Client Profile

The client is a large bio-pharmaceutical company with over 6000 employees, of whom 600 are in the sales force. The core business activity of the client is to discover, develop, manufacture, and market human therapeutics based on advanced research in cellular and molecular biology. The client has a presence in more than 50 locations around the world, in 18 countries.

Situation

The availability of real-time information management systems is an imperative to remain close and relevant to the customer. The client wanted to simplify the Customer Management information that was distributed in multiple systems across the Sales and Marketing organization. Overlapping functionality across systems, multiple data capture points, expensive maintenance, disjointed reporting, and non-alignment between business and IT were some of the problems with the existing system.

Solutions

Cognizant designed, developed, and implemented a system that consolidated all the Customer Management information to a single point data source for other Sales and Marketing systems, including the CRM system. The new system was developed using Web-based technology utilizing a combination of J2EE and EAI technology (TIBCO) with an emphasis on open architecture to allow component re-use.

The system was:

- A multi-tier solution that separated business rules from underlying software code
- Built using a single database to avoid data redundancy and inconsistency
- Reliable, scalable, easily maintainable, and secure

Benefits included:

- Centralized customer information for managing accurate customer information
- Geographic and non-geographic alignment capabilities to support the client’s field sales force
- Enhanced business reporting and analysis capabilities
- Real-time data synchronization through an open systems interface model and EAI
- Customer data security
- Lowered TCO and enhanced service levels with an easy-to-maintain system

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