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[Ed. Note: The APS system was released into the U.S. market too recently to have been reviewed in this section. This sidebar article appeared along with the other product reviews.]

A new practice management option for professional accounting firms is the APS Advance Practice Management system, part of the APS Suite just introduced in April to the U.S. market by Commercial Logic, Inc (CLI). CLI has been a developer of accounting technology products for nearly 30 years but recently partnered with Advanced Professional Solutions, which has grown a strong user base in Australia, New Zealand and the UK, starting in 1991.

The APS integrated suite of products is specifically designed for accounting practices, based on a SQL database, and provides strong core modules for time and billing as well as contact and client relationship management functions. The system design offers significant workflow and resource planning capabilities, along with the ability to manage projects, expenses, staff scheduling and client communications. Advance PM can be used for multiple entities, and time tracking and staff resource functions enable multiple flexible rates per staff member, along with the ability to manage multiple currencies.

Other features include staff and resource budgeting and productivity analyses, on demand billing, a workflow-based electronic time and expense approval system, and remote data entry through web-based timesheets. The program integrates with

Microsoft Outlook for calendar and contact data, while reports can be output

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