



# Itzam/Core Licensing & Support

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*A Guide for Prospective Customers*

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If you have any questions on Itzam/Core licensing, feel free to contact me at [via e-mail at scott.ladd@coyotegulch.com](mailto:scott.ladd@coyotegulch.com).

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