



# THE 5 STAGES OF ERP IMPLEMENTATION

## STEP 1: UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU NEED

It is in this stage that companies conduct a careful and thorough review of what the organization is looking for. It is important to factor in not only people who will be using the ERP system but employees of various disciplines and groups.

## STEP 2: MAKE A MATCH

Upon evaluation, companies will look at different vendors and offers; in doing so, they also weigh the pros and cons of each option. The idea is to find an ERP system that addresses the most needs at the best cost.

## STEP 3: ALL ONBOARD!

The next step would be to ensure that everyone who will be utilizing the system gets the right training. A training program should be created to address the organization's needs, schedules, and training scope.

## STEP 4: TEST IT ... SO YOU DON'T BREAK IT

Before the system is committed to the whole company, it should be tested thoroughly to ensure it is pulling data correctly and providing the desired information. Make sure your new ERP system is running to your satisfaction!

## STEP 5: GO-LIVE AND ENJOY!

At last, what everyone is waiting for- Go-Live. It is now time to roll out the system company-wide. However, make sure you take note of any questions, issues, or notices with the new software.