



About Jitasa (formerly Easy Office)

Jitasa, which means “the spirit of serving others”, is the largest national accounting and bookkeeping services provider dedicated exclusively to the nonprofit sector. In January 2011, Jitasa was selected as the **BSA’s Preferred Vendor for Shared Accounting Services**. We are currently working with over 50 councils across all four BSA Regions.

Why Jitasa is a Great Fit for Your BSA Council

BSA Accounting Expertise and Team-Based Approach

Each Council is assigned to a primary Jitasa accounting associate who is supported by additional accounting associates and Jitasa's team of Specialists (CPA's, tax, fixed assets, endowments, payroll), all trained in BSA accounting systems, processes and procedures.

BSA PeopleSoft Experience

In September 2012, the entire Jitasa BSA accounting team was trained on PeopleSoft. To date, our team has a combined equivalent of *over 40 years of combined experience* with the BSA’s PeopleSoft application.

BSA Firewall Access

In 2012, having exceeded the BSA National Finance Impact Department’s standards for the security of client financial information, Jitasa became the ***first BSA vendor to be granted full access through the BSA Firewall***, allowing for operational efficiencies.

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BSA Council Testimonials

“In partnering with Jitasa, the Mobile Area Council made a transformational business decision for the council's financial and accounting processes that will have a long term positive impact in our council operations, for many years to come.”

- Michael Hartigan
Scout Executive, Mobile Area Council

“The California Inland Empire Council decided to partner with Jitasa, not to save money or time, but to dramatically improve every phase of our accounting services. We are on the right path!”

- Joseph Daniszewski
Scout Executive, California Inland Empire Council



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Outsourced Accounting with Jitasa, Inc.

In December 2010 our council began to look into book-keeping options when our Accounting Specialist of more than 25 years announced her retirement. During this time the Boy Scouts of America was working to establish a relationship with then Easy Office (Jitasa), in order to provide a consistent accounting service for local councils and we agreed to partner in a pilot program to launch this service. Initially our ambition was to save money and receive a higher level of expertise than we were accustomed to. For years our financial audit expressed a deficiency due to not having a CPA run our accounting functions and the Jitasa team approach was a good fit for our needs.

The levels of services provided by Jitasa vary based upon the size of the council and the functions under contract, for specific details on establishing a relationship with Jitasa, contact Steve Doud (208)287-4777 ext. 135.

Just the facts:

- **Saving money:** Replacing our Accounting Specialist directly saved us around \$8,000 annually in salary and benefits.
- **Improved financial statements:** Making the switch enabled us to clean up some historic accounting problems, realizing a more accurate picture of our financial health.
- **Accounting ownership by Scout Executive:** Going through the process gave the SE an opportunity to better understand the accounting system and to play an active role in operations. Online monthly reviews occur to guide the development of council financial statements, which include Jitasa reps, council staff, and volunteer leadership of the council.
- **Volunteer oversight:** Processes enable council volunteers to better engage in the review of monthly financial statements and in monitoring accounts payables via remote access business tools. It was always time consuming for us to get checks signed by a volunteer, now pre-check reports are approved remotely and checks come directly from Jitasa.
- **Personnel changes:** Jitasa's team approach enables there to be a staffing change without having to start all over and training a new council employee, preventing business interruptions. If a Jitasa team member leaves, a replacement is provided who is likely already familiar with PeopleSoft, IOI Pay, BSA culture, etc.
- **Green and secure:** We save reams of paper by not printing reports, as everything is now stored and backed up electronically, saving space, money, and Mother Earth.
- **Audit ease:** Our annual financial audit is done almost completely remotely and strong support is provided to complete the process. We saved \$10,000 the first year we made the change due to improved accounting and auditor cost savings.
- **Responsiveness:** We were concerned about not being able to walk down the hall to meet with our book-keeper; however, Jitasa has proven to be quick to serve and has helped to strengthen our staff's accounting knowledge.
- **Council staff time:** Honestly, I spend more time working with accounting than when we had our book-keeper on-sight, but this has proven to be a good thing for the council's health.

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