



AMS.Operations

Many Midstream companies make limited use of technology within their Operations function. Orders are entered and scheduled manually. Paper tickets are stuck on a spindle, hand entered into spreadsheets, and then electronically sent to corporate accounting systems. Many have home-grown custom application using Access or other databases, but these present some major challenges: how to increase the footprint of the applications while maintaining application stability, conforming to SOX audit memos, and the expense to maintain and modify the systems as the companies grow to meet their clients' ever-increasing demand for energy.

Meanwhile, corporate back offices contend with multiple systems with various levels of interface sophistication. In many areas no automated systems exist, so data, including Accounts Receivables, is entered directly into accounting systems manually or from spreadsheets. There is often no consolidated view of relevant financial data or drill down capability and therefore companies lack the ability to see a complete picture except at a summary level.

AMS.Operations Answers the Call

Provante's AMS.Operations delivers the following capabilities in an integrated package:

- Manages business associate information
- Manages contracts
- Receives, schedules and actualizes orders
- Interfaces to rack systems
- Manages inventory
- Handles Accounts Receivable and billing
- Provides Accounts Payable matching
- Handles rack requirements (optional AMS.Rack module)
- Addresses gas plant requirements (optional CPASS module)
- Consolidates data
- Provides an audit trail
- Is secure

Our Approach

Provante is an experienced developer of asset management software and systems integrator. We built the AMS.Operations integrated solution leveraging the common components in our Asset Management Suite (AMS) product; CPASS our gas plant allocation and settlement system; and our extensive our scheduling and contract systems experience gained from years of working with Midstream Energy companies.

That experience also told us that there are two distinct audiences for AMS.Operations: those companies that buy, sell, and process NGLs and those that transport raw-mix and products. AMS.Operations has two personalities: AMS.Operations and AMS.Operations: Logistics. Each can be used independently of the other. With either or both in your toolkit, overall accuracy is improved as data is entered once into the system and flows seamlessly to where it is processed and analyzed within AMS.Operations and to external systems, such as your accounting software.

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In the front office, AMS.Operations will streamline order management, contract management, and business associate management. In the mid office, it will automate order scheduling and dispatching; feed orders directly to the rack system; and manage product inventory. Your company's back office will benefit by receiving actual volumes and being able to apply them to orders via the system's invoice matching feature. Even more benefits accrue when AMS.Rack and CPASS are added to the mix.

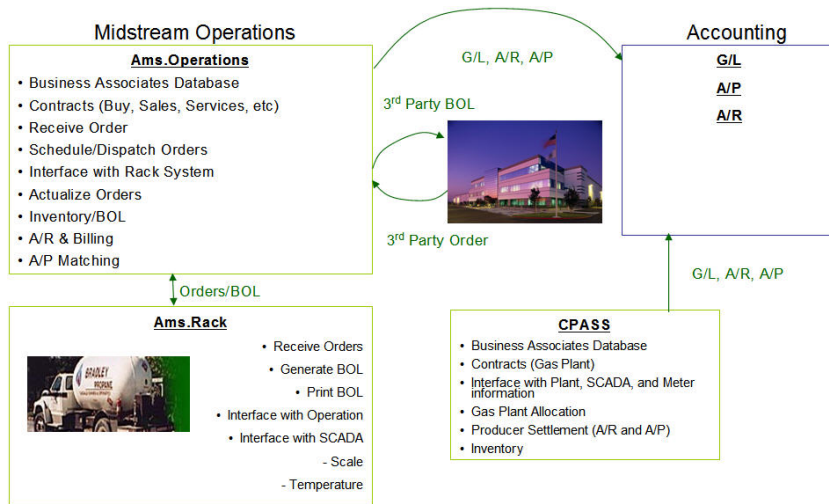


Figure 1. AMS.Operations, AMS.Rack and CPASS Working in Concert

AMS.Operations: Logistics

AMS.Operations: Logistics will boost your order entry and processing productivity. Orders can even be entered by customers, directly through the web or via an Application Program Interface (API) increasing customer service levels and further reducing your staff work. Orders from your trading organization can be loaded automatically into the system, too. AMS.Operations: Logistics streamlines truck, trailer and driver scheduling. All orders will feed directly into the scheduling module where they will be scheduled electronically taking into account driver schedules and truck/trailer availability. It utilizes the common contract and billing features of AMS.Operations, so when the BOL information comes back from your drivers, AMS.Operations: Logistics assesses fees and prepares A/R and G/L entries for your accounting system.

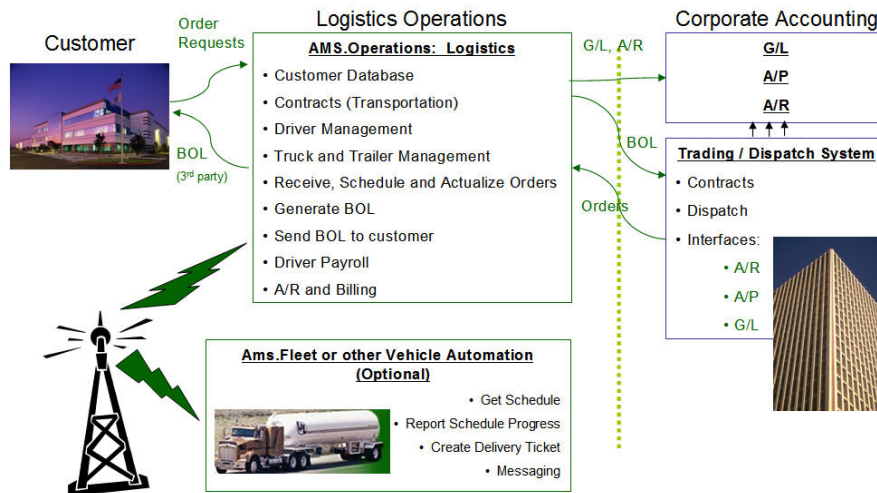


Figure 2. AMS.Operations: Logistics Overview

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