

## SIMS<sup>®</sup> Staser Information Management System

This document provides an overview of the Staser Information Management System application provided to clients for the benefit of aligning information with business processes and more efficiently accessing business information. The SIMS product will provide integrated access to the five key quadrants of enterprise information management: strategy, people, processes, policies, and technologies. SIMS bridges the gap to the enterprise information infrastructure and provides direct access to people, policies, and processes to enhance information management and business continuity. It bridges this gap by providing a central repository for formal, published policies and procedures that govern information rules and business procedures and integrating those policies and procedures with each step of the business process. SIMS is a fit-for-purpose application that can be applied to a range of needs such as business intelligence implementations, business process management, training, compliance, and information management system development.

SIMS is a composite application consisting of a SharePoint-based Information Management System with a web-based Process Portal. The scope of the SIMS application encompasses all policies, processes, and procedures used to conduct the enterprise's business. SIMS leverages the core collaboration and document management functionalities of SharePoint while also providing rich navigation and search capabilities using custom C# web parts.

The SIMS application provides access and links to documents by associating them to steps in the business process. It does this by linking documents to process steps within SharePoint web parts and list associations. The web parts are hierarchical in nature, beginning with processes. Business processes are grouped by process class and process group. Process steps within each business process are displayed using a process step web part. Documents can be attached to each process step. Clicking on the document title opens the associated file. The Process Flow Diagram web part (contained in the Process Portal) displays the diagram in html view. This classification structure is agile enough to map business processes according to a wide array of corporate/operating structures. These documents are delivered as reference materials related to business processes (view/update only). It is not the intent of the SIMS product to provide an interactive product for transactional/operational data across the enterprise.

Emerging trends in the field of enterprise information management and business intelligence indicate a shift away from ERP/CRM solutions toward excellence in management processes. SIMS helps bridge the gap between ERP/CRM operational data and structural integrity of management processes for knowledge workers. A natural extension of management process excellence, SIMS provides a unique and intuitive business intelligence tool for knowledge workers to access relevant data about management processes across the enterprise.

Finally, SIMS provides a coordinating, semantic layer between business users and IT developers to manage process and requirements and build relationships of trust and understanding for business intelligence initiatives.

Contact us to set up a capabilities demonstration using SIMS today.

