



# JLP Business Solutions

## CRITICAL ISSUE: Business Processes and Internal Controls

**BUSINESS CHALLENGE:** Accounting and internal controls after a “Material Weakness” – Becoming SOX compliant during a period of competing priorities.

Our client – an independent midstream and transportation company had undergone a lot of turnover in recent months and was going through a time of significant disruption post IPO. They needed someone to accelerate the closing cycle, increase the accuracy of the settlement statements and invoices as well as create new business processes to improve sox controls. With all of the competing priorities taking place as well as turnover, they lacked resources with the technical and industry expertise needed for this significant undertaking and this had become a challenge for the CFO.

Focused on JLP Business Solutions consultative approach and over 20 years of oil and gas industry experience, the client asked our team to lead their business process and internal control initiative.

### CUSTOM SOLUTION

Our business process and internal controls team took the lead in assessing the client’s current situation as they looked at people, processes, systems and technology to determine the best solution based on the concerns the client had raised with our team.

Our focus was on providing the client with the most detailed assessment and creating a “holistic” project plan that would supplement our team with some of the clients resources in order to ease their budgetary concerns. Our innovative “consultative” approach to problem solving along with our “Golden Rule” approach enabled us to achieve the following results:

1. Cut the closing cycle time by 20 days; thus allowing more time for financial review and analysis in the current period
2. Increased training and streamlined approach improved the settlement statement accuracy by 75%
3. Reviewed and improved business processes – updated Sox narratives, risk control matrices and delegation of approval matrices which eliminated the “material weakness” deficiency in the next Quarterly reporting period.

### IMPACTFUL RESULTS

Seamless and efficient Sox Compliance – On time and On Budget

- Client passed subsequent Sox Testing and filed a “clean” disclosure
- Improved business processes and efficiencies in booking revenue and expenses
- Addressed all audit and internal audit committee questions – supported by proper documentation