

The \$5k Bika Open Source LIMS Starterpack

Bringing professional Laboratory Information Management System implementation within reach for small and growing laboratories.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- A recent discussion in an online laboratory community revealed a notable industry perception: many smaller labs - particularly academic institutions, startups, and resource-constrained facilities - regard \$5,000 as the maximum amount they can realistically justify for a LIMS implementation.

However, the specialised nature of LIMS - which involves intricate laboratory workflows, strict ISO 17025 compliance requirements, and a much smaller market than mainstream accounting or CRM packages - means that economies of scale do not support a fully featured, industrial-grade LIMS at the \$5,000 price point.

But Open Source is free!

Correct. OS LIMS incurs no licensing fees, offers unlimited use and free upgrades. Using online resources and voluntary forum support, labs can install and configure Bika, train and onboard users themselves.

Yet, as many discover, the DIY approach is time consuming, technically challenging, and frustrating. Learning to use a LIMS is on par with learning CRM and HR systems if not more complex.

To bridge this gap and make professional LIMS implementation accessible, [Bika Lab Systems](#) introduces the \$5,000 Bika Starterpack - a support bundle designed specifically for small labs,



startups, or bootstrapping larger operations, empowering lab super users to undertake ongoing configuration and e-learning independently, using online material and their Training LIMS.

Larger or more established labs can scale up with customisations and additional configuration and training as budgets allow.

The Bika Starterpack includes:

- * Cloud Installation - Test/Training and Production instances of the latest Ingwe Bika 4, on secure and scalable infrastructure. Your branded test server can be live in as little as an hour. Production, on an independent platform, takes longer
- * 18 Hours of Configuration - Expert assistance in populating Setup spreadsheets and uploading them
- * 90 Minutes of recorded Training - Focused on the lab's own workflow and configuration
- * 12 Hours of Startup Assistance - Hands-on guidance learning the LIMS
- * Go Live
- * LIMS Analysis and Project Management
- * Year 1 Hosting \$100 pm, \$200 thereafter

Customisations such as bespoke instrument interfaces remain the primary cost drivers in LIMS projects. The Starterpack leverages Bika's native importer for instruments, deferring advanced development until needs are proven.

As with all projects, the iron Project Management Triangle underpins LIMS Implementation: Choose any two of Cheap, Fast, and Good. Bika delivers Good and Cheap, and with the Starterpack, labs launch with confidence, shortening the time to Go Live significantly.

Labs interested in the Bika Starterpack or exploring how Open Source LIMS can transform operations, are encouraged to contact us at the addresses provided.

About Bika Lab Systems

Bika Lab Systems develops and supports Bika Open Source LIMS, a free, web based platform trusted by laboratories worldwide for sample management, analysis, quality control, reporting, document management and compliance. With no license fees and community driven evolution, Bika empowers labs to focus on science rather than software costs.

[The Bika Open Source LIMS project](#)

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