to your new budget trajectory to reallocate funds or evaluate potential cost savings.

INNOVATION

Innovation at Questica is driven by feedback on existing product features, and the anticipated need for new features that accommodate new challenges. Questica's product strategy is based on feedback from our clients, all public sector organizations, and serves as a guiding star that directs our focus. From user forums to early adopter groups, Questica clients are with us every step of the way as we develop new features or improve the functionality of our product Suite.



QUESTICA BUDGET



OVERVIEW

The Questica Budget Suite is an end-to-end budgeting system that will help you manage the budgeting process with greater efficiency and accuracy. We are confident that our budget system is the right application for your needs, providing powerful features that support ongoing budget development and reveal key budget insights that may have been hidden in a spreadsheet.

OPERATING MODULE

Questica Budget is designed for non-finance department and non-technical users to prepare and maintain their budgets directly in the system. Budgets can be categorized on an organizational basis where cost centers roll-up into their respective departments and divisions and can also be categorized on a fund basis where cost centers roll-up into their particular funds and fund categories. Cost centers can easily be moved from one department and division to another, as well as from one fund to the next. Additional hierarchical structures can be configured as needed.

2021 - 2861 - Pump Station 1 Main (Active)									
Account Summary									
	2019 Actual	2019 Budge.	2019 Variance	2020 Actual	2020 Budge.	2020 Variance	2021 Actual	2021 Variance	2022
GL Account Type Revenues	1,451.33		1,451.33	981.87		981.87	67,200.00	47,000.00	47,940.00
3056 - User Fees - Drainage	1,451.33		1,451.33	981.87		981.87			
3274 - Miscellaneous Fees							67,200.00	47,000.00	47,940.00
3923 - Financial Stability Reserve									
GL Account Type Expenses	(1,952,272.31)	(1,838,691.45)	(113,580.86)	(1,309,765.26)	(2,201,314.77)	891,549.51	2,183,490.47	(2,183,490.47)	(2,081,138.43)
4103 - Benefits	351,133.56	30,000.00	321,133.56	332,168.64	349,249.77	(17,181.13)	(393,230.96)	349,230.96	402,363.16
4008 - Salaries - Pump Technician	1,554,452.85	1,511,482.45	42,970.40	1,472,129.66	1,545,241.00	(73,111.34)	(1,350,178.41)	1,350,178.41	1,386,464.92
4094 - Retirements	3,200.00		3,200.00						
9211 - WQ Regular Time	113.93		113.93	148.38		148.38			
9201 - WQ Outside Purchases	6.70		6.70	35,043.27		35,043.27			
9111 - WQ Inside Equipment Rentals	3.04		3.04	117.27		117.27			
4070 - Overtime	8.12		8.12	86.39		86.39			
4014 - Salaries - Outside							(6,492.70)	6,492.70	6,655.87
4116 - Conferences/Travel							(7,000.00)	12,000.00	
4384 - Cable							(1,240.00)	1,340.00	1,264.80
4386 - Water							(700.00)	700.00	714.00
4072 - Insurance							(140,000.00)	140,000.00	110,724.00
4021 - Repairs and Maintenance							(102,570.00)	102,570.00	102,911.40
9211 - WQ Inventory Purchases				9.72		9.72			
9024 - Wash Order Revenues				(68,846.26)		(68,846.26)			
4024 - Recovery	(1,190.00)		(1,190.00)	(27,727.00)		(27,727.00)			
4014 - Miscellaneous	348.27	2,000.00	(1,651.73)	116.47	2,000.00	(1,883.53)	(2,000.00)	2,000.00	(2,040.00)
4384 - Telecommunications	702.80	4,000.00	(3,297.20)	833.20	4,700.00	(4,866.80)	(8,734.00)	6,734.00	8,929.00
4154 - Recovery - HCB	(4,891.51)		(4,891.51)	(6,612.40)		(6,612.40)			
4204 - Laundry	373.21	6,000.00	(5,626.79)	306.66	6,000.00	(5,693.34)	(6,000.00)	6,000.00	5,100.00

Sample Costing Center Information

Role-based security ensures that users have streamlined access to only the data and functions that they need. Cost center information can be maintained, and comments, notes, and attachments (e.g., scans, documents, or links) may be added to the budget or even to the detailed line items. Budgets can be managed at a monthly, quarterly, annual, or biennial basis. Grids are configurable and may consist of historical years, current year, and future forecast years.

PERSONNEL PLANNING & BUDGETING MODULE

Questica Budget’s Personnel Planning & Budgeting module performs like a calculator with advanced features, enabling accurate modeling and forecasting all costs associated with positions (filled and vacant) to accommodate the workforce budget. Step or pay increases, cost of living adjustments, new benefits, and other employee-related costs are all accounted for.

Each position is a record of all the information required to calculate base wages, as well as overhead costs such as benefits, allowances, and employer taxes; each is attributed to the appropriate GL Account (object code). Positions paid according to a union contract are assigned a pay grade and step, calculating pay from the pay scale for that contract. Alternatively, a position’s base wage can be entered as a distinct salary value for each position, or as a percentile of the range configured for a selected grade.

Position	Amount	Type	Location
4000	1000.00	Full-time	City
4001	1000.00	Full-time	City
4002	1000.00	Full-time	City
4003	1000.00	Full-time	City
4004	1000.00	Full-time	City
4005	1000.00	Full-time	City
4006	1000.00	Full-time	City
4007	1000.00	Full-time	City
4008	1000.00	Full-time	City
4009	1000.00	Full-time	City
4010	1000.00	Full-time	City
4011	1000.00	Full-time	City
4012	1000.00	Full-time	City
4013	1000.00	Full-time	City
4014	1000.00	Full-time	City
4015	1000.00	Full-time	City
4016	1000.00	Full-time	City
4017	1000.00	Full-time	City
4018	1000.00	Full-time	City
4019	1000.00	Full-time	City
4020	1000.00	Full-time	City

Sample Annual Costing Positions

Description	Total	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
GL Account Type: Expenses / Expenditure	(54,978.09)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)	(4,581.51)
Base Wage	41,321.12	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76	4,126.76
FICA - Social Security (OASDI)	3,070.31	255.86	255.86	255.86	255.86	255.86	255.86	255.86	255.86	255.86	255.86	255.86	255.86
FICA - Medicare	716.06	59.84	59.84	59.84	59.84	59.84	59.84	59.84	59.84	59.84	59.84	59.84	59.84
Workers' Compensation	1,411.35	117.61	117.61	117.61	117.61	117.61	117.61	117.61	117.61	117.61	117.61	117.61	117.61
Life Insurance	77.25	6.44	6.44	6.44	6.44	6.44	6.44	6.44	6.44	6.44	6.44	6.44	6.44
Dental and Vision	180.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00

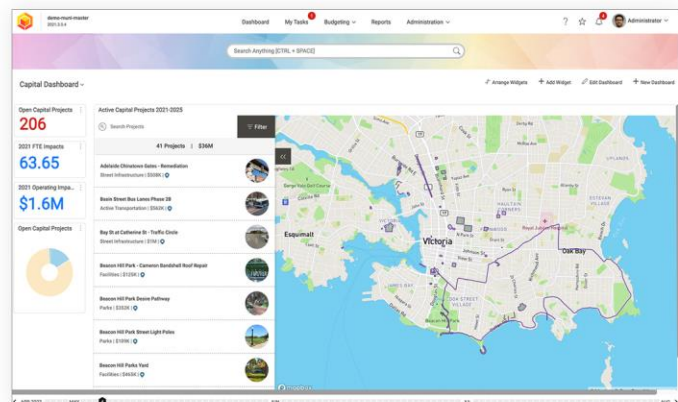
Sample Monthly Costing – Single Position

CAPITAL MODULE

Questica Budget’s Capital module simplifies and centralizes the process of capital budget planning and execution. Users can import prior years’ budget data (actual costs and budget values) into Questica Budget, and create multi-year capital projects where they can identify their expenditures and funding sources, and make adjustments as they prepare their budgets.

Users can construct their capital projects on an annual, quarterly, or monthly basis, enter narrations or explanations for their requests and categorize their projects based on different criteria such as tangible capital assets, fund(s), or project status. Requests get escalated through the configurable workflow system integrated within Questica Budget. Project ranking can also be administered according to user-defined criteria, and multiple project scenarios can be created for each project.

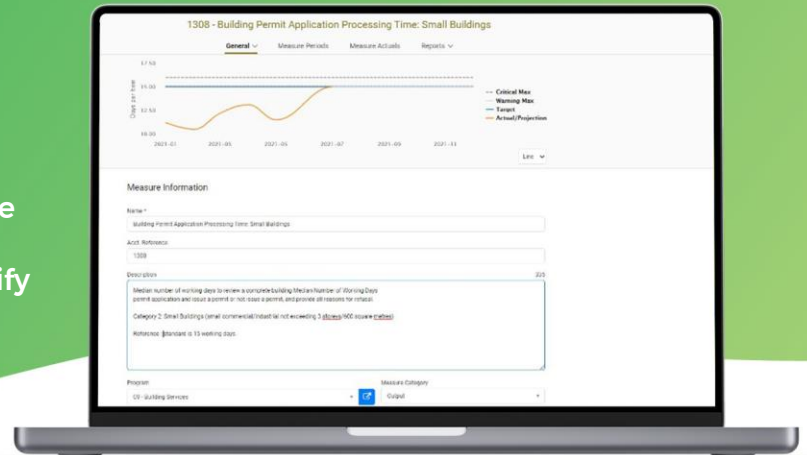
The Capital module also gives the ability to manage budgeting activities related to grant programs of varying complexities. The “type” field on projects is commonly used to indicate that the project is to be treated as a grant.



Sample Capital Improvement Plan Transparency – Interactive Visual Map

PERFORMANCE MODULE

Questica Budget's Performance module allows users to establish objectives and track budget progress toward achieving these objectives over time. Targets can be identified by intended outcome, where warning and critical threshold limits notify users whenever budget performance requires attention.



Sample Performance Dashboard

Measures, whether financial or statistical, may reference existing values already in the system, or may otherwise be manually entered. In either case, these measures can also be calculated based on other measures. They can be consolidated under various programs and can also be incorporated into an Organizational Scorecard. Responsibilities can be established for the various Programs and Measures, inclusive of due date and automated reminders, to facilitate workflow processing.

Questica Budget's Performance module fully integrates with the rest of the Questica Budget Suite and leverages the Questica Dashboard platform. This functionality helps improve performance, encourages innovation within your team, encourages cost-effective practices, and delivers an enhanced level of transparency and accountability.



SPECIAL FEATURES

STATISTICAL LEDGER

The Questica Budget Statistical Ledger allows budget staff to plan and track numbers other than spending dollars (e.g., hours worked, number of clients, resource utilization).

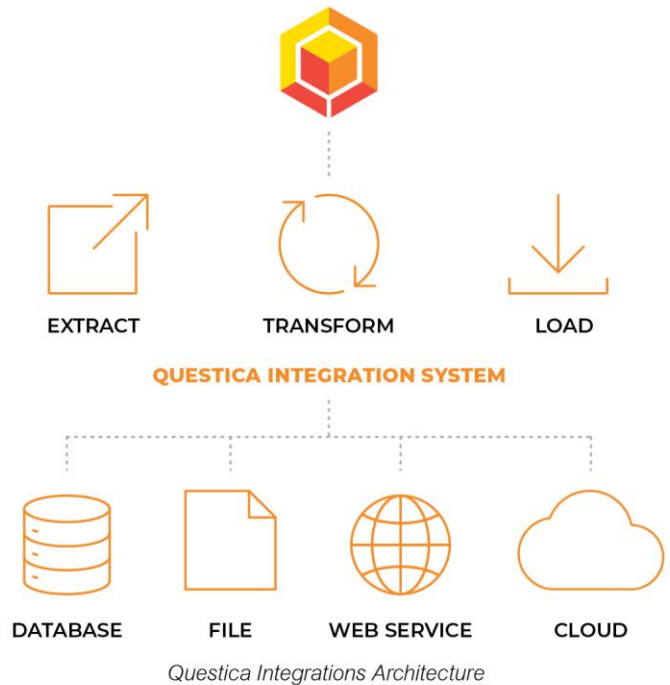
Staff can create a budget for any numeric data and work with it very much like financial budgets. This can be very useful for planning and tracking activities and outputs, and the data can be used as a guideline for building budgets. Statistical Ledger data can also be a component of a performance measurement plan.

QUESTICA INTEGRATION SYSTEM (QIS)

Questica Budget will integrate with your City's financial system via its proprietary Questica Integration System (QIS). QIS is a specialized, database-independent tool developed to exchange data between Questica Budget and external systems on a scheduled or as-needed basis. QIS also simplifies the integration process and reduces the time required to integrate Questica Budget with other customer systems or data warehouses.

QIS provides a highly configurable framework for importing or exporting budget related or non-financial data with existing and future external data sources, using API (Application Programming Interface) and ETL (Extract, Transform and Load) integration methods to ensure the budgeting solution always reflects updated data.

The diagram on the right illustrates the Qestica Integration System. The Qestica Budget application is represented by the symbol at the top, with the QIS system in the middle, and various customer systems on the bottom. When data is being extracted from an external system and moved to Qestica Budget, data would be moving from the bottom to the top of the diagram. On the other hand, when extracting data from Qestica Budget to insert into an external system, data moves from the top to bottom.



The process can be scheduled or run on-demand by an authorized Qestica user. Monitoring of scheduled integration tasks can be performed in many ways, but the most popular method is exception or failure notification, which can be configured to email one or more people. As detailed below, implementations can include three distinct interface points—two on the financial side and one on the HR/personnel side, and sometimes a fourth:

Actual cost integration	Actual costs are automatically imported into Qestica Budget from the Financial System. This can be set up to occur at a variety of timeframes, but most often this automated process of copying the actual costs from the Financial System into the Qestica Budget system occurs on a nightly basis. This allows users to see Budget vs. Actuals that are no more than 24 hours old.
Movement upon approval	When the budget is approved/adopted, it is typically moved from Qestica Budget into the Financial System, the system of record.
Salary sync	The process for loading HR/payroll data into the Qestica Budget system is via our 'Salaries Synchronization Tool'. This provides a mechanism to populate our salary and benefit engine with data from the city's HR records system. The integration can be run on demand, whenever updated personnel data is needed in the budget system.
Budget adjustments (if required)	As adjustments are made throughout the year (e.g., transfers, new budget requests, etc.), these changes can also be synchronized between Qestica Budget and the Financial System so that budget revisions are always current in both systems.

ALLOCATIONS

The Allocations tool within Qestica Budget allows dollars to be moved throughout the Operating and Capital budget in a structured and balanced fashion. The functionality supports complex arrangements of allocations between many budget elements.

An employee's cost may, for example, be split between multiple programs or cost centers, or Internal Service Provider budgets can be managed. In the latter example, an IT budget that is developed in detail like any other costing center may get allocated to other budget elements, perhaps using a cost driver such as 'number of computers' as the distribution basis. Once the allocation has been run, each recipient Costing Center will have a Destination Budget Line representing a portion of IT expenses, and the IT Costing Center budget will subsequently have a Recovery Budget Line that effectively zeroes out their allocated budget.

ADVANCED CALCULATION ENGINE (ACE)

Questica Budget's Advanced Calculation Engine is a powerful feature that brings familiar Excel functions into Questica Budget and allows users to create reusable calculation packages/models. The tool is simple to use and is designed to keep users working inside Questica Budget.

In addition to containing familiar Excel functions, there are also budget-specific functions documented in an integrated library, enabling users to reference data based on its qualities rather than by specific location. For example, a function can be performed on the budget values for a particular account code or using the actuals from a certain statistical account. Functions can also be period-based, enabling the option to reference data from past months or years, or reference a range of data such as the average from the past three years for a given month or quarter.

CHANGE REQUESTS/DECISION PACKAGES

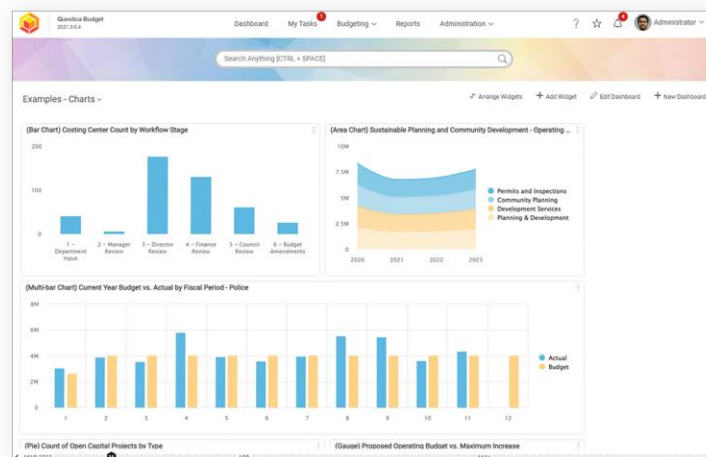
Questica Budget's Change Requests feature, also referred to as Budget Adjustments, Budget Modifications or Decision Packages, allow authorized users to process pre- and post-approval budget changes, both one-time and recurring, using a controlled process and workflow-based approval. These requests can be created individually, or they can be bundled together and treated apart from the general budget with their own dedicated approval process. Questica Budget does this in a controlled environment so that users can only submit, change, and see budget requests that are appropriate for them.

ADVANCED SEARCHES

Questica Budget's Advanced Search function is an intuitive user-facing feature that allows non-technical users to compose detailed searches using a variety of comparators and the ability to infinitely nest AND/OR groupings. Essentially, the Advanced Search functionality allows authorized users to perform sophisticated and highly dynamic data analytics and ad-hoc queries based on multiple dimensions, including specific criteria or descriptive words. This robust and powerful tool allows complex queries to be easily built up—one line at a time.

REPORTING AND DASHBOARDS

Questica Budget's reporting and analytics capabilities are delivered as part of its core software feature set. The system includes pre-built ad-hoc data views (i.e., queries), advanced “smart reports” that combine rows and columns of numbers with graphics (e.g., pie chart), 80+ pre-built ready-to-use reports, each with a variety of input selections, and pre-built dashboards with rich interactive visualizations of information that can be utilized to create actionable at-a-glance displays—all of which include data security to ensure users only see what they're allowed to see. Standard reports leverage Microsoft's SQL Server Reporting Services (SSRS) and can be copied and modified by budget staff without requiring programming skills.



Sample Full-Featured Dashboard

QUESTICA'S DIGITAL BUDGET BOOK SOLUTION



Questica Digital Budget Book sample screenshot

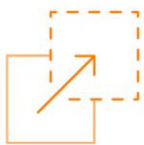
Budget Book

Questica's Digital Budget Book (DBB) solution is a user-friendly and comprehensive document management and financial reporting tool that enables our customers to create, collaborate, edit, approve, and publish an annual budget document with ease – eliminating the headaches often associated with managing multiple spreadsheets, version control issues, manual updates, and duplicating content.

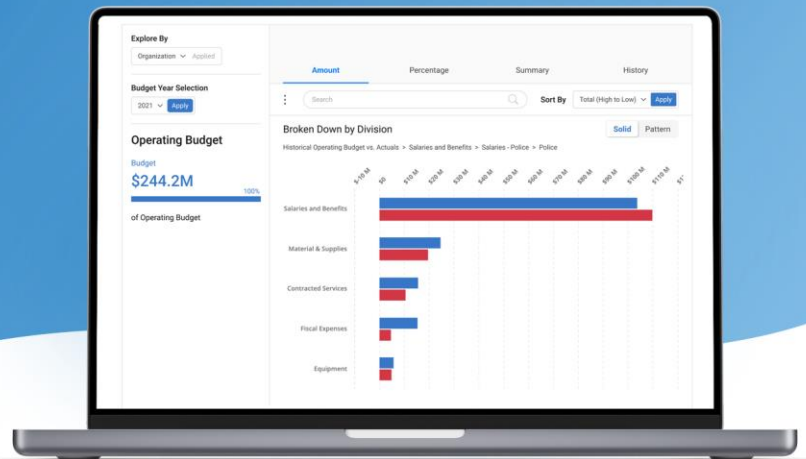
DBB is directly integrated with the Questica Budget module, allowing budget information to be seamlessly refreshed on-demand. Paired with our Questica OpenBook interactive online transparency solution, customers can provide the community with a complete understanding of the budget that is presented in a manner geared for a non-financial audience.

Key aspects of Questica's DBB include:

- ◆ GFOA compliant—meets all standards for GFOA Award Qualifying Book Production
- ◆ Automation—automates the creation of fund summary pages, charts, tables, and more
- ◆ Templates—creates new pages quickly with easy-to-use templates
- ◆ Multiple Formats—produces budget books in digital (online) and PDF (printed) formats
- ◆ Charts and Graphs—allows automatic updates of embedded narratives and smart charts



OPENBOOK TRANSPARENCY AND DATA VISUALIZATIONS



OpenBook - Sample Operating Budget: Interactive Chart

Questica Budget's OpenBook tool fosters transparency for public agencies, enabling the information to be visualized in an array of charts, tables, bars, graphs, and GIS mapping for Capital planning. Like all Questica tools, OpenBook is intuitive and easy-to-learn. With descriptive text, informational pop-ups, filtering and sorting capabilities, diving in and discovering information is made easy for all stakeholders.

OPENBOOK CUSTOMER EXAMPLES

Select a logo to visit our customers' OpenBook websites.



SEE OUR SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS IN ACTION

Learn how Questica and our software solutions can help your organization today. Our team will reach out to determine how we can help you increase efficiencies for your budgeting process.

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT OPTIONS

Today's modern governments have recognized the traditional methods of procuring software through Request for Proposal are expensive, time consuming, and often very limiting in scope. An increasing number of customers have contracted with Questica utilizing the methods outlined below.

1. *Take advantage of contract vehicles and cooperative purchasing agreements.* Contract vehicles are commonly relied upon as the most efficient way for governments to buy goods and services. Questica is listed on many cooperative purchasing contracts, such as DIR, Carahsoft, SHI, NASPO, BuyBoard, Sourcwell, and Omnia. These contracts include several vendors and were established via a competitive bidding process, much like an RFP cycle.
2. *"Sole source."* This method refers to opportunities where Questica is the only provider able to deliver the set of solutions that a government entity is looking for. This can justify the avoidance of an RFP, since there are simply no other vendors in the market who can deliver the necessary goods or services.
3. *Piggyback contracts:* To satisfy procurement policy, many Questica customers choose to piggyback from contracts already vetted by a competitive RFP process of similar size and scope. For example, The City of Spokane utilized a piggyback agreement (i.e., cooperative agreement statement) with City of Seattle to purchase Questica. Questica is open to helping The City explore best fit piggyback options with current customers.
4. *Emergency Funding:* State and local governments need the right tools to remain flexible and make critical data driven decisions. Several Questica customers, such as Imperial County, CA have invoked emergency purchasing measures to fund the purchase of Questica. The funding from the American Rescue Plan Act provides an opportunity for state and local governments to purchase new technology in support of expanding services to citizens and improving responsiveness.

Specifically, sections 602(c)(1)(C) and 603(c)(1)(C) of the Act provide recipients with broad latitude to use the Fiscal Recovery Funds for the provision of government services. Questica Budget now includes a built-in calculator which automates the lost revenue calculation formula as outlined in the guidance. Included below is sample verbiage that the City could utilize to justify purchase of Questica Budget using ARPA funds.

American Rescue Plan Justification

- ◆ Whereas COVID-19 and the required response by the (name of local government) had a significant impact on the budget of (name of local government), and
- ◆ Whereas: expenditures for essential public health and safety workers were higher than budgeted to ensure public health welfare and safety concerns; and
- ◆ Whereas: remote work of non-essential (name of local government) staff resulting from stay-at-home orders and legislated social distancing in the workplace revealed the need for upgrading IT software and infrastructure; and
- ◆ Whereas: ____ (name revenue source; e.g. sales tax, hotel tax, etc.) revenues in the (insert most full fiscal year) were reduced due to the economic impact of COVID-19 causing a budgeting shortfall, and
- ◆ Whereas: the (name of local government) needs to procure budgeting and performance management software that will enhance its ability to respond to the COVID-19 emergency and
- ◆ Whereas: the budgeting and performance management software will increase efficiency, improve constituent services, and enable remote work, and
- ◆ Whereas: the revenues to procure such software are not available due to the economic impacts of COVID-19 on the (name of local government) revenues.
- ◆ Now therefore be it resolved that the (name of local government) hereby declare that the use of American Rescue Plan Act funds in the amount of \$_____ be used to procure....

Should this method be the preferred procurement option, we are more than happy to facilitate reference conversation.



Questica Budget Price Quote

Prepared for:
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City Administrator/ Clerk
City of Breezy Point, MN

August 29, 2023

Prepared by:
Trish Kendall
Questica Ltd

This proposal is subject to a review of your Chart of Accounts and a review of the Scope of Work.





QUESTICA BUDGET PRICE QUOTE

Quotation ID#: City of Breezy Point – August 29, 2023

Description	Qty.	Total
Questica Budget Framework – All Modules		\$22,000.00
Operating License Seats	Unlimited	
Personnel Planning & Budgeting License Seats	Unlimited	
Capital License Seats	Not Included	
Unlimited Read-Only Licenses	Included	
Performance Measures	Included	
Allocations	Included	
Statistical Ledger	Included	
OpenBook Transparency	Included	
Digital Budget Book	Included	
Year 1 SaaS Discount		(\$3,625.00)
Questica Year 1 Software Subscription (including software, maintenance, support, and hosting)		\$18,375.00
Professional Services (Per Scope of Work)		
Planning & Analysis	Included	
Installation	Included	
Data Load & Verify	Included	
Accounting Integration	Included	
Training	Included	
Project Management	Included	
OpenBook Professional Services	Included	
Digital Budget Book Professional Services	Included	
Total Questica Professional Services: (one-time fee)		\$11,500.00
GRAND TOTAL (Year 1)		\$29,875.00

PRICING NOTES

Quotation ID#: City of Breezy Point – August 29, 2023

Pricing valid through: **November 24, 2023**

- ◆ Questica annual subscription is based on a 5-year term.
- ◆ Questica annual subscription has been discounted to **\$18,375.00** in year 1
- ◆ Questica will apply a 5% inflationary increase beginning in year 2

Questica Annual Fees

- Year 1 is \$29,875.00 (SaaS and Professional Services)
- Year 2 is \$23,100.00 (includes 5% increase)
- Year 3 is \$24,255.00 (includes 5% increase)
- Year 4 is \$25,467.75 (includes 5% increase)
- Year 5 is \$26,741.14 (includes 5% increase)
- Total 5 Year contract is \$129,438.89.

Above pricing in US dollars. Applicable Taxes Extra. Pricing is not applicable in response to a formal RFP Process.

Terms of Payment

- ◆ **Software:**
 - 100% upon Contract Effective Date (Net 30)
 - Year 2 due 365 days from Contract Effective Date and annually thereafter
- ◆ **Professional Services:**
 - Due 100% upon Contract Effective Date (Net 30)

Other Options

3 Module (including OpenBook & Digital Budget Book)

- ◆ Annual Software Subscription: \$24,500.00
- ◆ Annual subscription has been discounted to \$19,625.00 in year 1
- ◆ Professional Services (one-time fee): \$12,000.00
 - Total 5-year contract: **\$142,502.97**

1 Module (without OpenBook & Digital Budget Book)

- ◆ Annual Software Subscription: \$9,500.00
- ◆ Annual subscription discounted in year 1 not applicable.
- ◆ Professional Services (one-time fee): \$5,000.00
 - Total 5-year contract: **\$57,493.50**

SUMMARY

Questica greatly appreciates City of Breezy Point's interest in learning more about our Company and our software. As stated, we welcome an opportunity to leverage our more than 25 years of success in public sector budgeting, to help the city improve the efficiency and effectiveness of its budgeting process and to provide a technology solution that optimizes and supports the budget formulation and management cycle.

We are happy to address questions and engage in more detailed conversations to showcase how our software fits your requirements, our implementation approach, and the support our company provides. I would also be happy to facilitate introductions to current clients and would encourage you to connect with your peers to understand why they decided to partner with Questica - the most trusted solution for government organizations.