EAB’s Edify Allows Oregon Tech to Reallocate IT Spend Toward Student-Centric Initiatives

Oregon Institute of Technology, a small public university in Klamath Falls, OR

• **About:** Oregon Institute of Technology (Oregon Tech) enrolls 5,325 students at multiple campuses throughout the Pacific Northwest.

• **Challenge:** Oregon Tech’s administrative technology portfolio cost significant money and IT staff time to maintain and contributed to poor data accessibility. The institution is leanly staffed as a means of managing costs, so technology maintenance represented a significant burden. Frustrated with their reliance on a few monolithic platforms, Oregon Tech sought a solution that allowed for a more modular ecosystem with greater data accessibility and the ability to optimize data quality while minimizing maintenance needs.

• **Solution:** The school partnered with Edify, EAB’s Education Data Platform in Spring 2020. Putting Edify at the center of their digital enterprise has allowed Oregon Tech to choose the best-fit, best-cost solutions for campus without being beholden to a single vendor.

• **Impact:** By shifting away from a single-vendor model, Oregon Tech can recapture and reallocate millions of dollars in IT spend toward high priority student success initiatives across multiple years of partnership.

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**Impact Highlights**

$115,000

Year-one savings from using Edify to support Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system replacements—all reallocated to high-priority student success initiatives

30%

Reduction in spend on annual maintenance of HR and Payroll solutions

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**Before Edify: Oregon Tech’s Technology Ecosystem Revolved Around a Vendor**

Monolithic Technologies Escalate in Cost as Their Value Degrades

- Single Vendor Solution
  - Payroll
  - Hiring and HR
  - Student Information System
  - Learning Management System
  - Enroll CRM
  - Other Systems

Oregon Tech’s legacy Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system provided Payroll, HR, and Student Information System (SIS) functionality in one consolidated platform. For HR and Payroll alone, system maintenance required:

- $50k+ in annual software licenses
- $250k+ in staffing costs across IT and business units

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**Why do some legacy technologies pose such a burden?**

- Platform updates eliminate or hinder essential functions
- Outdated tech is unreliable and difficult to integrate with newer, better applications
- Degrading performance contributes to increasing need for IT support
With Edify: Hub-and-Spoke Integration Offers Vendor Flexibility

Oregon Tech Unlocks Ecosystem Agility with Investments in Campus-Focused Data Management

With best-in-class technologies replacing single-vendor solutions, Oregon Tech creates vendor optionality. Individual systems are connected to Edify and then to each other, so that when one system is replaced, it doesn’t break connections to other systems.

Edify Is an Education Data Platform to Unify Data and Accelerate Strategic Initiatives

- **Integrate** new and existing technologies more quickly, streamline data processes
- **Report** with consistent and validated data, aggregated from cross-campus sources
- **Innovate** with next-generation tooling that keeps campus current with best practice

Oregon Tech Reallocates IT Spend to Student-Centric Technology Initiatives

*Dismantling the ERP Pays Dividends for Campus Transformation*

**Doing More for the Mission**

Breakdown of Annual Technology Spend by Institutional Category to FY26

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* Future costs assume ~$300k annual savings through anticipated Student Information System Migration in FY25.

"Our goal is to reduce the cost of our administrative technology and maintenance. We want to spend those dollars on software that supports our students and differentiates the Oregon Tech experience."

- Connie Atchley, CIO

*$750K+
Anticipated IT spend reallocations over the next five years of the Edify partnership