

Cost control tips for budget owners

Tip 2: Can't Explain Costs

We completed that work 3 months ago...

This is the second challenge that all budget owners face.

Traditional monthly cost reports are a lagging ameasure.

I can't explain why!

> ...why are we seeing those costs now?

Costs are booked when the invoice is received from the supplier.

The bigger your operation, the easier it is to lose track of your costs this way.

You can check the timeliness of the cost by asking this question...

What did I spend this month?

Linking **cost data** to current month activity will **increase visibility**

This is the second step in getting your costs under control.

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