In an effort to help companies dealing with cost analysis the Warehousing Education and Research Council (WERC) has come up with a plan to develop a web-based tool.

The tool will provide assistance to companies seeking to outsource logistics operations in figuring out vital information that will help in the decision-making process.

In the project planning phase our team identified the objectives for the IPRO. The main task is to aid companies seeking to outsource logistics operations.

We identified three major groups where the costs are allocated.

Research phase:
- Library and Internet Research
- Warehouse visit and Interviews

Division into Sub-teams:
We reached our goal of building the Logistics Outsourcing Tool through these intermediate steps:
- Creating a mathematical model of distribution operation
- Creating a web-based application for efficient cost analysis
- Preparing the layout of the tool, and all deliverables by the marketing team

Accomplishments

"How to maximize the profit of a warehouse?"
"Outsourcing - Yes or No?"
“What are the actual costs? How are they itemized?”

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