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ements that call for real-time data flows from source systems into the BI environment. This becomes more than just a technical issue; the business success of

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is sort of data demand has far-reaching

reporting and analysis tools. Consider how the system will alert users as to the exact so need to think about the BI system will update information in OLAP cubes and caches.

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ng second-generation product selection is to evaluate

Second, you'll see that pricing strategies vary considerably among BI software vendors.

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VENDOR EVALUATION: WORDS FROM THE WISE

- Your job is not to create a level playing field for competing vendors. It's to bring objectivity and efficiency to the selection process within the context of your company's objectives.
- Don't underestimate politics. Organizati