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Project Closure Report

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The Project Manager(s) will complete the Project Closure Memo and Report and receive approval from the Steering Committee.

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| **Project Closure Report** | **R** | **R** | **O** | **This deliverable is required for large and medium scale projects and optional for small scale projects unless requested by the sponsor, steering committee or IT management.** | **The Project Manager(s) will complete the Project Closure Memo and Report and receive approval from the Steering Committee.** |

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# PROJECT CLOSURE REPORT PURPOSE

*The Project Closure Report is the final document produced for the project and is used by sponsor, steering committee and senior management to assess the success of the project, identify best practices for future projects, resolve all open issues, and formally close the project.*

*The information entered into the tables under the Project Closure Tasks sections are copied in the PMO Department Project Closures spreadsheet attachment in the Project and Portfolio Management System.*

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| 1.0 |  |  | Initial Document Creation |
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# PROJECT CLOSURE REPORT GOALS

*This Project Closure Report is created to accomplish the following goals:*

* *Validate the milestones and success of the project*
* *Confirm outstanding issues, risks, and recommendations*
* *Outline tasks and activities required to close the project*
* *Identify project highlights and best practices for future projects*

# PROJECT CLOSURE REPORT SUMMARY

## Project Background Overview

## Project Highlights and Best Practices

## Project Closure Synopsis

# PROJECT METRICS PERFORMANCE

## Goals and Objectives Performance

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## Budget Performance Report

(For assistance in completing this report please email ist-pmohelp@umdnj.edu)

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# PROJECT CLOSURE TASKS

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## Asset Management

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## Lessons Learned

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## Project Closure Recommendations

# Approval

The individuals below agree that they have reviewed and approved the plan outlined in this Support Documentation.

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| Function Role | Name and Title | Signature | Date |
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EXAMPLE

**Luminis 4 Upgrade**

Project Closure Report

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# Version Control

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| Version | Date | Person | Change |
| 1.0 | June 22, 2009 | Adam Levinson | Initial Document Creation |
| 2.0 | June 25, 2009 | Adam Levinson | Revisions made |
| 3.0 | June 29, 2009 | Adam Levinson | Revisions made |
| 4.0 | July 1, 2009 | Adam Levinson | Revisions made |

# PROJECT CLOSURE REPORT GOALS

This Project Closure Report is intended to accomplish the following goals:

* Validate the milestones and successes of the project
* Confirm outstanding issues, risks, and recommendations
* Outline tasks and activities required to close the project
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# PROJECT CLOSURE REPORT SUMMARY

## Project Background Overview

The main objective of the project was to: Install and configure a portal implementation of the Luminis 4 application to include all the current functionalities in our my.UMDNJ portal running Luminis 3.3.3.

## Project Highlights and Best Practices

* Acquisition of the new hardware environment had begun prior to the project being initiated. This caused a slight cost overrun as the data center and servers were not properly spec’d for the new environment and required some additional purchases.
* Installation of the new hardware environment, once all components were received, was completed in a timely manner and did not cause any delays.
* With great support from the project Steering Committee, the project was able to enter and exit the Initiation Phase in under a month.
* The Implementation Team was able to conclude the Planning Phase of the project in less than three months time. Participation from the resources on the Implementation Team was excellent.
* Allowing preliminary/investigative work to occur in parallel to the Planning Phase achieved the desired result of shortening the overall duration of the project by approximately one month.
* Implementation Team utilization of the Innotas system – while acknowledging room for improvement - was adequate for this endeavor.
* The Change Control process was effective in organizing, prioritizing and executing the changes requested during this project.
* Adherence to the PMO Project Methodology was excellent. Though this is led by the Project Manager, true success cannot be achieved without outstanding participation from the Steering Committee and Implementation Team.
* Aided by the Communication Plan, project communication amongst the teams (Steering Committee and Implementation Team) was ideal.
* Communication to various affected support groups, stakeholders and the University at-large could have been executed better.
* Due to the diligence displayed during planning combined with the Implementation Team’s stalwart effort for enacting corrective action during execution, the project never had a slippage of target dates for any High-Level Achievement milestones.
* Originally the project team was to be supplemented by a new Programmer Analyst FTE. However, due to circumstances outside of the project, this FTE was never added to the project team. Yet, all project milestones were achieved on time, on budget and in scope.
* The project Go-Live target date was achieved.
* The project was completed prior to the Banner 8 Upgrade project.

## Project Closure Synopsis

The Luminis 4 Project is complete. All functionality that existed in the Luminis 3.3.3 platform was migrated to the new system and is operational. Daily, weekly, and monthly maintenance/support is now being performed as operational tasks.

**PMO PM Methodology**

This project conformed to the PMO Project Methodology. Although some purchasing activities were initiated prior to PMO PM involvement, this did not derail the project or any of the phase processes. All deliverables of the PMO Project Methodology were completed.

The following steps will be followed for closure of this project:

* + Prepare & Conduct Lessons Learned Survey
  + Create Project Closure Report
  + Update INNOTAS with all available project documentation
  + Gain Steering Committee approval for project closure
  + Mark Project Status as “Closed” in INNOTAS
  + Communicate to stakeholders that the project is closed
  + Project budget closure

# PROJECT METRICS PERFORMANCE

## Goals and Objectives Performance

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Goals and Objective Performance |  |  | New Luminis 4 hardware environment was acquired and installed correctly in the datacenter (HLA 1 & 2). |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Goals and Objective Performance |  |  | A development environment for Luminis 4 has been properly configured (HLA 4 & 6). |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Goals and Objective Performance |  |  | A production environment of the Luminis 4 application – my.UMDNJ.edu – was installed and configured correctly (HLA 7). |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Goals and Objective Performance |  |  | The upgraded portal, my.UMDNJ.edu, is fully operational and accessible to all user populations (HLA 7). |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Goals and Objective Performance |  |  | The project was completed prior to the Banner 8 Upgrade project (constraint). |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Goals and Objective Performance |  |  | Migration of Luminis 3 data to the production Luminis 4 environment has been completed (HLA 3 & 5). |

*\*HLA numbers are referenced from the Project Charter*

## Budget Performance

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Budget Performance |  |  | The project budget was carefully and regularly monitored by the project manager. The final cost of the project budget is $90,000, with $15,527 remaining in surplus ($14,265 for salary, $1,261 for non-salary). These numbers include all budget adjustments made throughout the Initiation, Planning and Execution phases. However, it should be noted that the ‘redundant storage array controller’ purchased for this project was not charged against the project budget, but rather the Banner 8 Hardware Upgrade budget. This expense was $8599.49. |

## Budget Performance Report

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| **Luminis 4 Budget Performance Report** | | |  |  |
|  | PM: Adam Levinson |  |  |  |
|  | Project dates: 10.6.08 - 6.8.09 |  |  |  |
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| Project Budget |  |  |  |  |
| **Budgeted Cost (Non-Capitalized)** |  |  |  |  |
| $35,000.00 |  |  |  |  |
| **Budgeted Cost (Capitalized)** |  |  |  |  |
| $55,000.00 |  |  |  |  |
| **Budget Cost (Total)** |  |  |  |  |
| $90,000.00 |  |  |  |  |
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| Estimate (Non-Cap) |  | Estimate (Cap) |  | Total Estimate |
| **Hours Estimate (Total)** |  | **Total T&E Estimated Cost (Capitalized)** |  | **Total T&E: Estimated Cost (Total)** |
| 1,652.00 |  | $55,000.00 |  | $125,580.00 |
| **Hours Estimate Cost (Total)** |  |  |  |  |
| $70,580.00 |  |  |  |  |
| **Total T&E Estimated Cost (Non-Cap)** |  |  |  |  |
| $70,580.00 |  |  |  |  |
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| Actual (Non-Cap) |  | Actual (Cap) |  | Total Actual |
| **Actual Budgeted Salary Expense (Total)** |  | **Total T&E Actual Cost (Capitalized)** |  | **Total T&E Actual Cost (Total)** |
| $20,734.13 |  | $53,738.74 |  | $74,472.87 |
| **Total T&E Actual Cost (Non-Cap)** |  |  |  |  |
| $20,734.13 |  |  |  |  |
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| TPC (Non-Cap) |  | TPC (Cap) |  | TPC |
| **Actual Hours** |  | **TPC T&E (Capitalized)** |  | **TPC T&E (Total)** |
| 1,570.25 |  | $53,738.74 |  | $120,099.85 |
| **Hours Actual Cost (Total)** |  |  |  |  |
| $66,361.11 |  |  |  |  |
| **TPC T&E (Non-Cap)** |  |  |  |  |
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## Metrics Performance Summary

This project tracked schedule, cost and scope using the PMO methodology and underwent several change management requests and approvals:

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Metrics Performance Summary |  |  | Scope Variance– through the Change Management process, the Steering Committee reduced the scope of the project by altering the amount of data and code cleanup work that was to occur in the Luminis 3 environment. The project completed within the baseline scope |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Metrics Performance Summary |  |  | Schedule Variance – the targeted completion date was adjusted slightly after the schedule was initially approved. These changes were approved by the Steering Committee via the Change Management process. However, as it relates to the project schedule baseline, there were no variances to targeted completion dates during Execution. Go-Live deadline was achieved. The project completed within the baseline schedule. |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Metrics Performance Summary |  |  | Cost Variances – the project completed within the baseline budget. However, if the ‘redundant array controller expense’ could not have been re-classed, the project would have suffered a cost overrun. |

# PROJECT CLOSURE SUMMARY

## Resource Management

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Resource Management |  |  | Steering Committee participation and support was ideal for a project of this scale. Implementation Team participation was excellent. For most meetings we had 100% attendance and there was a true team atmosphere among the group. Work responsibilities were easily determined and the task duration estimation exercises were taken seriously and completed accurately. |

## Risk Management

A risk matrix was maintained for this project and Innotas was used to manage all risks and issues, including communication with management and team members.

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Risk Management |  |  | Test/Staging Server - the current Luminis 4 environment does not include a test/staging server. During the project, there were not enough available resources (people and hardware) to properly setup the test/staging environment. This risk was accepted by the project Steering Committee.  The recommendation for mitigating this risk is to allocate resources from the Luminis 4 support team to properly setup, installation and configure a test/staging environment for Luminis 4. |

## Quality Management

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Quality Management |  |  | The baseline Luminis 4 application was tested and documented by the Implementation Team. Additional patches, UMD modifications, and external systems integration were also tested and documented by the Implementation Team. A User Acceptance Test Plan was developed to guide user acceptance testing. The UAT test team consisted of ‘end-users’ (not members of the project team), from all university populations. The UAT test cases were created by the Implementation Team. The UAT test phase was allocated three days for completion. |

## Communication Management

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Communication Management |  |  | The Implementation Team met weekly throughout the Planning Phase. The frequency of these meetings lessened to bi-weekly once the project entered Execution. Email and Innotas was the preferred method for information distribution that took place outside of meetings.  Communications to the University were drafted by the PM with the aid of team members (Steering Committee and Implementation Team). The project sponsor reviewed and approved all Enterprise-wide communications before distribution. |

## Customer Expectation Management

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Customer Expectation Management |  |  | Three email communications were distributed to the University notifying them of the pending upgrade. The first email was sent out approximately one month prior to Go-Live. The subsequent email communications were distributed the week before Go-Live, reminding users of the upgrade and notifying them of the application downtime. In addition, notices were posted on various UMD application web pages, alerting users to the upgrade and downtime as well as providing information on alternate access methods. A final communication was distributed to the University after Go-Live was complete. This notice was also posted on the login page for my.UMDNJ.edu. |

## Asset Management

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Asset Management |  |  | SGHE and CST installed/racked one new Sun Fire v490 server in the Newark data center. |

## Lessons Learned

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Lessons Learned | Project Management-Administrative | *Recommendation: calculate the statistics of who provided approval confirmation and include this as part of the lessons learned report, thereby indentifying the individuals who consistently did not participate.* | Gaining approval confirmations from the Steering Committee on documents distributed via email allowed for additional convenience. However, this caused for many ‘implicit approvals’, where individuals did not respond with a confirmation. |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Lessons Learned | Project Management-Administrative |  | Innotas usage among the Implementation Team was adequate, but could be improved. Most team members had to be reminded to input status updates and log time for tasks. With the system being new to the University, this was expected but should be noted. |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Lessons Learned | Technical | *Recommendation: allow enough time and resources (people, hardware, money) to properly setup a test/staging environment as part of future projects. This recommendation assumes that this approach is cost-effective for a given project. In addition, the work necessary to setup a testing/staging server should be completed as a post-project task and is identified as such below.* | Testing/Staging Server - the lack of a test/staging server (documented risk), had an adverse impact on the project and was the source of many Go-Live problems. Without an identical, live, fully-functional Luminis 4 staging environment, it was impossible to adequately test the full spectrum of functionality offered through the portal. This led to Go-Live issues, specifically the breakdown of the Password Synchronization Utility (PSU). |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Lessons Learned | Technical | *Recommendation: all configuration and/or code changes to any module, modification, or service offered in the portal should be distributed on a regular basis to the inventoried portal application developers.* | CAS - the location of the Central Authentication System (CAS) service changed in the new Luminis 4 environment. This change was noted internally by the Luminis support team, but was never brought to the attention of the PM and other stakeholders and/or application developers. This change required application developers to update their code to point to the new location. Confounding the problem was that the UAT test case for CAS was developed with the anticipated code changes in mind. However, this allowed for a faulty test case that received all passing marks. |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Lessons Learned | Technical | *Recommendation: document and keep current all server/application connections to the my.UMDNJ.edu portal. This document should be continuously cross referenced with change management notifications.* | Servers/Applications-to-Portal Connections Architecture Document –servers and applications that communicate with the portal is not documented or is incomplete. This caused for some confusion when the DNS cutover occurred as many undocumented communication links broke. This was particularly evident with the ColdFusion servers, which all had to have their instances restarted before the applications they are serving in the portal would function again. Similarly, many security certificates became invalid and did not function properly due to the new IP address of the Luminis 4 server. These types of problems could have been avoided – or at the very least mitigated - if the server/application-to-portal connection architecture was properly documented. |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Lessons Learned | Technical | *Recommendation: all configuration and/or code changes to any module, modification, or service offered in the portal should be distributed on a regular basis to the inventoried portal application developers. Also, please see above mentioned recommendation for a Server-to-Portal Connection Architecture Document.* | LDAP Password Change – the LDAP password was changed for the Luminis 4 environment. This change was mentioned at Implementation Team meetings, but was never stressed as a potential problem. Because applications developers were unaware of this change, many applications broke on Go-Live. The required fix was simple (updating the LDAP password in their applications), but the problem could have been avoided entirely through better planning. |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Lessons Learned | General | *Recommendation: for future projects, treat downtime as a priority and set metrics around the acceptable level of downtime. Similarly, planning for alternate access needs to receive greater focus from the project team.* | Downtime/Alternate Access – downtime for this project was extensive. Mitigation of this problem was achieved by providing users with alternate access methods to critical portal applications. However, the impact of the downtime could have been heavily reduced if a parallel adoption approach was available. |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Lessons Learned | General | *Recommendation: actively manage this list and treat these individuals as stakeholders, including them on communications regarding Luminis initiatives, projects, upgrades, etc.* | Developer Inventory – an inventory of application developers does currently exist and is managed by the Luminis Support Team. However, the developers on this list were not identified as project stakeholders. Because of this, many of these developers did not know about the implications of the Luminis 4 Project as it relates to their applications. This caused problems on Go-Live (see CAS lesson learned). |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Lessons Learned | General | *Recommendation: all support resources need to be treated as stakeholders for future projects with explicit representation on the project teams. This will create another communication channel that should help prevent the confusion that the support resources experienced for this project.* | Command Center/Go-Live Support – support for Go-Live was coordinated in advance with multiple communications and meetings taking place. The support strategy was to offload the majority of the call volume to Presidium Support (vendor). However, once it was identified that the PSU and some CAS-based applications were not functional on Go-Live, Presidium Support was overwhelmed by call volume resulting in extended wait times for end-users (20 minutes or more). Being a third-party support resource, communication broke down on Go-Live and Presidium was not kept abreast of the critical problems the application was experiencing, further compounding the problem (re: they were unable fix the problems for the customers as the tools needed, namely the PSU, were not functional). Similarly the UMD Service Center began to receive an increased volume of calls, due to Presidium being unable to address the issues initially. Although there was better communication between the project teams and the Service Center, the problems remained the same and many issues went unresolved for several hours as the project team worked to correct the defects. Fortunately all critical defects were corrected in a timely manner, but the volume of calls for both Presidium and the Service Center were well above 1000% of the mean for the first 36 hours of Go-Live. |

## Post Project Tasks

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| Project Name | Section | Category | Recommendation | Description |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Post Project Tasks |  |  | Assist CST desktop support with identifying and correcting any desktops with my.UMDNJ.edu hard-coded into their HOST files. (BST, CST) |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Post Project Tasks |  |  | Adjust the Role names in Luminis 4 to better reflect their application role. When the roles were migrated, they were assigned generic Role names. (SGHE, BST, CST) |
| Luminis 4 Upgrade | Post Project Tasks |  |  | Reallocate and redeploy the hardware resources that make up the legacy Luminis 3 environment. (SGHE, BST, CST) |

## Project Closure Recommendations

* Gain project closure approval from the Sponsor and Steering Committee, including agreement that the project has fulfilled all of the requirements identified in the Project Charter.
* Gain project closure approval from the PMO Director indicating that all outstanding closure tasks have been appropriately addressed.

# PROJECT CLOSURE SUMMARY

The individuals below agree that they have reviewed and approved the plan outlined in this Support Documentation.

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