



Alliance[®] Application Suite

General Ledger & Budgeting

The ALLIANCE General Ledger & Budgeting application is the foundation of the accounting system, which consolidates all financial information. The application provides accurate and up-to-date information that outlines overall financial position and promotes sound decision-making.

New Application Features Include:

Easy Navigation. Windows applications, in general, are more intuitive and offer many advantages maneuvering throughout an application. We have taken this a step further by designing our Windows applications to mimic the use of the 'Enter' key in DOS. Unlike many Windows applications, we ease the transition to Windows by supporting the 'Enter' key usage.

Data Entry Simplified. Users can specify default answers to speed data entry during account setup. For example, defaults entries can be set-up for Fund, Department, Object/Source, etc.

Flexible Financial Statement Set-up. Allows for unlimited, user-designed financial statements in assorted versions ...summarized and highly detailed formats.

Improved Budget Management. New functionality simplifies budget set-up & transition to new periods as well as budget line item amendments. Security and tracking within the budget management process has also been improved.

- General Ledger
- Budget Management
- On-line Balancing
- Financial Reporting
- Multiple Fiscal Periods
- Detailed Ledger Analysis
- Full Integration with other Alliance Applications





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Software Design

All of the ALLIANCE™ applications were developed utilizing a three-tiered architecture and object-oriented approach utilizing Microsoft's developer technologies with SQL Server database and .NET support.

This new architecture includes these primary components:

Multi-tiered. That is, three tiers for separate management of screens, business rules/logic, and the data;

Object-oriented. This design will add efficiencies and reliability by recurrent use of common software functionality from a single location with the software code, rather than duplicating in various locations.

Relational. Either the MSDE or SQL Server relational database engine will be used. This will provide the ability to deploy new features with minimal time and expense.

Experience & Commitment

Local government experience, dating back to 1977, provides United Systems with a unique perspective on your needs. This understanding, coupled with the skills of our multi-disciplined technical staff, enable us to provide solutions and services that address your operation's distinct requirements.

United Systems welcomes the opportunity to undertake full responsibility for the success of your entire system implementation--hardware, software, and all related services!

Let us help you serve your community and citizens better than ever. The strategy is clear--choose United Systems' ALLIANCE™ Information System and plan for success. Call 1-800-455-3293 for additional information or an on-site demonstration....call today!

Application Features:

- Follows GAAP and GAAFR standards
- Accommodates fund accounting or enterprise accounting systems
- Handles accrual, modified accrual, or cash basis accounting
- Chart of accounts file provides flexible account numbering format
- Tracks fiscal-year accounting periods with user-defined begin/end dates
- Provides detailed audit trail by transaction date, source, amount, and operator code
- Provides for on-line budget preparation & analysis, and flexible reporting
- Allows for advance set-up of succeeding fiscal year's budget and offers percentage increases /decreases per account
- Maintains previous fiscal year financial activity and allows for the storage of multiple prior years' comparatives
- G/L entries from other ALLIANCE modules are made automatically when interfaced
- Provides routines for manual journal entries with date checks and balance verification
- Window-like selection boxes provided listing G/L accounts for easy look-ups and entry
- Processing codes available for standard, recurring journal entries that speed up the transaction process
- Generates pre-posting audits for accuracy
- Provides set-up for recurring G/L entries in fixed or variable amounts
- Automatic on-line error checking ensures transactions are accurate upon entry
- Allows transaction entry for previous periods within the current fiscal year
- Permits entries and allows reporting for current fiscal year while prior fiscal year is still open
- Maintains detailed ledger listing all account transactions within a user-defined date range
- Reporting by fund or department
- User-defined journals for special reporting
- Permits on-line inquiry of accounts and related transactions with window-like selection boxes listing all activity in chronological order
- Executes under 32-bit operating systems including Windows 98/NT/2000/2003/XP Pro



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Accounts Payable

The ALLIANCE™ Accounts Payable application delivers complete control over the AP process, from purchasing to invoice entry to approval procedures and check printing. Detailed information is provided that contributes to effective cash management, complete vendor analysis, and informed decision-making.

Utilize this application for management of:

Centralized Payables Processing- The application offers end-to-end payables processing with automated routines for purchase orders, vendor setup, voucher/invoice entry, payment approvals, payment holds and remittance processing.

Pre-set Reporting Suite- Standard Reports include Vendor Lists, Vendor Analysis Report, Vendor History Report, Invoice Audits, Open Item Report, Aged Accounts Payable Report, Cash Requirement Report, Check Edit List, Check Registers, Distribution to General Ledger, Expense Account Summaries, and Vendor Balance Report

Full Integration- Automatic or manual modes are available for distribution of Accounts Payable entries to the General Ledger. The application also automatically processes utility customer deposit refund checks via ALLIANCE™ Utility Management System integration.

Software Design- This ALLIANCE™ application is developed utilizing a three-tiered architecture and object-oriented approach with Visual Basic programming language. C# is utilized for business logic and database considerations are exclusive to Microsoft's robust SQL Server Platform. as the programming language. In addition, the application is ODBC-compliant, which makes it easier to access data and share it with other applications.

Overview

- Vendor Information System
- Complete Check & Remittance Processing
- Purchase Orders & General Ledger Integration
- Supports Multiple Checking Accounts
- Detailed Reporting with Year-End Processing





Alliance[®] Application Suite—Accounts Payable

Features and Benefits

- Flexible set-up of custom AP processing parameters
- Maintains current and historical information on A/P transactions and individual vendors
- Provides complete vendor profile outlining status, terms, Y-T-D activity, and discount plans
- On-line inquiry and search routines provide quick access to A/P transactions and vendors
- Processes invoices, credit-, and debit-memos
- Assigns voucher numbers to transactions automatically
- Retains thorough information on each A/P transaction
- Automatic or individual approvals
- Hold payment routines prevent payment to questionable vendors
- Provides pre-positioning edits for accuracy
- Offers complete check writing with separate remittance advice routines
- Produces 1099's for simplified year-end processing
- Allocation of expenses to different areas or departments handled easily with automatic distributions
- Accommodates writing from multiple checking accounts and banks
- Flexible remittance processing supports typed, immediate-print, and manual checks
- One-time vendors handled through a temporary vendor option that prevents the accumulation of unneeded data
- Extensive audit trails furnished with on-line inquiries and hardcopy reports
- Supports custom reporting via MS Access 2000
- Tracks information as it interfaces to the ALLIANCE General Ledger application
- Purchase Order sub-module available
- Interfaces the ALLIANCE™ Windows Suite v6.0 applications
- Executes under 32-bit operating systems including Windows 98/NT/2000/2003/XP Pro

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Payroll & Personnel

The ALLIANCE™ Payroll & Personnel application meets the demanding requirements of payroll processing head-on. The application yields timely and accurate payrolls, eases the time consuming task of tax reporting, and provides information for effective personnel management.

Utilize this application for management of:

Comprehensive Personnel Data Tracking– Maintains employment statistics for each employee including hire, benefit, review, raise, and termination dates. Provisions are also included for tracking employee accruals including vacation, holiday and sick time.

Simplify Period-end Processing- The application automatically keeps totals for current, monthly, quarterly, and yearly earnings, taxes, deductions, and benefits. Also, eases quarter-end and year-end activities with tax reports and W-2's.

Reporting Suite- Standard Reports include Payroll & Tax Registers, Deduction/Benefit/Tax Register, Payroll Activity Summary, Time Entry and Computed Check Audits, Payroll G/L Distribution Report

Regular, Special, & Typed Check Audits, Employee Accrual Register, Payroll Budget Worksheet, W-2 Reporting & Filing.

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Overview

- Comprehensive Personnel Information System
- End-to-End Payroll Processing Audit Trails
- General Ledger Integration
- Supports Multi-company Payroll Processing
- Complete W2, Quarter-Year-End Processing





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Features and Benefits

- Accommodates single- or multi-company payroll processing
- Allows for salaried or hourly payroll systems
- Handles pay frequency options including weekly, bi-weekly, semi-monthly, quarterly & annually
- Provides time entry process with defaults for quick processing
- Time entry options include wage date, department, position, and shift
- Interfaces with electronic time clocks for efficient employee timekeeping
- Allows for the entry of special one-time deductions during standard time entry
- User definable wage rates, pre-tax & after-tax deductions, and benefits
- Maintains up-to-date Earned Income Credits (EIC) & year-end totals
- Handles standard or average-rate methods of computing overtime
- Calculates and prints payroll earnings, taxes, deductions and benefits
- Supports ACH Direct Deposits for payroll earnings
- Example check routine available for calculating hypothetical payroll scenarios
- Processes regular, special, & typed checks
- During check processing, prints liability checks (i.e. tax withholdings) or creates AP vouchers automatically
- Totals current, monthly, quarterly, and yearly earnings, taxes, deductions, and benefits
- Eases quarter-end and year-end activities with tax reports and W-2's
- Allows multiple payroll years to be "open" making year-end activities more flexible
- Interfaces General Ledger by department or fund in transferring payroll expenses
- Maintains complete employee profiles
- Categorizes employees by positions, departments, job grades, management groups, and occupational classification
- Provides inquiry routines for quick access to current and historical employee data
- Tracks employee accruals, by days or hours, for vacation, holiday, sick day & worker's compensation
- Maintains employment statistics for each employee including hire, benefit, review, raise, and termination dates
- Extensive audit trails furnished with on-line inquiries and hardcopy reports
- Custom reporting via MS Access 2000
- Interfaces the ALLIANCE™ General Ledger application

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