



*BeMusic needed to calculate and report its obligations to the American Federation of Musicians (AFM). Information about sound recording contracts, Special Payments Fund (SPF), Sound Recording Trust Agreements and Music Performance Trust Fund (MPTF) needed to be incorporated into an application that could handle a large volume of data.*

### **Challenge: Quickly, Accurately Report Obligations to AFM**

RBZ&A was already familiar with the calculations needed because the company had been developing royalty applications for years. However, the real problem was in identifying the needed functionality and translating the business requirements into this calculator. Some requirements were not obvious to the customer, and therefore difficult to convey to the developers.

Also, this calculator had to both integrate with an existing database and be usable as a standalone database.

### **Solution: AFM Calculator Determines Payments**

RBZ&A worked closely with the customer to identify the required functionality and to assure the application would be easy to use.

The resulting AFM Calculator effectively helps BeMusic determine the payments. The calculator can be easily added onto any existing royalty system and profiled for both record clubs and record labels.

The multi-user application runs on a PC desktop accessing a SQL Server database. The calculator uses SQL Reporting Services, and produces payment reports on a semi-annual basis.

### **Results**

- Application mirrors newly defined business requirements
- Reduced processing time
- Flexible system works for both record clubs and labels
- Standalone calculator integrates with other royalty databases

### **Technologies Used**

- MS Visual Studio
- SQL Server
- SQL Reporting Services
- ASP.NET
- Web Application

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