



2105 Release

Feature Overview and Q&A – SAP Ariba Strategic Sourcing

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Agenda

Logistics

General Release Information

Key Feature Discussions

- General Items
- Spend Analysis
- Source to Contract Features

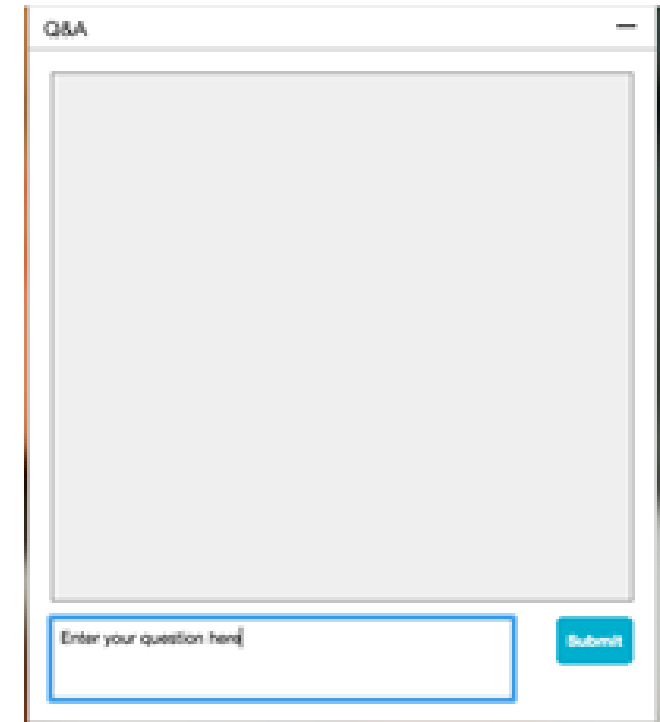
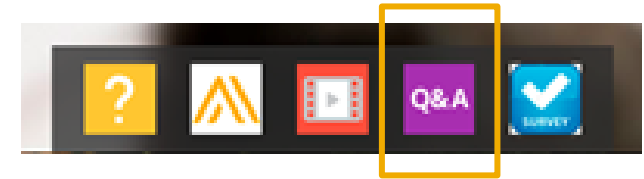
Reminders

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- Click Submit.

The Presenter and/or Panelists will attempt to answer your question online or via the audio feed as close to the time the question is asked as possible.



Logistics

At the end of the session, provide Survey feedback

- If not already visible, click the Survey button at the bottom of the screen.
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Your feedback is used to continually improve our customer engagement activities for our quarterly product releases.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with our team!



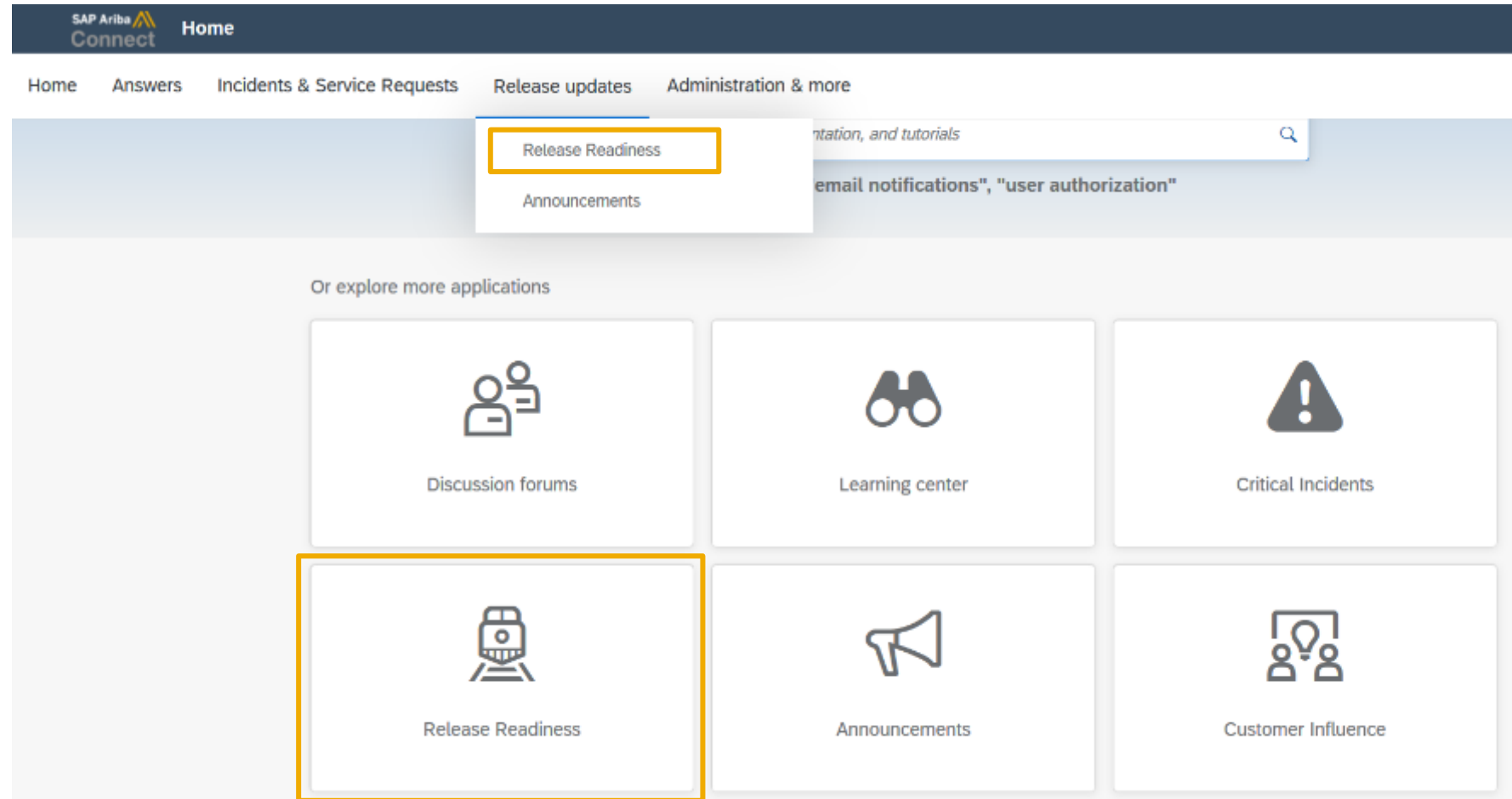
The image shows a webinar control bar at the top with five icons: a question mark, a logo, a document, 'Q&A', and a 'SURVEY' button with a checkmark. The 'SURVEY' button is highlighted with a yellow box. Below the bar is a survey form titled 'Survey' with a subtitle 'Event Survey'. The form contains three questions:

1. How strongly would you recommend this webinar to your peers?
2. Are you willing to be contacted to provide survey feedback on release readiness content?
3. Provide any comments you have regarding this session or the release materials:

A blue 'Submit' button is located at the bottom right of the form.

General Information **Session Materials**

- SAP Ariba Connect user interface
- Multiple routes for launching the Release Readiness page
- Access to product announcements also available



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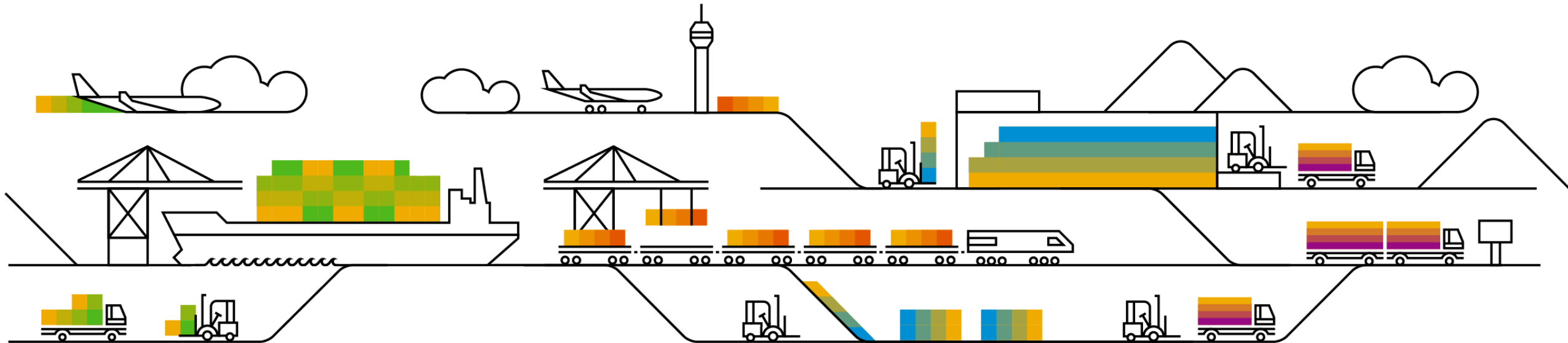
Recordings and presentations will be posted on the Release Readiness tab/tile in SAP Ariba Connect. See the Release Feature List and What's New links on the left side of the page for detailed information. Note naming convention update and visit the Previous Releases Archive and Roadmap tiles at bottom right of page.

The screenshot shows the SAP Ariba Connect interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'SAP Ariba Connect' and a dropdown menu for 'Release Readiness'. Below this is a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Answers', 'Incidents & Service Requests', 'Release information', and 'Administration & more'. The main content area is titled 'Release Readiness' and contains several sections:

- Release Feature Content:** This section is divided into two columns. The left column includes 'Release Information' (with a link to 'Feature List: 2105 Release'), 'Release Highlights', 'What's New guide', and 'Feature Archive'. The right column includes 'Early Release Series webcasts' (with a link to 'Sign up now for the SAP Ariba 2105 Early Release Series') and 'Webcasts archive'.
- Release Calendar:** A table listing activities and their dates:

| Activity | Date* |
|--------------------------|------------|
| SAP Ariba 2105 Release | 05/21/2021 |
| June Service Pack | 06/18/2021 |
| July Service Pack | 07/16/2021 |
| cXML 1.2.051 Pre-Release | 07/30/2021 |
| SAP Ariba 2108 Release | 08/20/2021 |
- Additional Readiness Resources:** A section for 'Release Updates'.
- Features Requiring Attention:** A section with two main cards:
 - Features Becoming Mandatory:** A card explaining that features previously optional are now mandatory.
 - Action Required: Ariba Mobile App:** A card stating that support for the Ariba Mobile app ends on August 20, 2021, and users should transition to the new SAP Ariba Procurement app.

General Planned Features



Planned Features

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Buyer Mobile

- **End of life for legacy Ariba Mobile application**

Browser Support

- Microsoft Edge Chromium support added

Help Center

- Enhanced and easier to use

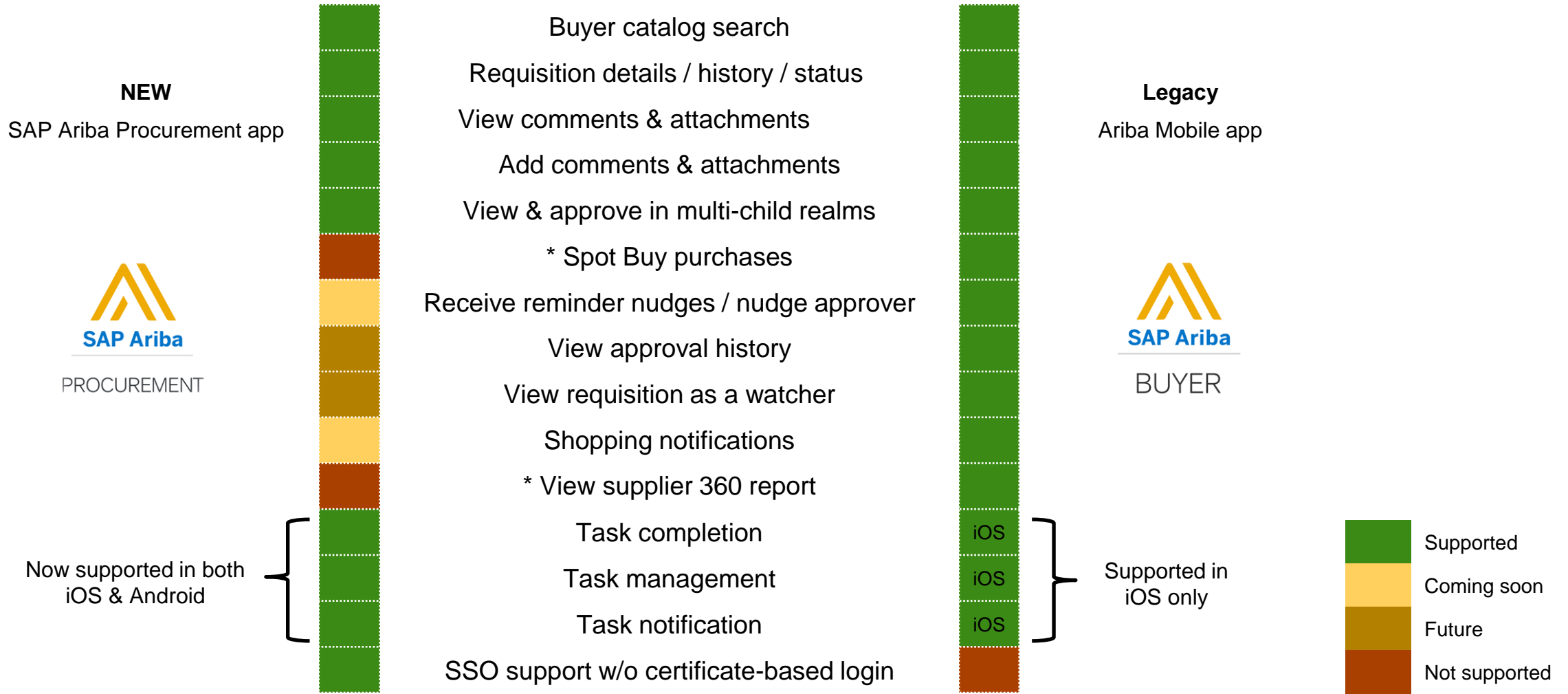
Network Experience

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Ariba Mobile end of life announcement

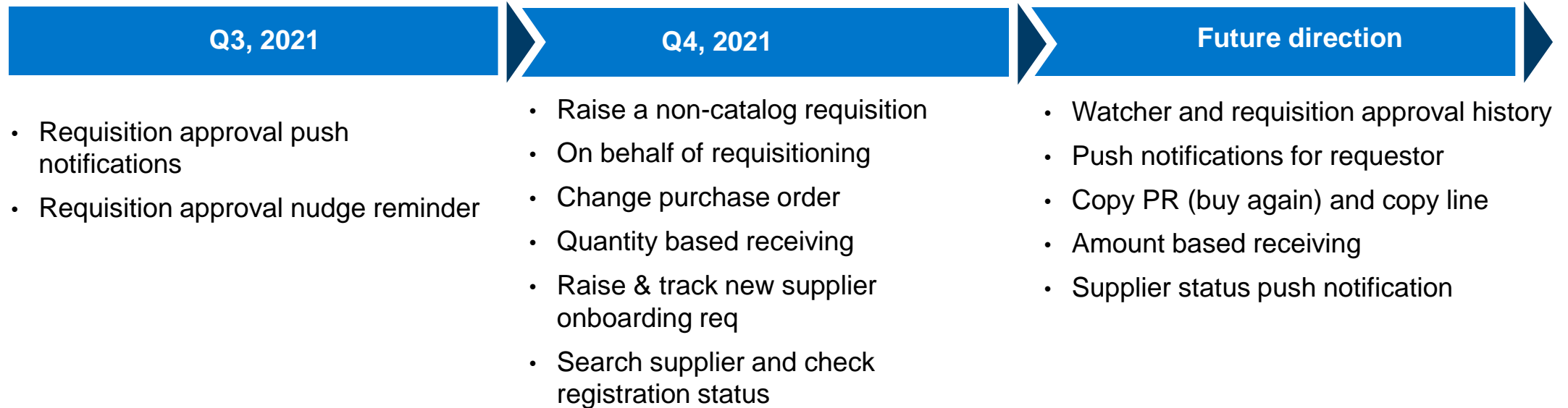
- Ariba Mobile is planned to be removed from Apple and Play store on Aug 21, 2021
- Customers will not be able to login or reactivate the installed app from Aug 21 onwards
- From May 22 onwards, customers will start seeing a banner in the Ariba Mobile app notifying them about the same
- Customers using Ariba Mobile should plan to transition to SAP Ariba procurement app before Aug, 2021

Current feature comparison: SAP Ariba Procurement vs Ariba Mobile app



* Due to the lack of customer usage, these features are not currently on the roadmap for SAP Ariba Procurement app

SAP Ariba Procurement app upcoming features



Also, refer to the [Customer FAQ](#) document for additional details.

This is the current state of planning and may be changed by SAP Ariba at any time.

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Help Center 2.0

Home experience for Suppliers

The screenshot shows the SAP Help Center Home page for Suppliers. It features a dark blue header with the SAP logo and the text 'Help Center Home'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'Home', 'Learning', and 'Contact us'. A large light blue banner asks 'How can we help you?' and contains a search bar with the placeholder text 'Search knowledge base articles, documentation, and tutorials'. Below the search bar, it suggests trying 'cancel order', 'email notifications', and 'user authorization'. The main content area is titled 'Find answers from your buyers' and displays three placeholder cards for 'Buyer company name'. Below this is a 'See More' link. The 'Topics we recommend for you' section lists three articles: 'Does Ariba offer webinar training?' (dated Mar 25 2021), 'I need help connecting with a customer' (dated Apr 29 2020), and 'I need help accessing a sourcing event'.

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Learning experience for Suppliers

SAP Help Center Learning Center

Home Learning Contact us

Documentation & Learning

This section offers product documentation, release updates, tutorials, and other resources.

- 1** [Ariba Network Supplier](#) Tutorials
 - > Administration
 - > Development
 - > Getting Started
 - > Integration
 - > End User Information
- 2** [Certificate Update Portal](#)
- 3** [Supplier Release Readiness](#)
- 4** **Success Sessions**
 - 
 - On-demand quick tips and longer webcasts
 - [Watch now](#)

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1. Browsable Product Documentation content from help.sap.com
2. Quick access to certificate update dates and historical changes
3. Quick access to the Supplier Release Readiness portal that delivers content to Suppliers on a quarterly basis to prepare for upcoming releases
4. On-demand Success Sessions hosted by SAP Ariba Product Support that deep dive in to features and functionality of the Network

Help Center 2.0

Contact us experience for Suppliers

1 Following up on something?

| Service Request 139663 | Created on | Status |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| [test for HC 2.0] Invoice | Apr 26, 2021, 8:41 AM | Closed |

2 New issue? Start here to find your answer.

How can we help you?

3 Event ending within 60 minutes? [Request immediate assistance](#)
Note: You will be asked to provide the Event ID of the event that you're calling about. Keep it ready.

1. Quick access to see and follow up on "open" and recently "closed" Service Requests. Click in to the Service Request to follow up via phone, chat, or email (subject to availability)
2. Need help with a new issue? Start with kicking off a search with our AI-based Recommendation Engine and engage with our Guided Assistance intention matching algorithm to find your answers
3. [Sourcing Suppliers only] Have an event ending in 60 minutes or less and you need help as soon as possible? Access the priority line and engage with our Market Integrity Specialists

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Home experience for Buyers

1 Home Learning Contact us

How can we help you?

Search knowledge base articles, documentation, and tutorials

Try "cancel order", "email notifications", "user authorization"

Topics we recommend for you

Does Ariba offer webinar training?
Question Does Ariba offer webinar training? Where can I find training for Ariba Products? Answer Ariba hosts webinars on a variety of topics that show you how to use the software. Webinar topics include sessions about registration, invoicing, participating in events and more. You can sign up for the events...
Spotlight View homepage Webinars Standard accounts
Support Note
Mar 25 2021

I need help accessing a sourcing event
You can access a sourcing event to which you have been invited in two ways: Through the invitation email the buyer sends By going to the Proposals page (click app drop-down menu in the upper-left corner of the application and select Proposals) If the event you are looking for...
Event participation View homepage RFQ Standard accounts
FAQ
Apr 29 2020

How do I register on SAP Ariba Sourcing?
Question How do I register on SAP Ariba Sourcing? Answer Once you receive an invite from the buyer, follow the Click Here link: If you do not have an SAP Ariba account: Click Sign Up Fill in the required fields Click Create Account Continue (do not press enter on your...
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Learning experience for Buyers

1 [Sourcing and Supplier Management](#) [Cloud Integration](#) [API Reference](#) [Tutorials](#)

Version: 2104 Released: 16 Apr 2021 19:38 PM Pacific Hot Fix: 24 Apr 2021 05:38 AM Pacific

- > Administration
- > End User Information
- > Getting Started
- > Integration
- > Reference
- > User Guides

2 [Release Updates](#)

3 [Best Practice Center Webcast Library](#)

4 [Certificate Update Portal](#)

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edit event|

3 Browse below for our AI-based recommendations* (our support agents use them too!)

- What is my event status?**
Question What is my event status? What does it mean? Why can't I participate in this event? Answer The event status can be seen in the top right corner of your screen when you are inside the event. Status Description
FAQ Apr 2, 2021
- How can I edit the title of an event?**
Question How can I edit or change an event title? Answer To change the title of an event, please follow the steps below: Search for the document Click Actions > Edit (skip this step if you have not published the event yet)
FAQ Mar 10, 2021
- Error: You cannot create or edit a Participant Response Team for organizations added before the event was last published.**
Question Why I am receiving the below error while trying to create a Response Team in a published event ? Error: You cannot create or edit a Participant Response Team for organizations added before the event was last published. Answer
Support Note Jan 20, 2021
- Can you edit the currency in an event?**
Question Can you edit the currency in an event? Answer If an event is in Draft status and was never published, you will be able to change the currency by following these steps: Open the Event. Click on Actions > Edit. G
FAQ Jan 22, 2021
- How do I change the Test Project value from Yes to No or vice versa in sourcing events?**
Question How do I change the Test Project value from Yes to No or vice versa in sourcing events? Answer You can change the value of the Test Project field in sourcing events by searching by their Title or Doc Id and following
FAQ Oct 13, 2020

*Powered by SAP Incident Solution Matching

4 Choose from the options below to continue.

What do you need help with?

Set up Direct Line Get added as a project owner Add user to project team Extend, reduce, or reopen event

Take over auction administration Give your permissions to another user temporarily Something else

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3. Guided Assistance walks you through a Q&A based experience to deliver the answers you need
4. Our AI-based recommendations are matched to the words in your search and how our agents match up our users questions to our content items. This is a powerful engine that even our Support agents use to multiply our knowledge
5. Can't find your answer? Click the blue "Continue to next step" to engage with Support

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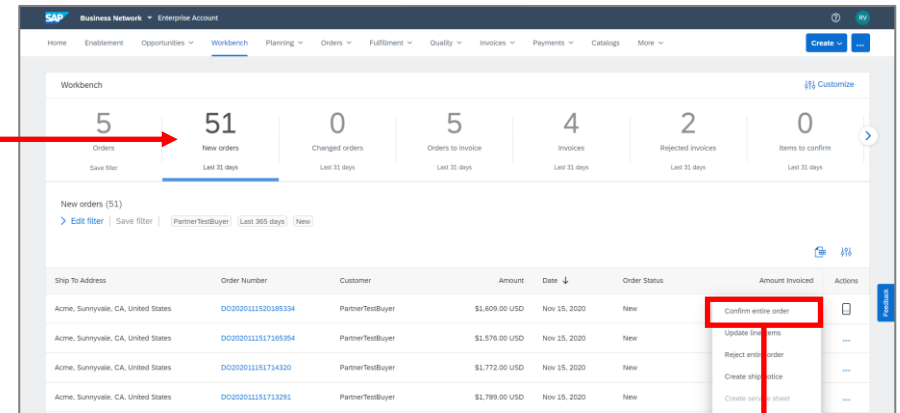
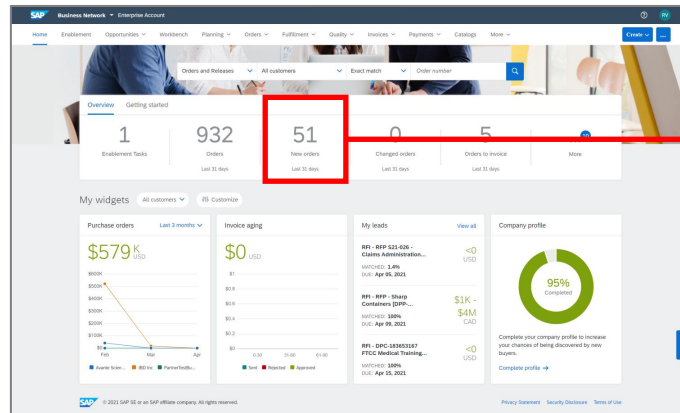
Introducing: New Supplier Homepage and Workbench

Detailed feature information – New Portal and Workbench vs. Classic View

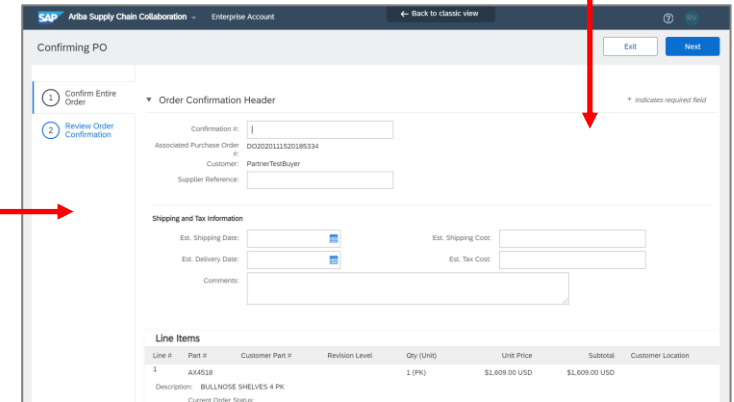
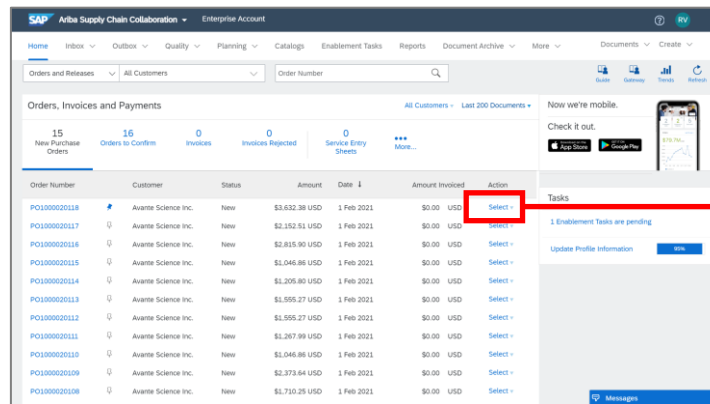
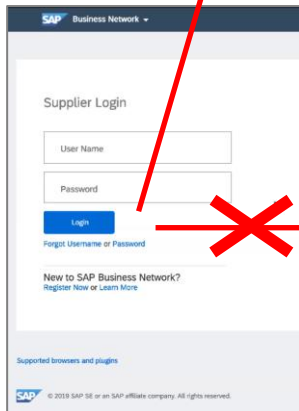
Upon enablement of this feature in the supplier account, all users will login to the new supplier portal home page instead of the classic network home page. From there they can use the new workbench to access and process transactions, or navigate to other menu items or Ariba solutions (like Ariba Discovery).

New Supplier Homepage and Workbench

Added in front of Classic Network Views



Classic Network Views



Feature at a Glance

Introducing: New Supplier Homepage and Workbench

Detailed feature information – Portal Home Page

The portal home page introduces a new shell bar, menu bar, search bar, configurable tile overview bar, getting started, configurable My widgets section with customer chooser.

Uniform shell bar

New settings and help icon, uniform within SAP, and solution name changed to SAP Business Network

New Menu bar

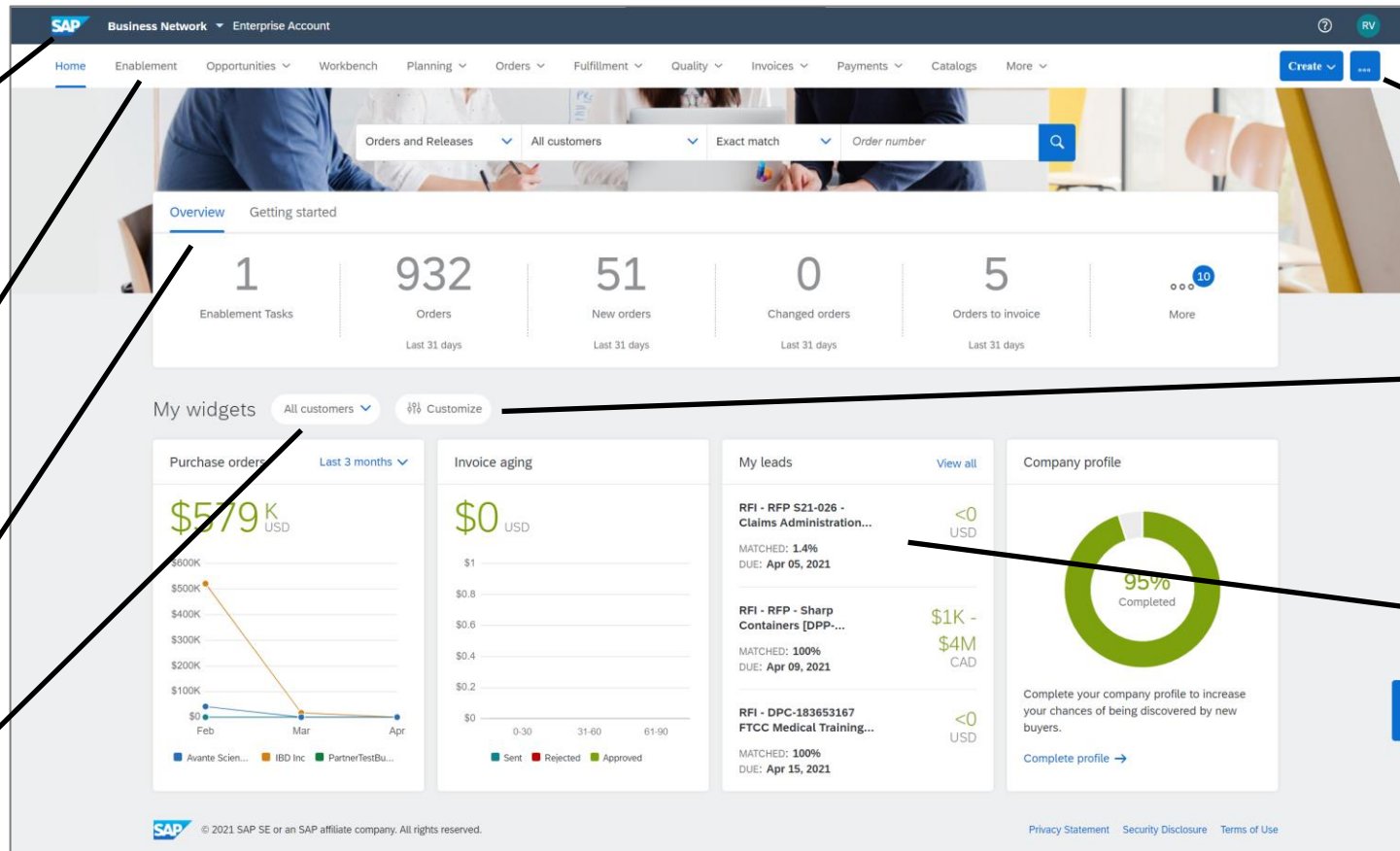
Removed inbox/outbox, moved menu items under Orders, Invoice and Fulfillment, added new workbench.

Overview Tile bar

Displays user preferred Tiles, lists Getting started tasks.

Customer chooser

Displays widget information based on selected customers.



New Create / More button

Create: PO Invoice, Non-PO invoices, Contract Invoice, Service Entry Sheet. More: Track, Upload/Download

Customize (My Widgets)

User can configure which widgets to display and where, selecting from a constantly growing list.

Widgets

Show network status, trends, events, opportunities, insights

Feedback

Share feedback with Ariba

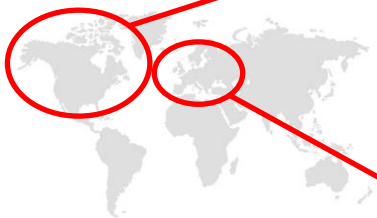
Feature at a Glance

Introducing: Improved Supplier Onboarding Experience for Trading Relationship Request Invitations

Detailed feature information – Supporting Regional Onboarding Programs

With the new buyer-branded Trading Relationship Request letter template, buyers can implement regional onboarding programs instead of “one size fits all” supplier communication. Buyers can customize a “company on invitation” (which is the SoldTo party for the supplier) with logo, and a “contact on invitation” including phone number and email address for each region. Buyers can then send customized TRR invitations from the regional trading partner that the supplier normally trades with.

Create regional onboarding programs



Customization for North America

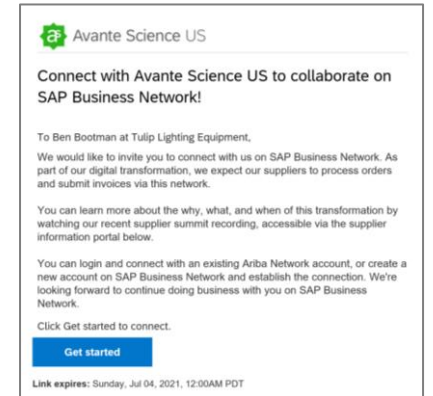
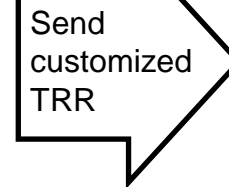
Company on invitation:
Avante Science US
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania USA

Logo:  Avante Science US

Contact on invitation:
North America Procurement Office
US-eConnect@AvanteScience.com


Wave 1 VUF: North America

Vendor 1, USA
Vendor 2, Canada
Vendor 3, USA
...



Network Company Profile

Avante Science Inc.*
1000 Ariba Way, Suite 100
Sunnyvale, CA 94085 USA

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Info@AvanteScience.com

Customization for Europe

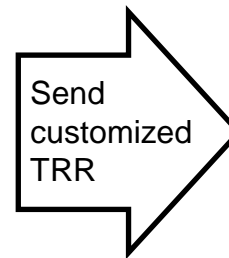
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Berlin, Germany

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Avante Europe Group Procurement
EU-eConnect@AvanteLabs.de

Wave 2 VUF: Europe

Vendor 9, Germany
Vendor 10, Spain
Vendor 11, France
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*Avante Science Inc. and its logo are for illustrative purposes only; it is not an actual company or SAP customer.

Register TODAY for Onboarding and Portal Webcast



Webcasts

Select one or more of the following webcasts and complete registration. Click any webcast listing to view its details.

- SAP Ariba 2105 release overview - SAP Ariba Strategic Sourcing**
Wednesday, May 05, 2021, 07:00 AM PDT
- SAP Ariba 2105 release overview - SAP Ariba Procurement**
Thursday, May 06, 2021, 07:00 AM PDT
- SAP Ariba 2105 release overview - Supplier Management and Business Network**
Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 07:00 AM PDT
- SAP Ariba 2105 release - Improved Supplier Onboarding for TRR Invitations + New Supplier Portal**
Wednesday, May 12, 2021, 07:00 AM PDT
- SAP Ariba 2105 release overview - Integration (CIG AND APIs)**
Thursday, May 13, 2021, 07:00 AM PDT

Overview

Title: SAP Ariba 2105 release - Improved Supplier Onboarding for TRR Invitations + New Supplier Portal

Date: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

Time: 07:00 AM Pacific Daylight Time

Duration: 1 hour

Summary

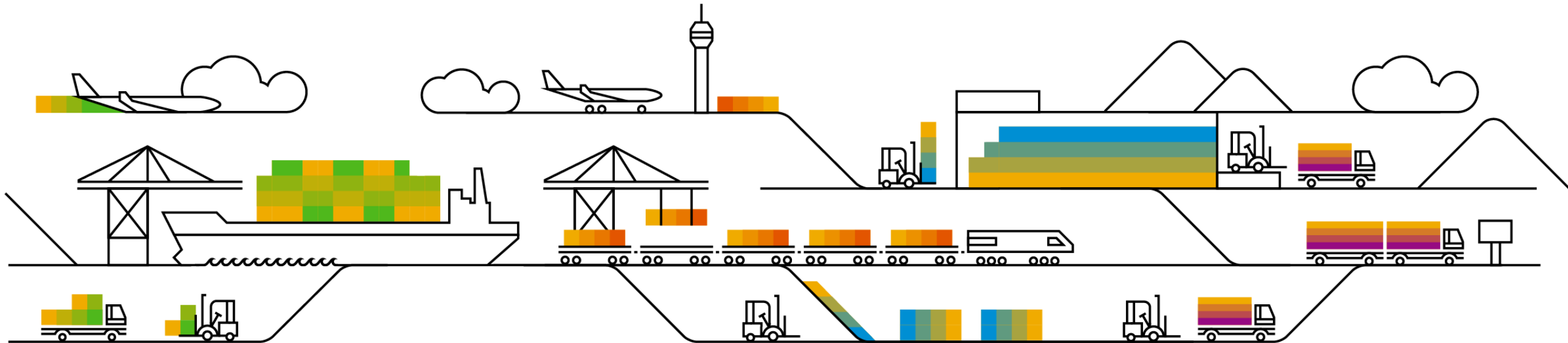
About this session:

During this webcast session, we will provide an overview of the key features planned for the **SAP Ariba 2105** release.

This session covers buyer account configuration for improved supplier onboarding (enterprise account, via trading relationship request invitation), and provides buyers an overview of the new supplier portal and workbench experience. Buyer account administrators are advised to learn about these mandatory changes, and update internal documentation where needed.

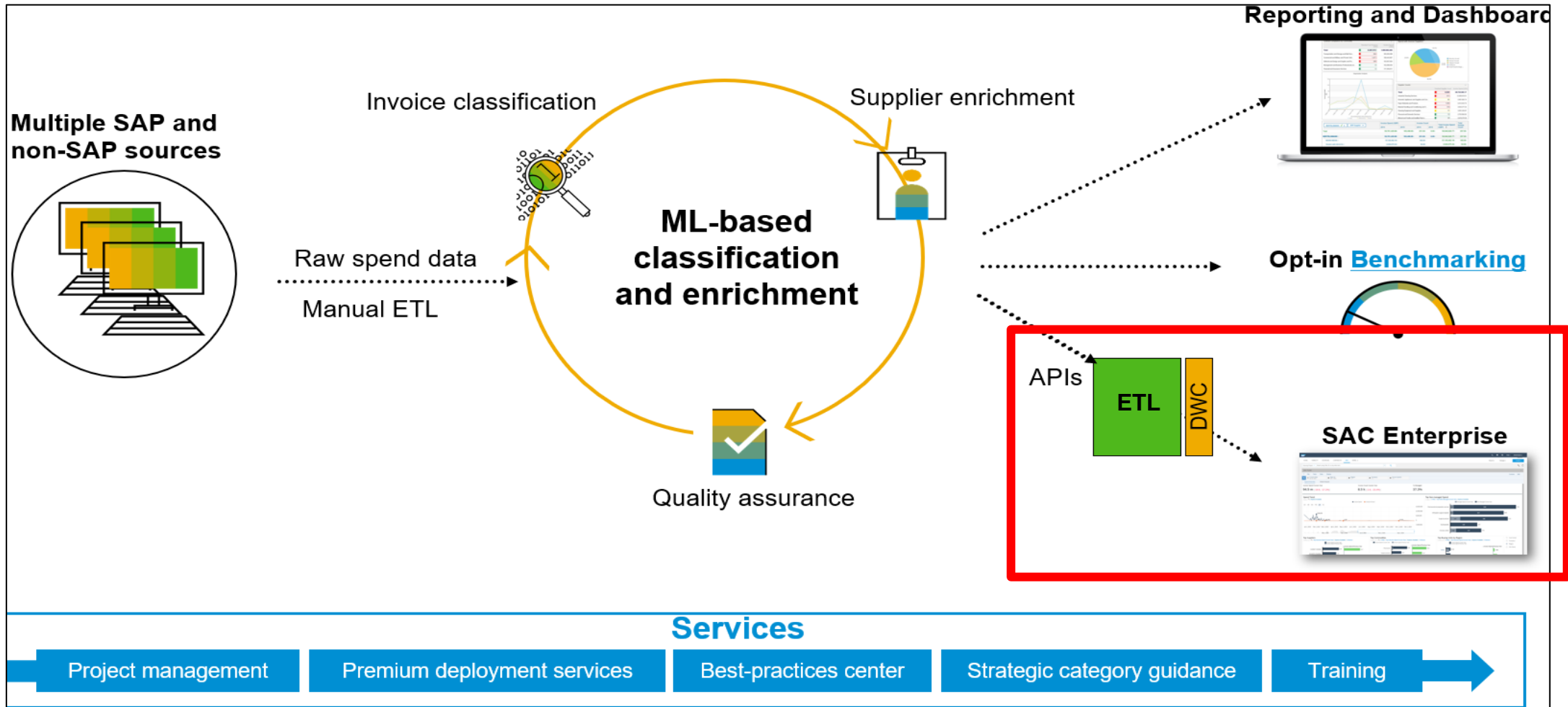
Spend Analysis

Planned Capability



Spend Analysis – DWC/ SAC Content Package

Content Starter kit for Data Warehouse Cloud and SAP Analytics Cloud



Services

Project management

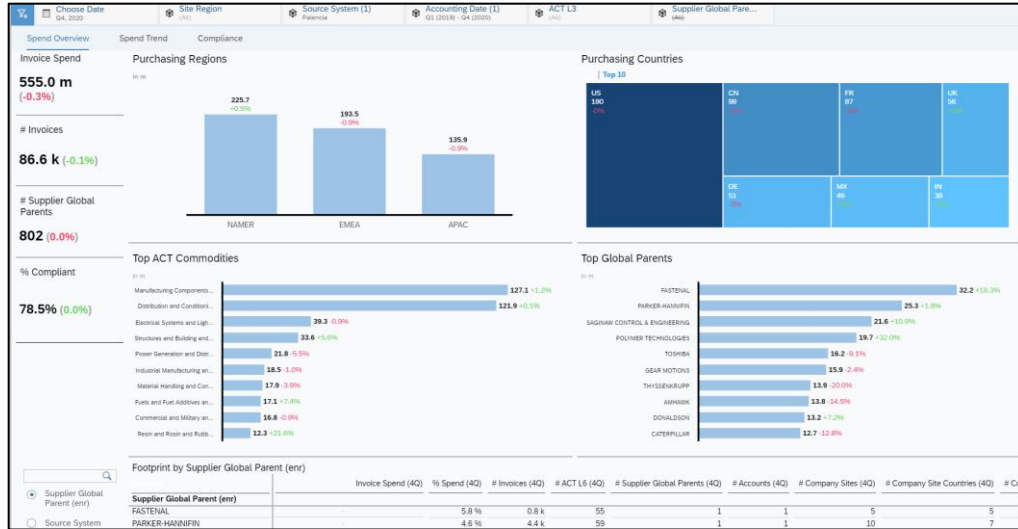
Premium deployment services

Best-practices center

Strategic category guidance

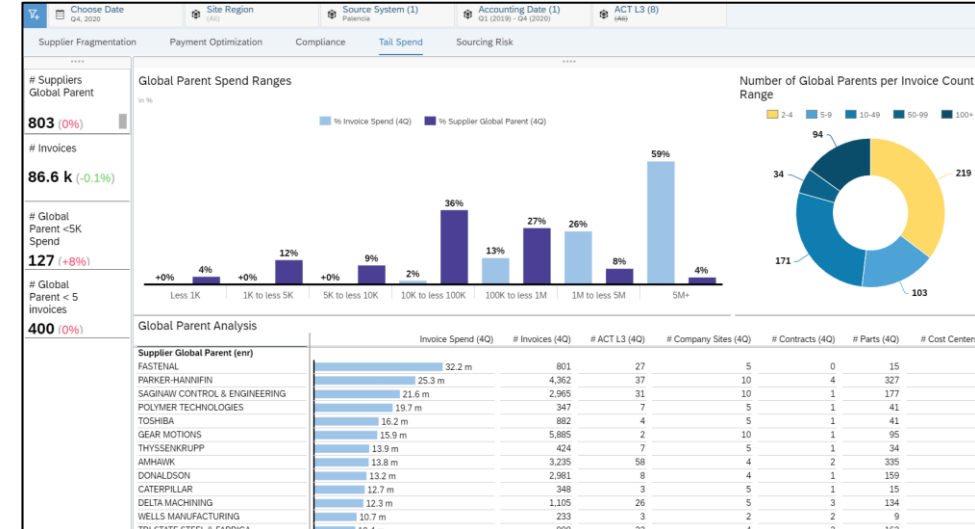
Training

Spend Analysis – Content



General Company Overview

- ✓ Spend Overview
- ✓ Spend Trend
- ✓ Compliance overview

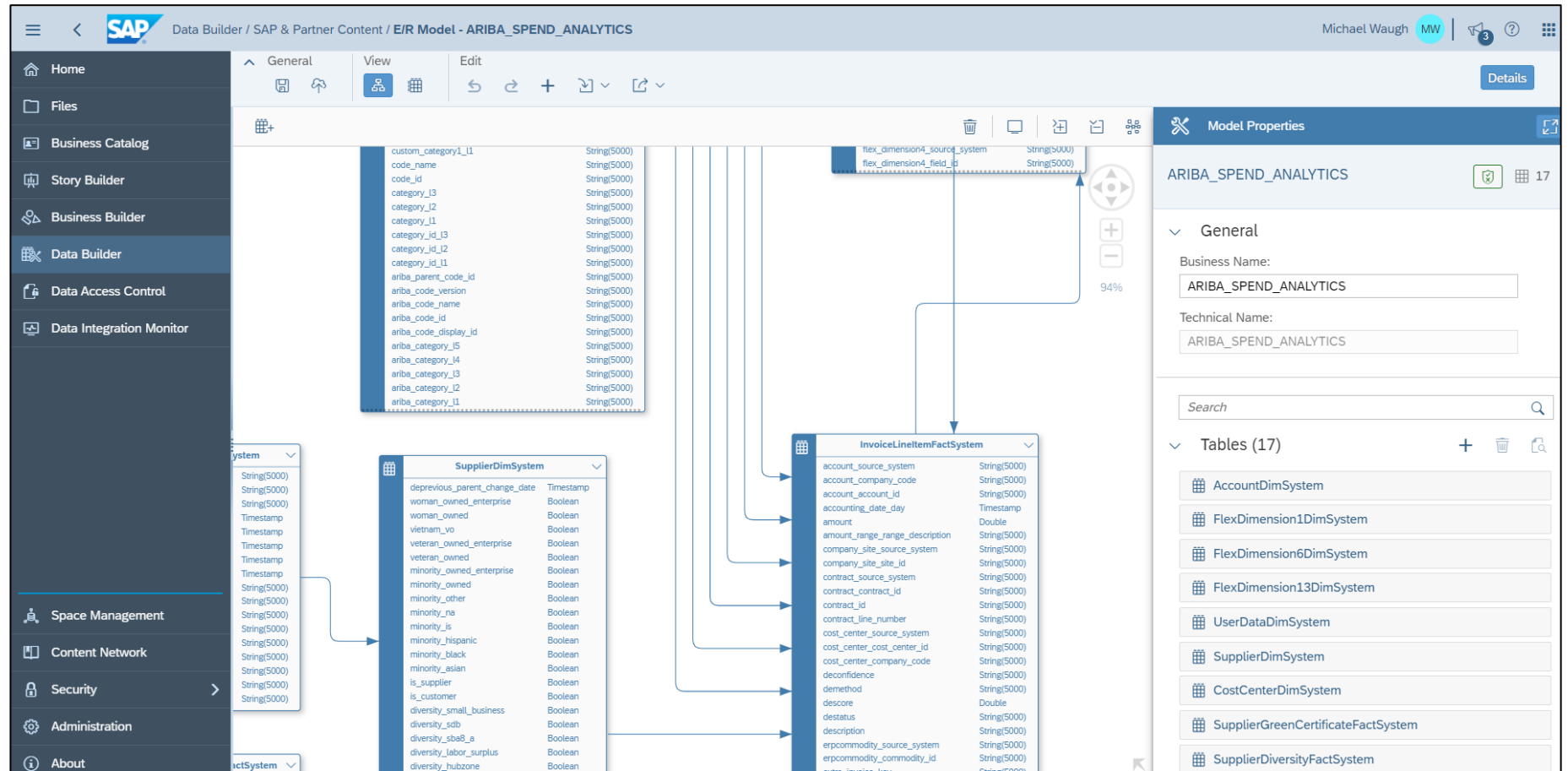


Spend Assessment

- ✓ Supplier fragmentation
- ✓ Payment optimization
- ✓ Compliance
- ✓ Tail spend
- ✓ Sourcing risk (sole source)

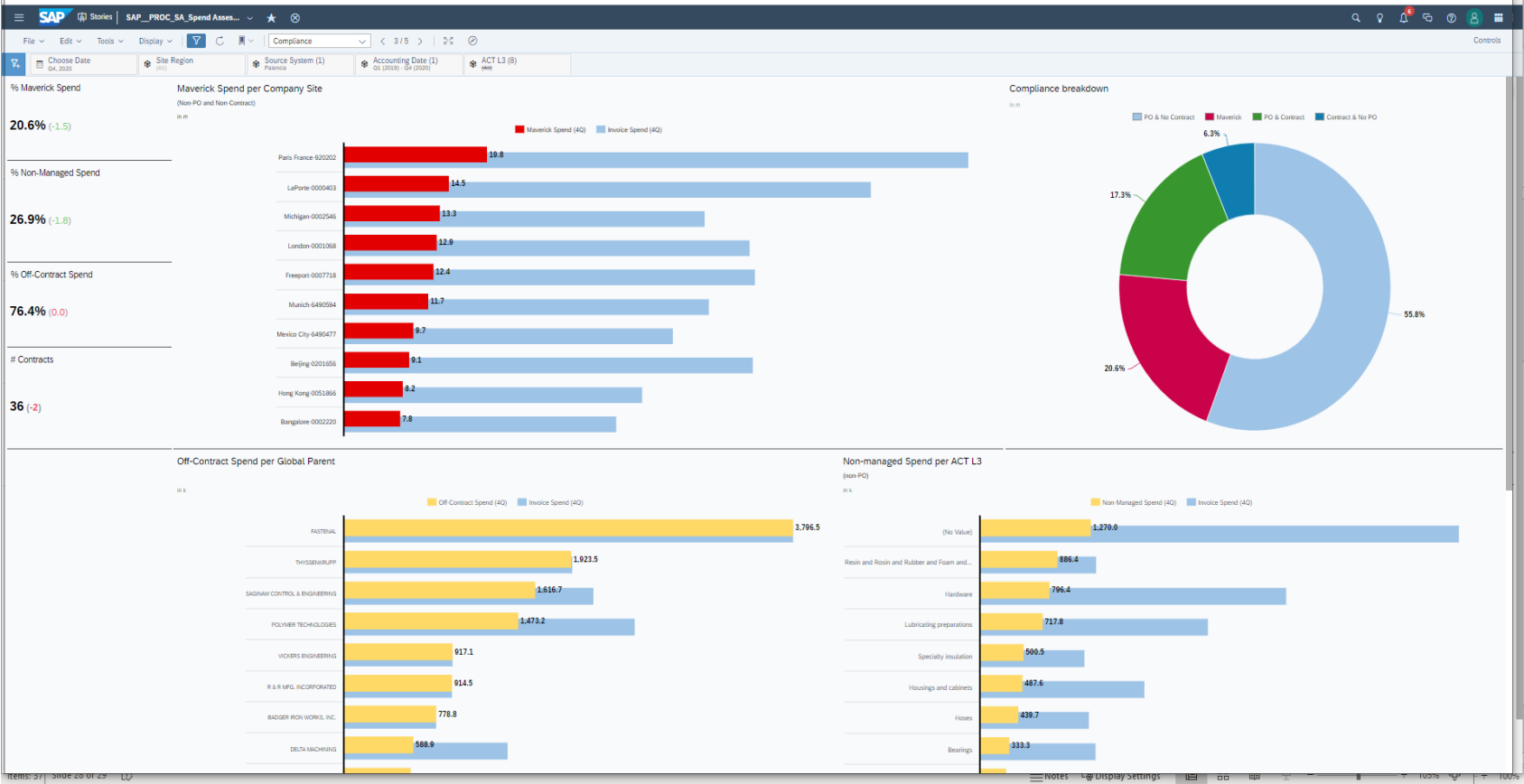
Spend Analysis – DWC/SAC Content Package - Data Model

- ✓ A Data Model that reconstructs the data available via the Analytical API so it can be easily consumed in SAP Analytics Cloud
- ✓ Available on SAP Content Network



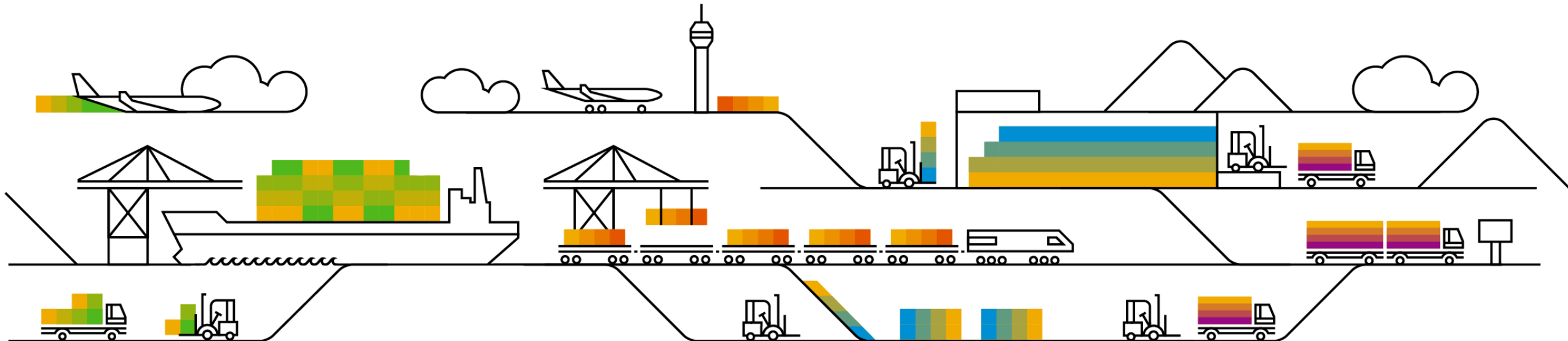
Spend Analysis – DWC/ SAC Content Package (Visualization)

- ✓ Pre-built SAP Analytics Cloud stories (visualizations)
- ✓ Fast and easy analysis of all spend analysis data



Sourcing and Contracts

Planned Features



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Source to contract

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Feature at a Glance

Ease of implementation  High-touch
Geographic relevance  Global

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Customer challenge

While we support legacy load of contract line items, these items do not share line numbers with the SAP ERP system. Thus, when there's an update in the Contract Workspace and Contract Line Items Document, new line items are created under the existing Outline Agreement.

Meet that challenge with **SAP Ariba**

This feature allows customers to import the contract line number from the SAP ERP system, along with other contract line item details into a contract line items document, as part of legacy load. This number is used internally as an identifier to match the line number to update in the SAP ERP system, when changes are made in SAP Ariba Contracts. This way, once the updates are integrated, SAP ERP system will recognize the line items and update properly.

Experience key benefits

Now, legacy-uploaded contracts can be updated and integrated back into the SAP ERP backend, making for a streamlined experience for legacy contracts.

Solution area

SAP Ariba Contracts
SAP Ariba Strategic Sourcing Suite

Implementation information

This feature is automatically on for all customers with the applicable solutions and is ready for immediate use.

Prerequisites and Restrictions

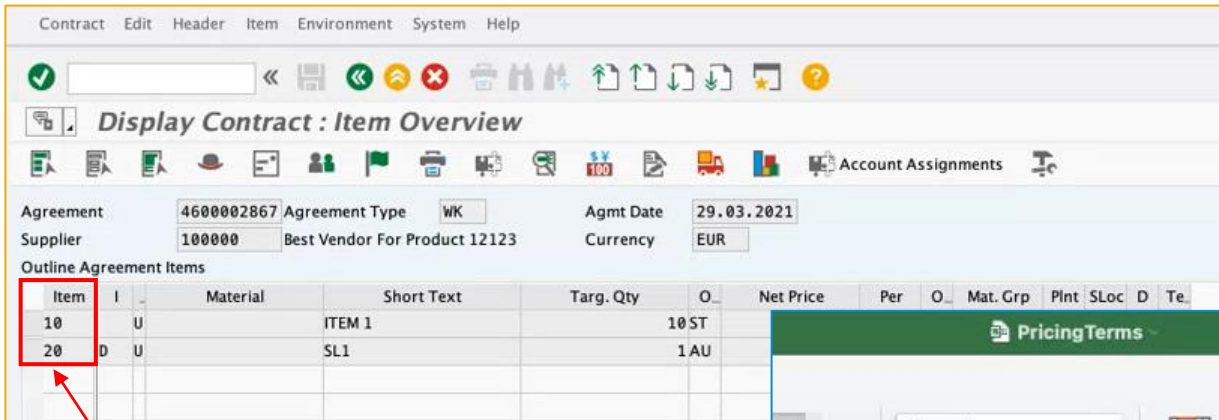
- Customer must have SAP Ariba Contracts integrated with SAP ERP backend to leverage the feature.
- This feature does not support update of Contract Line Item information in existing contracts
- SAP Ariba does not provide customers with queries nor components to extract information from SAP ERP systems

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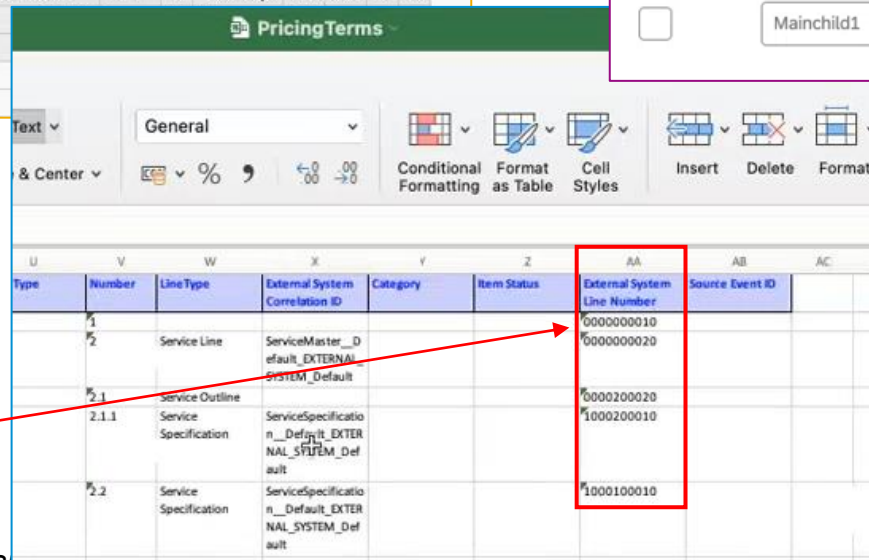
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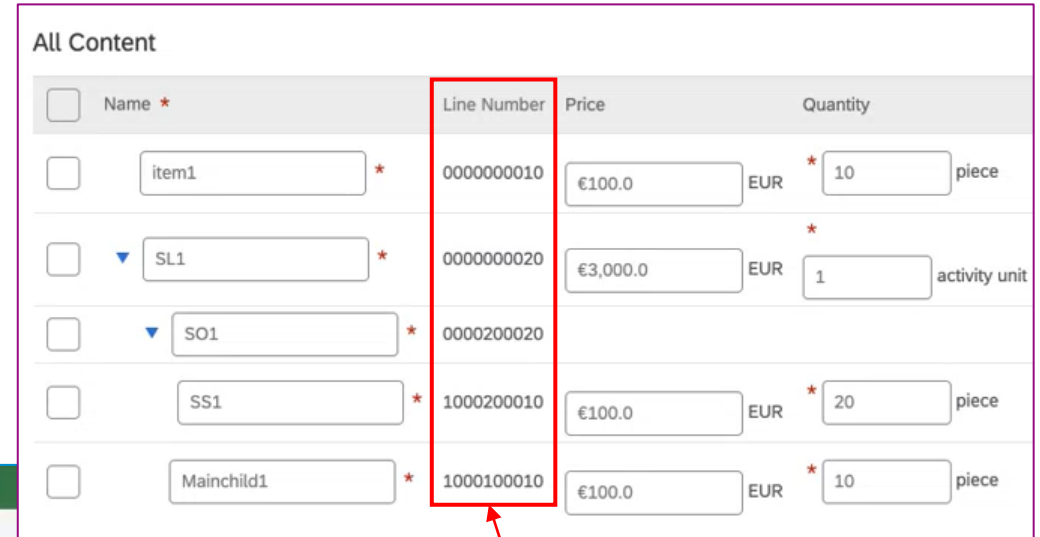
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| 10 | U | | ITEM 1 | 10 | ST | | | | | | | | |
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1. Existing Line Item numbers in SAP ERP system

2. Add into XLS file for legacy import



| Type | Number | LineType | External System Correlation ID | Category | Item Status | External System Line Number | Source Event ID |
|------|--------|-----------------------|--|----------|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| | 1 | | | | | 0000000010 | |
| | 2 | Service Line | ServiceMaster_Default_EXTERNAL_SYSTEM_Default | | | 0000000020 | |
| | 2.1 | Service Outline | | | | 0000200020 | |
| | 2.1.1 | Service Specification | ServiceSpecification_Default_EXTERNAL_SYSTEM_Default | | | 1000200010 | |
| | 2.2 | Service Specification | ServiceSpecification_Default_EXTERNAL_SYSTEM_Default | | | 1000100010 | |



| Name * | Line Number | Price | Quantity |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| item1 * | 0000000010 | €100.0 EUR | 10 piece |
| SL1 * | 0000000020 | €3,000.0 EUR | 1 activity unit |
| SO1 * | 0000200020 | | |
| SS1 * | 1000200010 | €100.0 EUR | 20 piece |
| Mainchild1 * | 1000100010 | €100.0 EUR | 10 piece |

3. Line Item numbers are included in the CLID in Ariba Contract Workspace

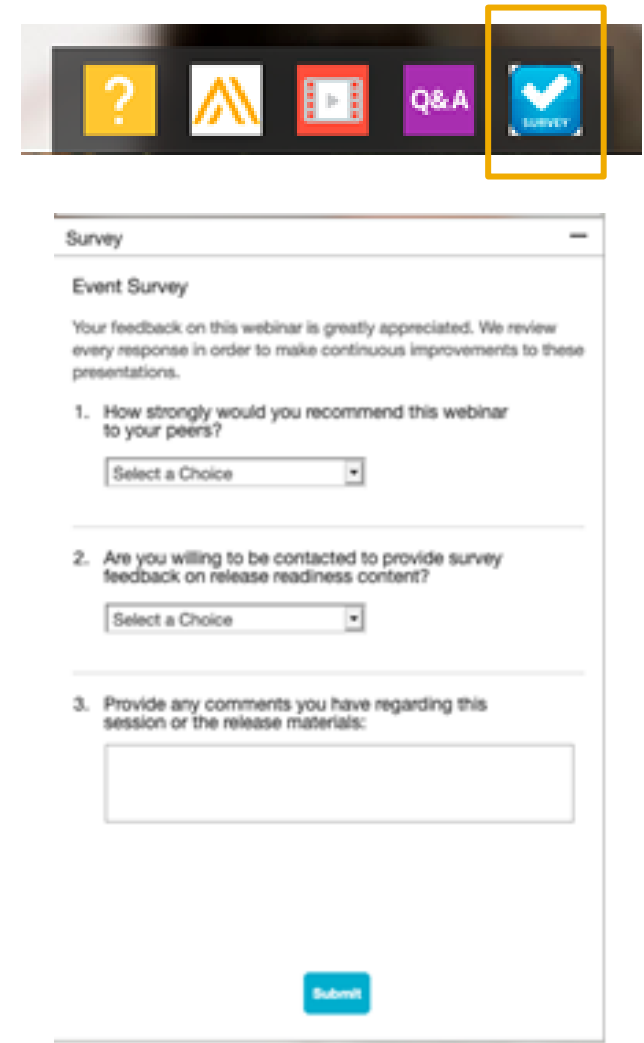
Reminder

Please remember to provide Survey feedback

- If not already visible, click the Survey button at the bottom of the screen.
- Answer the questions posed.
- Click Submit.

Your feedback is used to continually improve our customer engagement activities for our quarterly product releases.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with our team!



The image shows a navigation bar at the top with five icons: a question mark, a mountain range, a document with a play button, 'Q&A', and a blue 'SURVEY' button with a checkmark. The 'SURVEY' button is highlighted with a yellow box. Below the navigation bar is a survey form titled 'Survey' with a close button. The form content includes:

Event Survey
Your feedback on this webinar is greatly appreciated. We review every response in order to make continuous improvements to these presentations.

1. How strongly would you recommend this webinar to your peers?

2. Are you willing to be contacted to provide survey feedback on release readiness content?

3. Provide any comments you have regarding this session or the release materials:

General Information **Session Materials**

Recordings and presentations will be posted on the Release Readiness tab/tile in SAP Ariba Connect. See the Release Feature List and What's New links on the left side of the page for detailed information. Note naming convention update and visit the Previous Releases Archive and Roadmap tiles at bottom right of page.

The screenshot shows the SAP Ariba Connect interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'SAP Ariba Connect' and a dropdown menu for 'Release Readiness'. Below this is a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Answers', 'Incidents & Service Requests', 'Release information', and 'Administration & more'. The main content area is titled 'Release Readiness' and contains several sections:

- Release Feature Content:** This section includes several tiles:
 - Release Information:** Details of innovation included in the 2105 release. It has links for 'Feature List: 2105 Release', 'Release Highlights', and 'What's New guide'.
 - Early Release Series webcasts:** Includes a link to 'Sign up now for the SAP Ariba 2105 Early Release Series' and text about sessions starting on May 5. A link to 'register' is also present.
 - Looking for features from previous releases?:** Links to 'Feature Archive'.
 - Looking for webcasts from previous releases?:** Links to 'Webcasts archive'.
- Features Requiring Attention:** A dropdown menu.
- Features Becoming Mandatory:** A red-bordered box containing text about features that were optional in previous releases and will now be mandatory.
- Action Required: Ariba Mobile App:** A yellow-bordered box containing text about the end of support for the Ariba Mobile app on August 20, 2021, and the transition to the SAP Ariba Procurement app.
- What should you do before features are Automatically On in your Production site?:** A blue-bordered box with a hand icon and two action items: 'Review feature Knowledge Transfer (KT) material and the Release Guide.' and 'Explore these features in your Test site to verify compatibility with your customizations.'
- What should you do before August 20, 2021:** A blue-bordered box with a smartphone icon and text about planning the transition to the new SAP Ariba Procurement app before August 2021.

On the right side of the page, there is a **Release Calendar** table:

| Activity | Date* |
|--------------------------|------------|
| SAP Ariba 2105 Release | 05/21/2021 |
| June Service Pack | 06/18/2021 |
| July Service Pack | 07/16/2021 |
| cXML 1.2.051 Pre-Release | 07/30/2021 |
| SAP Ariba 2108 Release | 08/20/2021 |

Below the calendar is a disclaimer: '*Disclaimer: The release dates above reflect current SAP Ariba planning. A notice confirming the quarterly release dates will be sent 3-weeks prior to each release. A notice confirming the monthly deployment dates will be sent 2-weeks prior to each deployment. SAP Ariba may change the schedule at any time without notice and assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions. Last updated: April 30, 2021.'

At the bottom right, there are **Additional Readiness Resources** including 'Release Updates', 'How can customers continuously shape SAP solutions?' (with a 'Learn More' link), 'cXML version 1.2.050' (with a 'Learn More' link), and 'Previous Release Archive' (with a 'Learn More' link).

Thank you.

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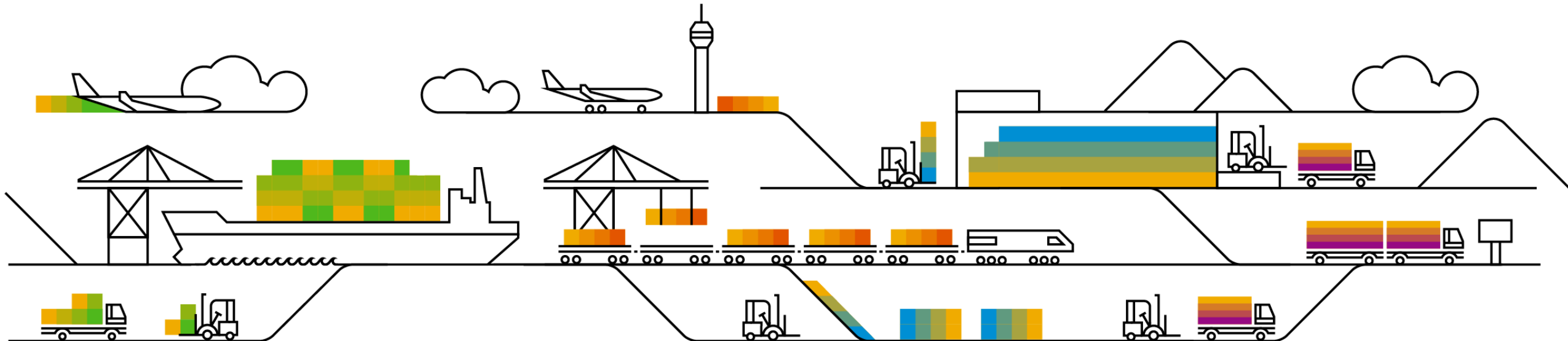
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Appendix: Additional information of possible interest



Communications Notice Recipients

Release Notifications are sent to all Designated Support Contacts by default and any other users that subscribe.

Best Practice:

- Encourage relevant team members to subscribe by clicking their name in the top right corner and select Subscriptions
- Create a distribution list for others that need to know and add as an additional email

The screenshot shows the SAP Ariba Connect interface. At the top, there is a search bar and a user profile for Rick Cox. A dropdown menu is open, showing options: User Profile, Change Password, Subscriptions (highlighted with a red box), Designated Support Contacts, Entitlements, Environments, Contact Us, Turn On Background, Help, and Log Out. Below the menu, there are three sections for subscription management:

- Downtime/Security Notifications:** Includes a 'Subscribe' button and a note: "Notifications regarding scheduled/unscheduled downtime and security information/bulletins. Note: Internal users will not receive this regardless of their subscription options. You may request access to the 'DL AR Notification' distribution list [here](#)."
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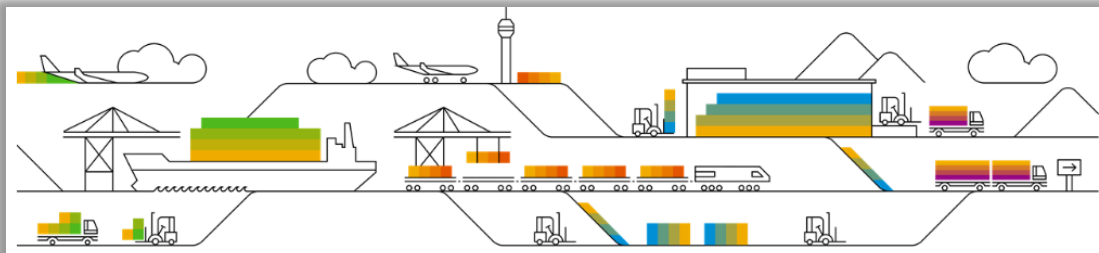
DSC view with ability to add additional email

This screenshot shows the subscription options for Downtime/Security Notifications and Product Release Information. Both sections have 'Subscribe' and 'Unsubscribe' buttons. The 'Downtime/Security Notifications' section also includes an 'Additional Email' field with a question mark icon and a placeholder text '<Optional Additional Email>'. The 'Product Release Information' section also has an 'Additional Email' field with a question mark icon and a placeholder text '<Optional Additional Email>'. The text 'Notifications regard' is visible to the right of each section.

Historical release information **Archive page**

Prior release materials grouped by product/solution area for quick reference.

Listed in chronological order of most recent to oldest update from top to bottom of page.



This page includes links to information on features delivered in previous SAP Ariba releases.

Release Guides for past applications releases can be accessed [here](#).

Release Guides for past Ariba Network releases can be accessed [here](#).



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SAP Ariba Customer Readiness Resources 2018 Releases:

sourcing, contracts, & spend analysis

This page includes a list of features delivered in the 2018 calendar year for SAP Ariba Sourcing, Contracts, and Spend Analysis customers. Detailed information on all features can be found in the release guides and other documentation located on SAP Ariba Connect. Supplemental knowledge transfer materials are available for some features. Click the play or PDF icons to access the materials.

For additional information on the monthly release model see the About Release Readiness link on the Release Readiness tile of SP Ariba Connect.

April

Update Material Master items in CLID from sourcing award

With this solution users should be able to update line items into a CLID from a Sourcing Award.

Mandatory



SAP Ariba Contracts
SAP Ariba Sourcing

Append or update line items in contracts from a sourcing award without manual amendment of the contract workspace
This feature will ensure that line items from a sourcing award can be updated or amended in to a contract without manually changing the status of the workspace.

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With this solution, all contracts - draft, draft amendment and published contracts will be listed from the sourcing award. When a user selects a published contract, application will create Price Update Amendments automatically, update the contract line items document by adding or updating line items, then close the amendment.

Control the deletion of line items from a Contracts Line Item Document (CLID)

This feature provides users the option to disable line items in the CLID thus preventing further edits while retaining the line item on the User Interface(UI) for future reference.

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SAP Ariba Contracts

March

Read-Only Terms in Line Items

With this feature, customers can make terms of line items in sourcing and contracts as read-only.

Note: Though listed on this page and in the release guide, this feature was not made available with the March 2018 release. It is planned to be available with a later release.

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