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A Manufacturer's ERP Roadmap:

9 Steps to a Successful ERP Implementation

The success of your ERP doesn't depend solely on the software — it hinges on the partner you choose to implement it alongside you. The question every manufacturer should ask as they make this critical decision is: **How will our ERP consulting partner help us improve the way we operate?**

Implementation and go-live are only the beginning of a high-impact ERP journey. You need a partner who truly understands your challenges and can deliver tailored solutions that work the way you do.

Here are the nine phases of a successful, partner-led ERP journey.

PHASE 1

Select an ERP

Look for an ERP system that simplifies workflows and can be tailored to your unique needs. It should also be flexible and scalable so it fits today's needs and can grow with you tomorrow. The most important part: The ERP should be complemented by a certified, capable implementation partner.

PHASE 2

Pick an ERP Partner

To help you extract the most value from your ERP solution, choose an experienced partner that understands your industry, speaks your language, and takes the time to learn your business. A partner with staying power will be with you throughout your ERP journey and improve system performance and results over time.

PHASE 3

Prepare for Implementation

A skilled partner has the technical depth and industry expertise to guide you through the implementation process so timelines stay on track, disruptions are minimized, and your team can be confident about the results.

PHASE 4

Plan & Monitor Your Strategy

A solid ERP strategy is built on milestones and measured by progress. A strong partner works collaboratively with you to define achievable goals, anticipate and address risks, and map workflows for consistency.

PHASE 5

Analyze & Design Your Solution

Your ERP partner should make sure each solution design choice aligns with your goals and will work in the real world. Data should be prepared and meticulously moved from your existing system to ensure a seamless, accurate transition.

PHASE 6

Build & Train on the System

It's time to configure your ERP, and your partner should tailor it to align with your unique workflows and goals. Personalized training should also be part of the onboarding process to boost team-wide adoption.

PHASE 7

Stabilize and Prep for Rollout

Loading data into your ERP is a critical last step in preparing for rollout. Through in-depth testing, your partner should verify that company data is ready to load and will migrate seamlessly and accurately.

PHASE 8

Deploy the System

All the planning, testing, and configuration work pays off now. Your ERP partner plays a pivotal role in ensuring a fully operational ERP that fits into your workflows. Hands-on support means issues are addressed in real-time.

PHASE 9

Optimize the System Post-Go-Live

Your ERP is operational, but your journey is far from complete. Your long-term partner should actively continue to evaluate performance and uncover potential opportunities to maximize usage and ROI. This means regular assessments, software updates and new modules, and scaling the platform as your business grows.

Ready to get more from your ERP?

Building long-term value with your ERP takes dedication from both sides.

Meet NexTec: your ERP partner in overcoming tough technical and business challenges so you can focus on what matters most.

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