



**An Acquisition Story:  
The Role of SAP ECC in Integration**  
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# About the Speaker

## Tara Klatt

- HRIS Manager, MTS Systems Corporation
- Background:
  - 15 years in HRIS space; 1<sup>st</sup> year with MTS
  - Multiple acquisitions, implementations, & HRIS systems
  - SuccessFactors P&G, LMS, Comp, Recruit & OnB, Succession & CDP
- Fun Fact: I'm from Minnesota, where 40° F is a heat wave

# Key Outcomes/Objectives

1. Identify Common Challenges of Acquisition
2. Develop an Acquisition Strategy
3. Understand the Importance of Partnership

# Agenda

- About MTS
- SuccessFactors Partnership
- Acquisition and Integration
- Our Strategy
- The Importance of Partnership
- Current State
- Future Plans
- Q & A

# About MTS

- Hi-Tech Manufacturer, based in Eden Prairie, MN
- High Tech Manufacturer, Testing and Sensing Solutions
- Many Industries: Aerospace, Automotive, Civil Eng., Energy, Medical, R & D, etc.
- 3,600 Employees
- 17 Countries, 9 Languages
- 3 Business Units

# About MTS



DNW German-Dutch Wind Tunnels



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George E. Brown, Jr., Network for Earthquake  
Engineering Simulation (NEES)

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Automobile Testing



# SuccessFactors Partnership

- System of Record (HR & Payroll): SAP ECC
- Talent Management Suite: SuccessFactors
  - Performance & Goals
  - LMS
  - Compensation
  - Recruiting
  - Onboarding
- Current / Recent Initiatives
  - Career Site Builder / Mobile Apply Implementation
  - Succession / Career Development Planning

# SuccessFactors Partnership

The screenshot shows the MTS Career Site Builder landing page. At the top left is the MTS logo. To its right are navigation links: CAREERS HOME, WORKING AT MTS, BROWSE JOBS (with a dropdown arrow), and JOIN OUR TALENT COMMUNITY. On the far right of the top navigation is a 'View Profile' link. The main content area features a large banner image with a collage of four panels: a bridge, an airplane, a knee X-ray with screws, and a car wheel. Overlaid on the banner is a 'Join Our Talent Community' section with a text box, an email input field, and a 'SIGN UP NOW' button. At the bottom of the page is a search bar with two input fields labeled 'Search by Keyword' and 'Search by Location', and a 'Search Jobs' button.

This is our new Career Site Builder landing page with Mobile Apply!

# Acquisition & Integration

- The Challenge:
  - Major Acquisition: 50% increase in size of the business
  - Organization: MTS centralized; Acquisition decentralized
  - Multiple locations across multiple countries
  - No HRIS team for acquisition company (no data stewardship)
  - No central HR database for acquisition company

# Acquisition & Integration

- Our Goals:
  - Bring all employee data into one database
  - Provide global org chart, inclusive of all workers
  - Incorporate acquisition data into global workforce reporting
  - Leverage MTS's SuccessFactors Talent Management System for acquisition company



# Acquisition Strategy

- Partner with acquisition company
  - Communicate purpose, goals, expectations
  - Guide population of data template
  - Coordinate data standardization
- Import acquisition company employee data into SAP – shadow only
- Audit results
- Guide & support change management
- Support system access (SSO) & adoption
- Phase roll out of Talent Management Suite
  - Bring acquisition company onto one module at a time, over time
  - Integrate domestic and international employee groups separately

# Acquisition Strategy

- Shadowing data in SAP ECC
  - Demographic & necessary data only
    - Manager, location, reason codes, status dates, etc.
  - Used default data for:
    - Org Unit, Cost Center, Work Schedule, Work Week
    - Job codes / titles, etc.
  - Ongoing: Changes only to shadowed data

# Acquisition Strategy

- Phased Talent Management Suite roll out plan (over 2 years):
  - Domestic Performance & Goals
  - Domestic LMS: Go Forward
  - International Goals
  - International LMS: Go Forward
  - Domestic LMS: Curriculum and history
  - Domestic Recruiting
  - Domestic Onboarding
  - International Recruiting
  - International LMS: Curriculum and history
  - Domestic Compensation

# The Importance of Partnership

- Partnership: Key to success
  - Created true sense of one team
    - ‘We’, not ‘us & them’
  - Opened up flow of information
  - Promoted creativity in problem solving
  - Laid foundation for future initiatives



# Current State

- Completed / In Progress
  - Domestic Performance & Goals – 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle Completed
  - Domestic LMS: ‘Go Forward’ in place, Loading prior curriculum
  - International Goals – 1<sup>st</sup> Cycle In Progress
  - International LMS: Complete (except France)
- Feedback / Adoption
  - Highly intuitive
  - Well received by managers and employees
  - Learning curve with Performance & Goals process
  - High demand for LMS
  - Strong desire to use remaining modules

# Future Plans

- Continue Integration:
  - Domestic Recruiting & Onboarding
  - International Recruiting
  - International LMS: Curriculum and history
  - Domestic Compensation
- Replace SAP ECC as System of Record for HR & Payroll
  - SAP ECC end of Life: 2025
  - Goal: One central system of record for all employee data
  - Employee Central? Possibly
  - RFI in progress
  - Target Go Live: 2020

# Questions?



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# Q&A

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