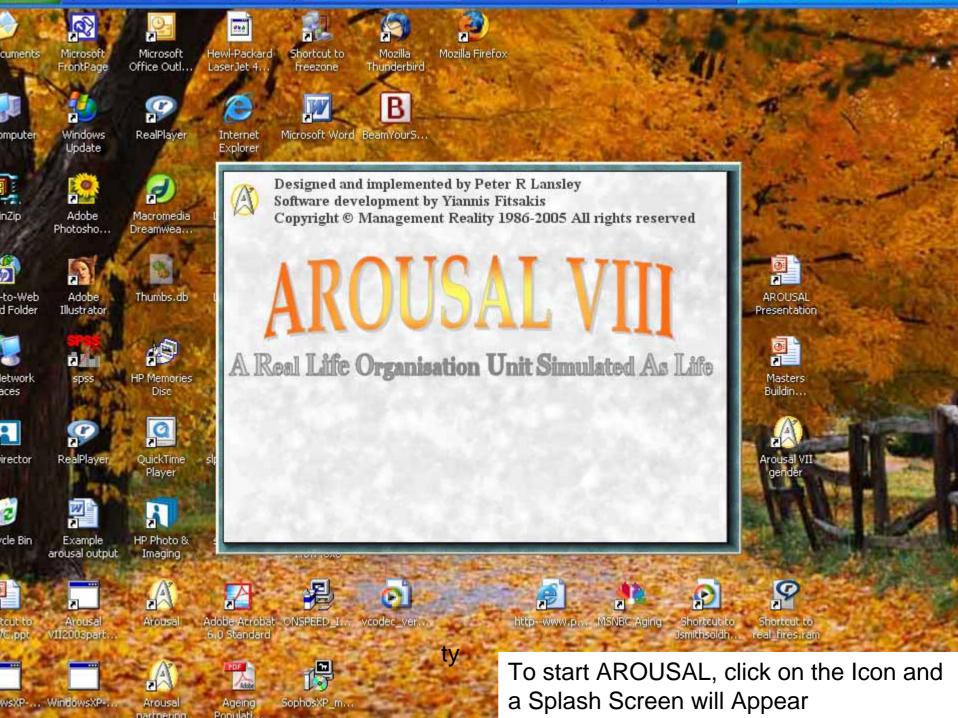
The AROUSAL Simulation System

A Quick Tour of some of the Screen Displays and Simulation Output

Renzo Construction Company

- This is a small company located near Boston.
- It specialises in refurbishment work, especially offices. These are small and rapidly executed.
- It is seeking to become involved with more conventional projects.
- It's not really geared up for this development, so needs your help.
- You will take over for the first quarter of 2006.
- The information and simulation system will provide you with information and will process your decisions.



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Dear Sir/Madam,



Thank you for agreeing to help the Renzo Corporation develop one of its subsidiaries, Renzo Construction Company. This is a small building firm based in Woburn, near Boston. Renzo Construction started out in the mid 1960s as an internal building department to service the needs of the Renzo Corporation, a growing conglomerate. Three years ago, as a result of pressure from the managers in the department, the Corporation decided that the department should become a separate entity.

Subsequently the annual volume of Renzo Construction has more than doubled. This expansion has come from an increase in renovation work, traditionally the staple diet of the firm, and from the firm's entry into more conventional markets for new types of project. The growth would have been greater, but because of the change in status, the parent company decided that Renzo Construction should compete for all internal work. As a consequence of growth and development the firm has changed, yet it is still managed as if it were a small job shop. It has not sought larger contracts, its overheads are too high and it is barely profitable. The resulting performance has been disappointing. This is where you are required!

The company's management needs to be put on a more professional footing. I am looking to you to suggest ways to organize the firm, market its business and tighten-up its finances. Of particular concern to me is its market base, this is predominately local and its projects are too small. The need to enter new markets is even more important. The influence of the Corporation has declined. The company has to make its own way in the world.

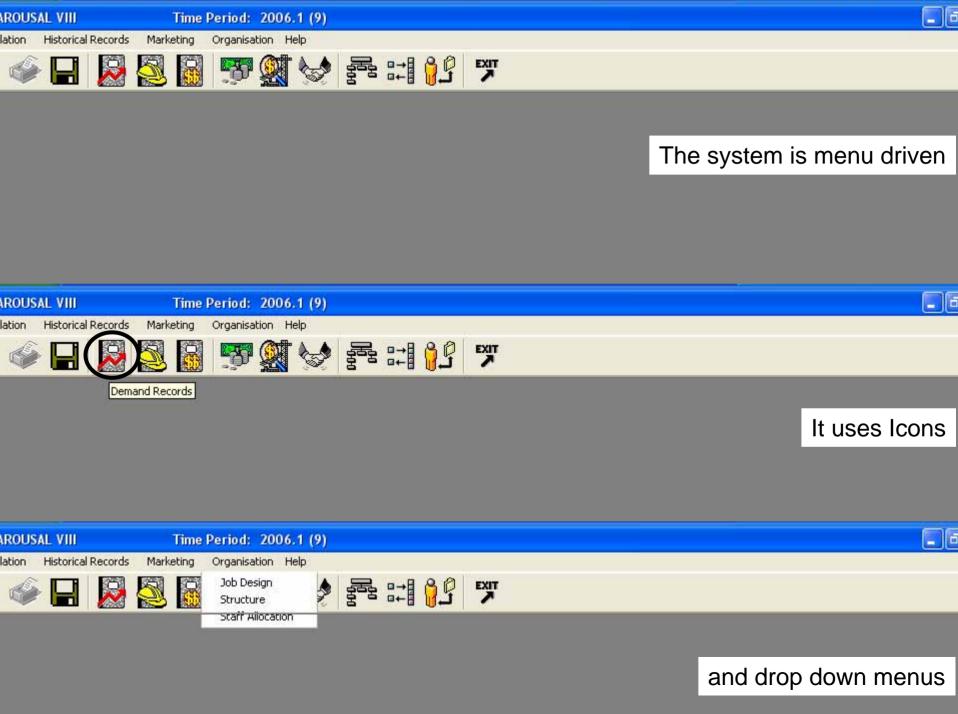
I have attached a few notes on the firm, Further background information and a description of the company's information systems are also attached. Take a good look at these before you start work with the company. Best wishes! I look forward to seeing the company thrive. Sincerely yours,

The President, Paul Mason

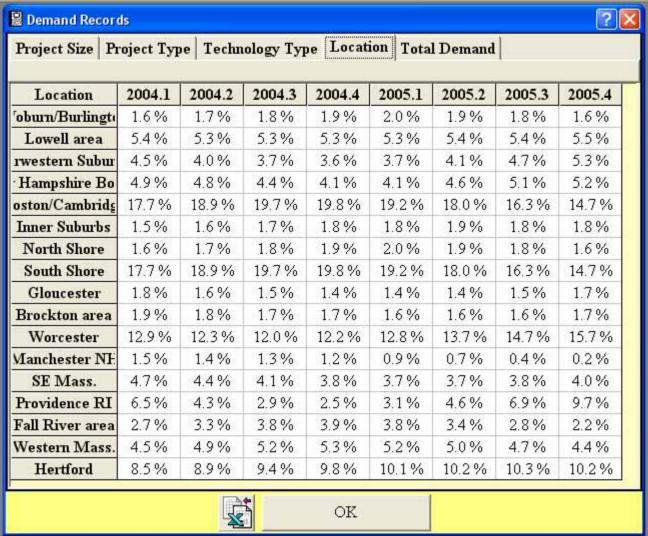
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You are invited to run the company. Click on Proceed





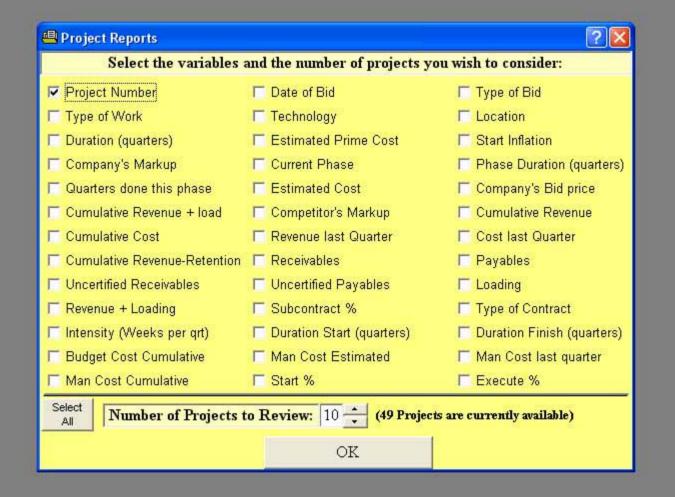


This gives information about market segments in previous quarters. The example is for location. Data can be accessed by Excel.



The location of the firm is Lowell.





This gives information about all projects that the Company has been involved with. The database is extensive.

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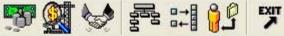
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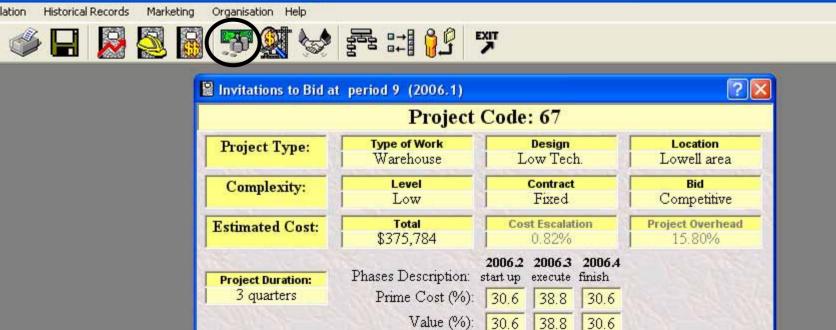








Here is a small section of the database, some information about recent bids.



Time Period: 2006.1 (9)

Mark-Up:

▼ Bid

12.00%

» Total Demand will change from 198 to between 202 and 206.
» Inflation Index will change from 146.5 to between 146 and 148.

» Cost Escalation and Project Overhead are based on market rates.

Market Reports predict that during this period:

Sub Contracting: 50.00%

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This is one of the current bid invitations, a very small project. Invitations can be declined. Bids can be front loaded. Subcontracting policy may be important.

Load:

1.00

OK

Current Invitations to Bid

Pro: Numl	ject ber	Estimated Cost \$000	Period (quarters)	Complexity Type	Mark-up %	Load %	Subcontracting
63	Qren-Office High Tech. Boston/Cambrid	310	1	Moderate Fixed Competitive	0.0	1.0	50.0%
64	Warehouse Low Tech. North Shore	491	3	Low Fixed Competitive	0.0	1.0	50.0%
65	Qren-Apart Very High Tech Boston/Cambrid	304	1	Moderate Fixed Competitive	0.0	1.0	50.0%
66	Qren-Apart High Tech. Boston/Cambrid	232	1	Low Fixed Negotiated	13.29	1.0	50.0%
67	Warehouse Low Tech. Lowell area	376	3	Low Fixed Competitive	0.0	1.0	50.0%
68	Office-med ris Very High Tech Lowell area	751	3	Very High Fixed Select List	0.0	1.0	50.0%

The current bid invitations are for very small projects. Qren indicates quality refurbishment work.

Outcome of Bidding in previous quarter

Proj	Company	's Bid				Lowest (Competitor's	s Bid
	Cost \$000	Overheads \$000	Bid \$000	Mark-up %	Position	Bid \$000	Mark-up %	Position
57	292	49	374	10.0%	lost	373	9.7%	winner
58	381	51	467	8.0%	won	469	8.56%	second
59	247	47	323	10.0%	lost	322	9.72%	winner
60	3943	102	4369	8.0%	lost	4276	5.71%	winner
61	289	49	378	12.0%	won	382	13.03%	second
62	418	52	517	10.0%	won	519	10.36%	second

• Total demand index = 198

Inflation Index = 146.

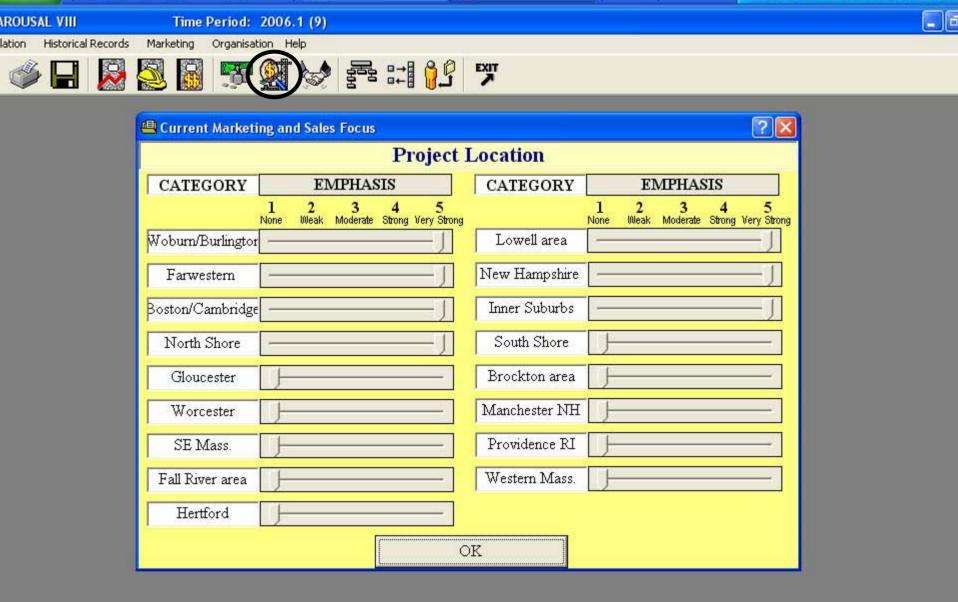
The result of the bids made last quarter. Three small projects were secured.







The company's marketing focus can be changed According to four market characteristics



This is the current marketing focus for location.

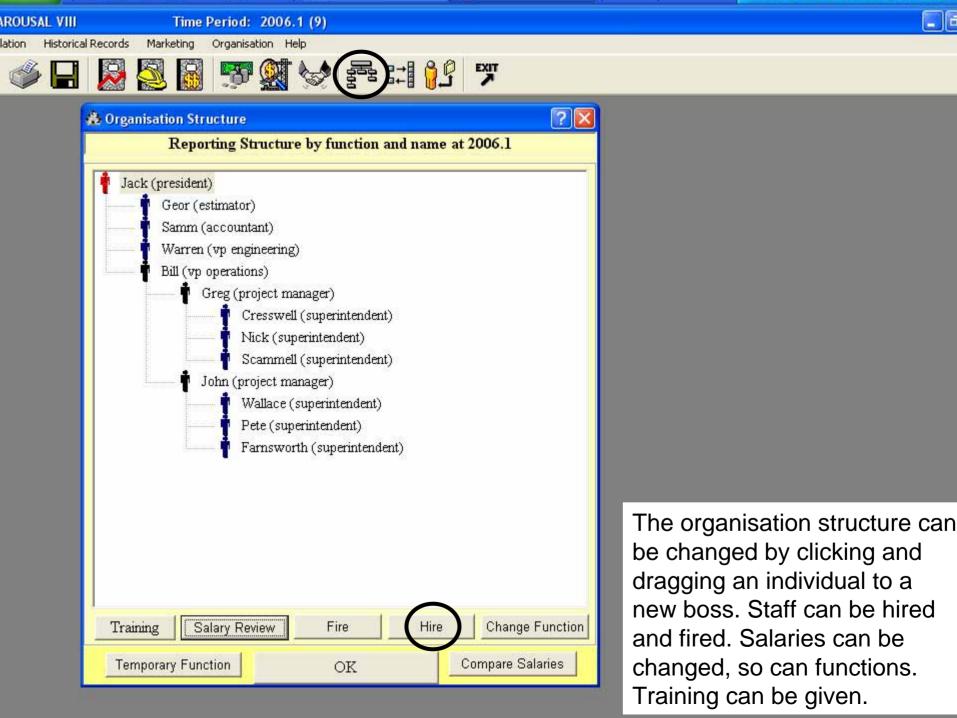
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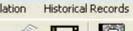
This might influence the profile of future bid invitation.





This shows how much time is spent on key marketing activities, and by whom. Move the slider to change the amount of marketing effort. Who does marketing can be changed as well, under job design.







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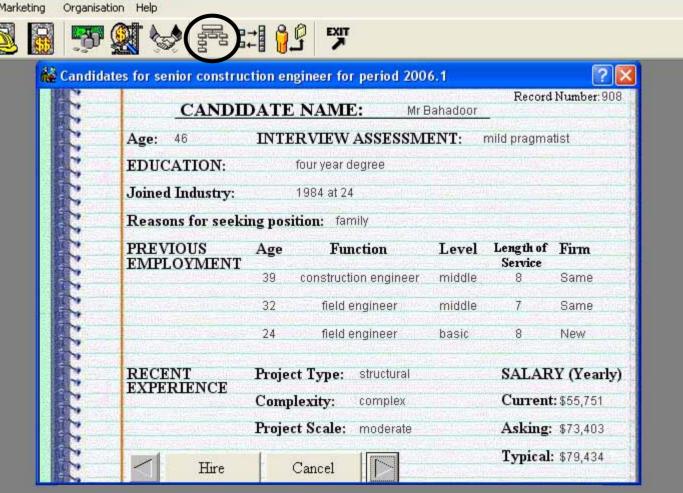






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Select function and le	evel for wh	ich you wis	sh to revie	w Candidat	tes
	basic	middle	senior	vice pres	president
estimator	•	С	0	0	0
cost analyst	C	0	0	0	6
project manager	0	C	0	0	0
superintendent	0	C	0	0	C
buyer	C	0	0	0	0
field engineer	C	0	0	0	G
business development	a	0	0	0	G
personnel	C	0	0	0	G
accounting	C	0	0	0	0
construction engineer	C	0	(0)	0	G
president	a	0	0	0	0
vp operations	a	6	0	C	G
vp administration	0	6	0	C	C
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Candidates for posts are available at various levels, depending on the function. The quality of the candidates and the number will depend on how well the company handles its personnel activities

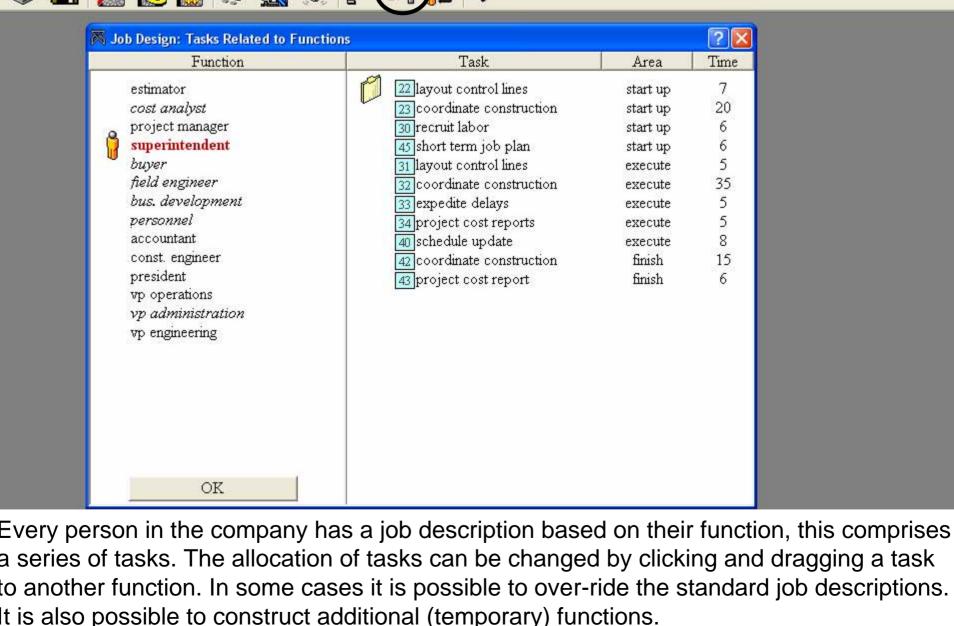


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Time Period: 2006.1 (9)

An example candidate for post of senior construction engineer Usually there are six ort seven candidates for a post.



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Time Period: 2006.1 (9)

Workload Allocation

- This indicates who is working on which projects and where staff are required (indicated by ????).
- Total workloads based on the current allocation are given in the totals in the next slide. A standard workload is around 100 units. Staff can be overloaded and their performance will then suffer.
- Allocation is achieved through dragging and dropping an individual into a project, and removed by placing an allocation into the waste-basket.
- It is possible for an individual undertaking one function to undertake the work of another function as shown for the construction engineer, where the superintendents, and in one instance the VP engineering, are doing this work.
- The next slide shows the initial allocation for the period, the subsequent slide shows the final allocation, which shows allocations for Pete and Nick which are somewhat ill-advised.





Performance in the first quarter of 2006 as a result of the decisions made in that quarter

Bidding

Bid Reports

2006.1

Proj	Company' Cost \$000	s Bid Overheads \$000	Bid \$000	Mark-up %	Position	Lowest Co Bid \$000	mpetitor's Mark-up %	Bid Position
bid								
63	253	57	347	12.0%	won	350	13.06%	second
bid								
64	428	63	550	12.0%	lost	547	11.36%	winner
bid								
65	247	57	340	12.0%	won	349	14.82%	second
bid								
66	179	53	263	13.29%	won	263	13.3%	second
bid								
67	316	59	421	12.0%	lost	420	11.69%	winner
bid								
68	683	68	841	12.0%	won	859	14.35%	second

Total demand index = 202 Inflation Index = 147.1

Three bids were successful but all very small projects, Indeed the invitation list was rather disappointing, probably because of poor marketing strategy

Invitations to Bid in next quarter

Invitations to Bid at 2006.2

Proj		Estimated Cost \$000		Complexity) Type	Mark-up %	Load %	Subcontracting
bid 69	Office-med ris Mod Tech. Lowell area	921	3	Moderate Fixed Competitive	0.0	1.0	50.0%
bid 70	Office-lo rise Mod Tech. Farwestern Sub	445	3	Low Fixed Competitive	0.0	1.0	50.0%
bid 71	Warehouse Low Tech. Farwestern Sub	415	3	Low Fixed Competitive	0.0	1.0	50.0%
bid 72	Conv to Office Very High Tech North Shore	3344	4	Very High Fixed Competitive	0.0	1.0	50.0%
bid 73	Factory Low Tech. Lowell area	453	3	Low Fixed Competitive	0.0	1.0	50.0%
bid 74	Factory Mod Tech. Lowell area	1141	3	Moderate Fixed Select List	0.0	1.0	50.0%

A rather mixed bag, but certainly larger projects.

Productivity and Efficiency

Productivity and Cost Analysis

2006.1

Proj	Time A Schedu Total weeks	nalysis le Left weeks	Late+/E Current weeks			Cost And This Pel Labour \$000		Sub-Con \$000	Man't \$000	2006.1 Total \$000	Overall To Date \$000
48	39	0	4.0	4.3	Actual: Budget:	23 24	26 24	53 49	(8) (15)	110 112	359 329
49	39	0	-2.5	0.0	Actual: Budget:	47 51	49 51	107 106	(8) (17)	211 226	683 692
50	39	0	-4.3	0.0	Actual: Budget:	26 29	27 29	60 60	(8) (14)	120 133	419 438
51	39	13	-3.0	-3.7	Actual: Budget:	85 94	90 94	188 195	(24)	387 404	578 598
54	39	13	2.8	4.6	Actual: Budget:	120 129	142 129	276 266	(25) (18)	563 541	779 734
56	39	13	1.6	2.1	Actual: Budget:	40 42	44 42	88 87	(22) (17)	194 187	325 296
58	39	26	0.7	2.4	Actual: Budget:	30 30	32 30	61 61	(29) (16)	152 136	152 136
61	13	0	1.8	0.0	Actual: Budget:	73 73	76 73	150 150	(61) (49)	360 344	360 344
62	39	26	-1.5	-3.9	Actual: Budget:	25 27	27 27	52 57	(30)	134 131	134 131

Budget costs are based on original bid adjusted for inflation

and changes in percentages of subcontract Weeks needed to completion are calculate

Most projects are behind schedule and above budget.

Project Revenues and Profitability

Progress Reports

Pro	Type Complex/Bid		2006.1	To Date	Tentative 2006.2	Foreca 2006.3
comp	petitive					
48	Office-lo rise High Tech. modera/fixed New Hampshire	profit ov'hd%	119.7 8.4 6.3 finish 14.7	354.6 -1.2 15.0	39.9 -0.6 18.9 finish 18.3	
COM	petitive					
	Factory Mod Tech. modera/fixed Lowell area	revenue profit ov'hd% pr+oh%	240.9 12.3 3.3 finish 15.6	737.6 7.4 7.7		
COM	petitive					
	Office-lo rise High Tech. modera/fixed Lowell area	erevenue profit ov'hd% pr+oh%	144.2 16.5 5.3 finish 21.8	471.7 11.1 11.5		
	petitive Factory Mod Tech. modera/fixed Lowell area	revenue profit ov'hd% pr+oh%	440.4 12.0 5.4 execute 17.5	638.8 9.5 8.8 18.3	96.1 9.3 8.6 finish 17.9	
comp	petitive					
	Warehouse Mod Tech. modera/fixed New Hampshire	revenue profit ov'hd% Border pr+oh%	580.7 3.1 4.3 execute 7.4	775.3 -0.5 7.6	233.2 8.8 3.7 finish 12.5	82.5 1.7 10.5 finish 12.1
COM	petitive					
	Warehouse Mod Tech. modera/fixed Farwestern Sub	revenue profit ov'hd% ourbs pr+oh%	207.7 6.4 10.8 execute 17.2	322.4 -0.7 16.3	130.0 12.3 6.0 finish 18.3	21.1 -19.1 37.1 finish 18.0

Pro	Type				Tentative	Forecasts	
	Complex/Bid		2006.1	To Date	2006.2	2006.3	
comp	petitive						
65	Qren-Apart	revenue			340.1		
	Very High Tec	h.					
		profit			10.3		
	modera/fixed	ov'hd%			18.6		
	Boston/Cambri	dge	bid		fasttrack		
		pr+oh%			28.9		
COMP	petitive						
66	Qren-Apart	revenue			263.4		
	High Tech.	profit			11.4		
	low/fixed	ov'hd%			22.5		
	Boston/Cambri	dge	bid		fasttrack		
		pr+oh%			33.8		
	petitive						
68	Office-med ri	se					
		revenue			276.5	288.3	276.5
	Very High Tec						
		profit			10.3	10.0	
	v.high/fixed	ov'hd%			12.1	10.7	
	Lowell area		bid		start up	execute	finish
		pr+oh%			22.4	20.7	
Tota	al-revenue		2391.7		2182.4	613.8	303.0
	-margin (pro	fit)	6.7%		10.3%	8.3%	7.7%
	-overheads		9.0%		13.5%	10.2%	6.1%

Forecasts are based on current levels of efficiency, progress, rate of inflation and, for new projects, expected levels efficiency and progress.

Gives gross profits and project overheads Actual and forecast. Secured work is awful.

Cash Flow

Cash Flow Report (\$000) cumulative 2006.1

Project	48	49	50	51	54	56	58	61	62
Prime costs	359	683	419	578	779	325	152	360	134
Gross Profit	-4	55	53	61	-4	-2	-8	19	1
Revenue-real	355	738	472	639	775	322	144	378	135
-Due to loading	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	0
or client saving/pena	lties								
Payables-certified	33	76	43	116	175	57	42	117	35
-not cert.	14	0	0	58	74	25	18	0	17
Cash outflow	311	606	377	404	531	243	92	243	82
Receivables-retention	20	0	0	37	55	24	11	0	11
-not cert.	25	0	0	79	111	42	30	0	24
-certified	78	211	125	243	305	114	67	244	65
Cash Inflow	232	527	346	279	305	143	36	131	35
Net current assets	75	134	83	186	222	98	49	127	48
Net cash flow	-79	-79	-30	-125	-226	-100	-56	-111	-47
Intensity weeks	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Loading	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Subcontract percent	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%	50%

A complex but important table.

Profit & Loss and Balance Sheet

Financial Report 2006.1

Donafit / Tana Baranat	This Pe			Data
Profit/Loss Account	\$000	r10d %	Year to \$000	Date %
 Gross Revenues	 2395			
Gross Profit	164	6.8		
Adjustments from loading				
or client savings or pena	alties			
Adjusted Revenues	2392		2392	
Gross Profit	161		161	
Overheads				
Total Salaries	278		278	
Head office Charge	24		24	
Office expenses	70		70	
Interest +paid(-recd)				
-Recovered from Project O				
	-215		-215	
Total	163		163	
Net Profit	-2		-2	
Cash Flow Statement	\$000		\$000	
cash flow Statement	\$000 		\$000 	
+Cash in	2111		2111	
-Cash out	-2156		-2156	
=Net Cash Flow	-45		-45	
Balance Sheet	\$000			
Accts receivable	1452			
+WIP - not cert.	311			
+Retentions on WIP	157			
+Cash/-Loan	-553			
-Accts payable	-720			
-Uncertified s/crs	-206			
-Reserve - loading				
=Net Current Assets	443			

n.b. Loading revenues are not taken as profit or loss until end of project.

Accts receivable delay (weeks) = 8.4 Accts payable delay (weeks) = 6.4 The books were not quite balanced. Cash management is poor.

Problem Areas

Problem Activities by Project or Area of Admin. 2006.1

Tas Are		Source	Project or
9	monitor accts receivable	accountant	503
10	monitor accts payable	accountant	504
22	layout control lines	superintendent	58, 61
23	coordinate construction	superintendent	58, 61
24	confer with a/e	const. engineer	58, 61
28	initial schedules	vp engineering	58, 61
31	layout control lines	superintendent	54
32	coordinate construction	superintendent	54, 56, 61
35	confer with a/e	const. engineer	54, 61
37	change orders	project manager	54
38	general project admin	project manager	54, 61
40	schedule update	superintendent	54, 56, 61
42	coordinate construction	superintendent	48, 61

N.B. Administrative Areas coded 500 and above

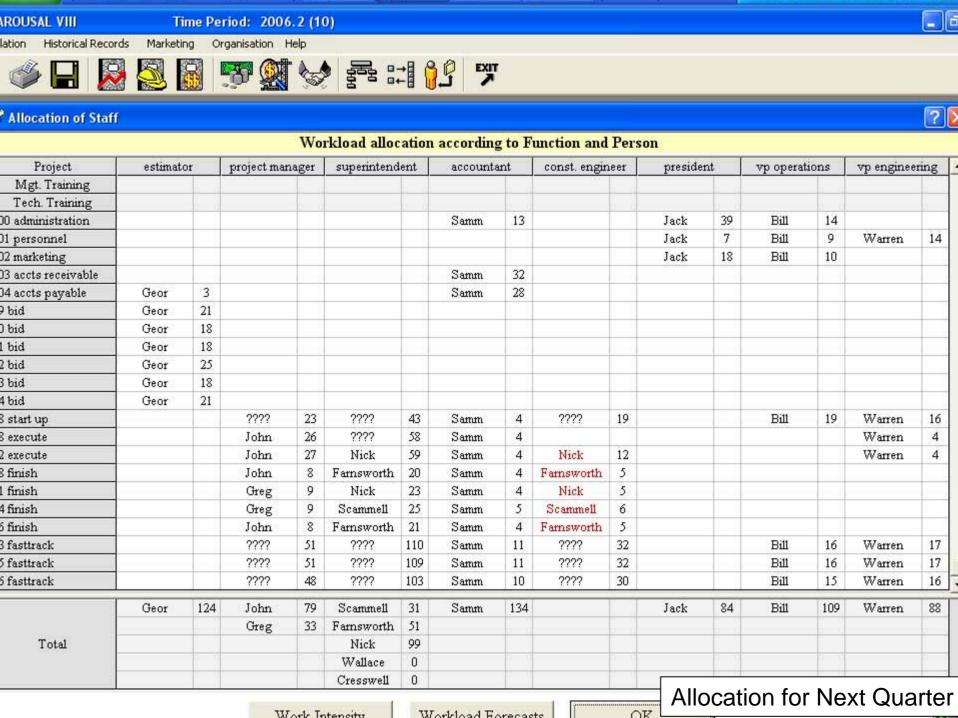
There are problems on projects 58 and 61. Both are run by Pete who was terribly overloaded with work. Project 54, the largest that the company has at present is in difficulty. Also the accountant is not managing the cash very well

Performance of Staff

Staff Progress Report 2006.1

St. No	aff		Salary \$000	Work load	Perfo Displayed		ommitment	Problems
4	Farnsworth	estimator project manager project manager superintendent superintendent superintendent	59,000 56,000 56,000 48,000 52,000	109 101 136 82 95 134	V.Good Good Good Good Average V.Good	V.Good Good V.Good Average Good V.Good	Sound Sound Sound Sound Sound Sound Sound	Salary Salary
13	Pete	superintendent	47,000	169	Poor	Good	Left	Technical Relationships Load
	Cresswell Samm Jack Bill	superintendent superintendent accountant president vp operations vp engineering	47,000 50,000 47,000 163,000 114,000 102,000	28 26 114 83 91 103	Good V.Good V.Good V.Good Good	Average Good Good V.Good V.Good Good	Sound Sound Sound Sound Sound Sound	

Pete has left the company! But Nick performed very well despite a high workload. Sam has not Performed very well, nor has Farnsworth. Some staff have complained about their salaries.



And so we arrive at the next quarter with an updated configuration and a new set of issues to consider

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