

Topic	Description	Justification
Costing	EPPORA determines the cost of any project feature, as well as the cost of the entire project. EPPORA accomplishes this by linking each low-level requirement to one or more scheduled tasks on a percentage basis.	Executives are continuously fighting budgets and need accurate project-cost estimations in a timely manner.
Labor Resource Allocation	EPPORA assigns an organization's most productive labor resources to the most important project tasks as opposed to assigning fixed resources to each individual project. The allocation takes into consideration the importance of each project task, the productivity of each project team member capable of performing the task (the labor category), the experience of potential assignees relative to the project task, and several other variables in optimizing the allocation.	Organizations waste significant labor resources and fail to make optimal use of their labor resources for their portfolio of projects. Organizations can achieve an estimated 40%-60% improvement in their staff's productivity with EPPORA's automatic allocation of labor resources.
Project Selection	EPPORA allows organizations to specify what criteria should be used in determining the project selection process. It also specifies who should perform the evaluation of each criterion for each project. EPPORA has 22 built-in criteria (cost, return on investment, synergy with other projects, government regulation compliance, technical risk, etc.) along with the ability of each organization to define its own criteria. Each criterion has a weight (importance relative to other criteria), and for each division's projects a set of criterion evaluators (subject-matter experts) are selected with results automated through a stylized message system.	Organizations need to improve the method used for project selection. Because the justification for projects changes every day, project selection needs to occur continuously throughout the year. EPPORA needs to know the ranking of projects in order to optimize labor resource allocation. EPPORA's project selection methodology eliminates the project sponsor's charisma and friendly association with executive committee members as part of the decision process as to which projects are selected. It also provides an audit trail for why each project was selected.
Requirements Definition	Requirements are often ambiguous and difficult to test. EPPORA provides a set of tools for creating meaningful requirements along with analysis tools to help assure that each requirement is interpreted the same by all project stakeholders.	Projects fail too often because of poorly written requirements. EPPORA's stylized method for specifying requirements, coupled with its built-in requirements analysis tools, helps assure that requirements are understood the same by all stakeholders and are readily testable.
Schedules	Too many Project Managers misuse scheduling tools. EPPORA provides a set of analysis tools to help assure that project managers create and maintain meaningful project schedules.	EPPORA improves the quality of schedules to simplify tracking a project's progress and warns management when actions should be taken to assure milestones and deliverables are within schedule and budget constraints.
Task Estimates	Estimating the effort it takes to complete a task is an ongoing dilemma for nearly all project managers. In addition, after a project is completed management rarely reviews how closely the project manager's estimates reflected what actually transpired, nor how to improve the project manager's future estimates.	Project managers need to accurately estimate the level of effort and cost for a project to support prudent management decisions. Improving a project manager's ability to accurately estimate project costs will benefit any organization's decision processes.
Team Member Performance	EPPORA determines each project team member's productivity and cost effectiveness for each labor category supported.	Assigning the most productive individuals to the most important project tasks is common sense to achieve maximum ROI for your project investment. This feature also allows supervisors to see how productive and cost effective each staff member is for each labor category they support.
Warnings	EPPORA has numerous triggers that cause the sending of a message for conditions such as a milestone or deliverable date being missed or projected to be missed.	Executives are given time to correct major project issues.