



SAP Ariba Source-to-Contract

2411 Feature Release

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The [What's New Guide](#) provides full details on each feature.

See [Accessibility Enhancements](#) to learn about the recent changes to Guided Sourcing. Please review and inform your users of these changes.

Release Calendar

May 19, 2023
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June 16, 2023
June Service Pack Release





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July 28, 2023
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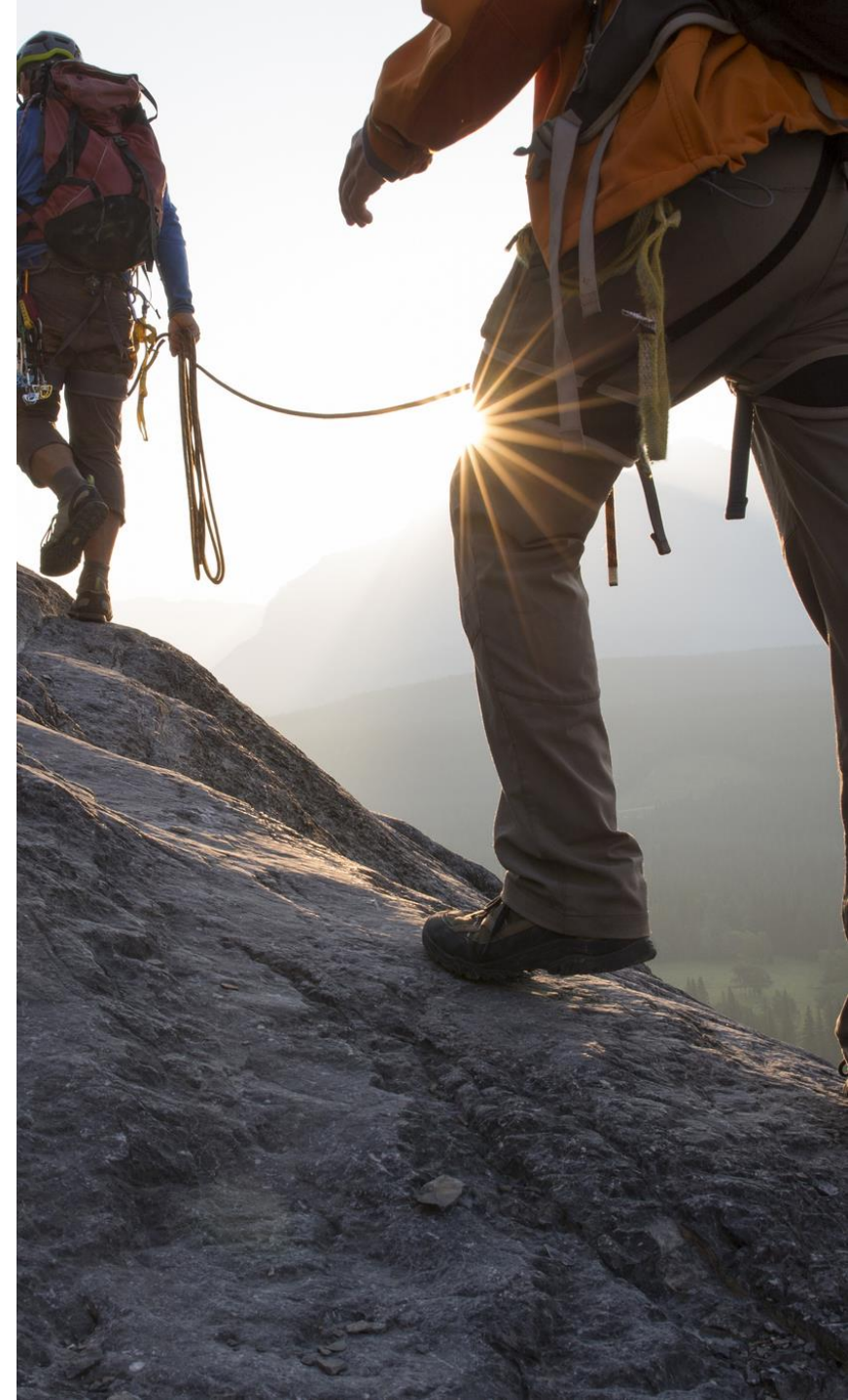
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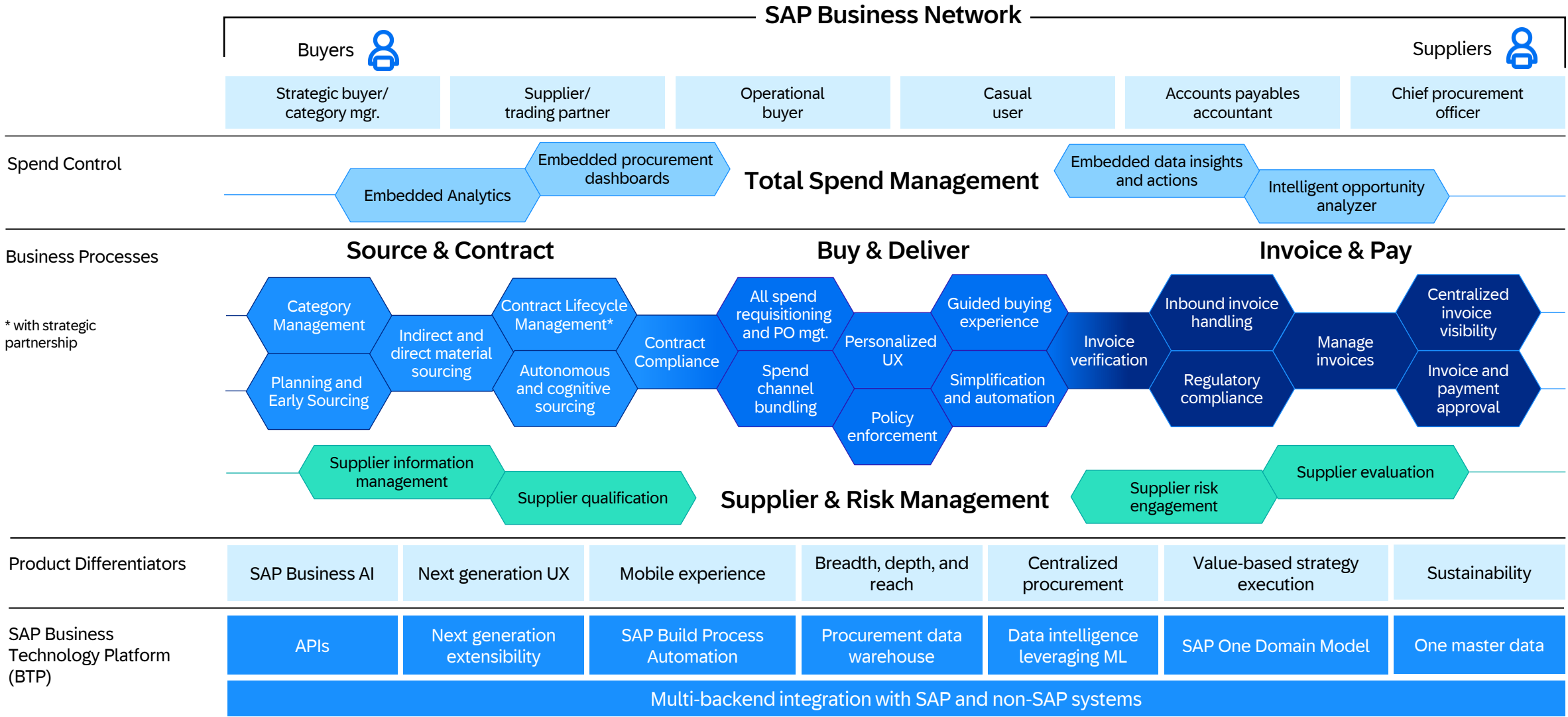
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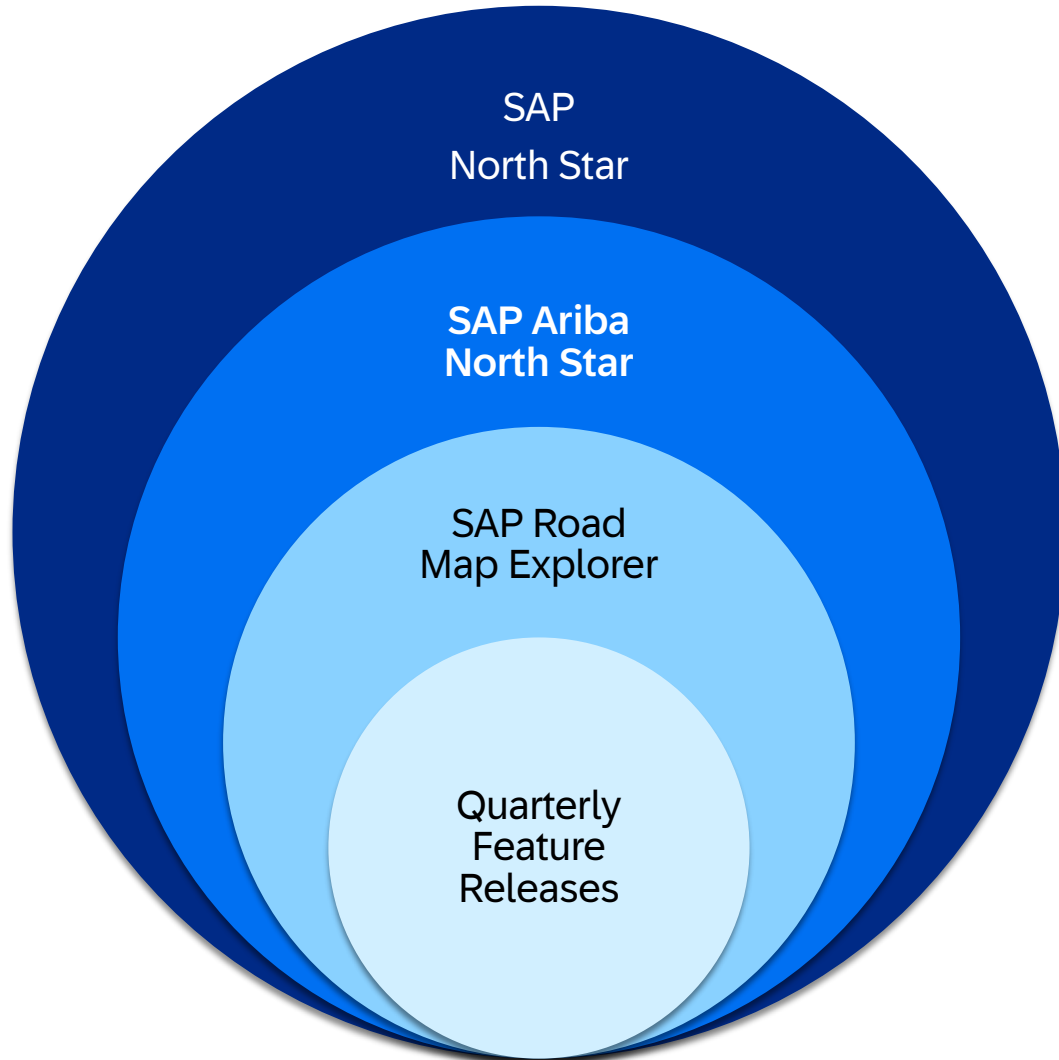
SAP Ariba North Star



North Star for SAP Ariba solutions



SAP Ariba “North Star” context



Our **North Star vision** sets our product’s long-term goals, while the **Road Map** is a breakdown of actionable steps toward these goals.

Quarterly feature releases are the incremental innovations in the Road Map, ensuring consistent progress towards achieving our North Star vision.

Mandatory Features

2411 Release





Features becoming mandatory with 2411 release

1 Support for adding groups to requisition approval flows in guided buying [GB-24299](#)

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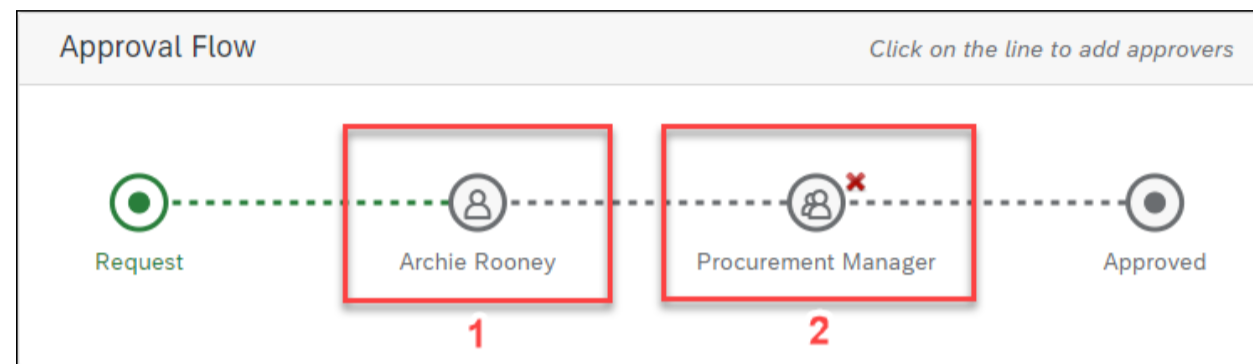
Mandatory Features

1 Support for adding groups to requisition approval flows in guided buying **GB-24299**

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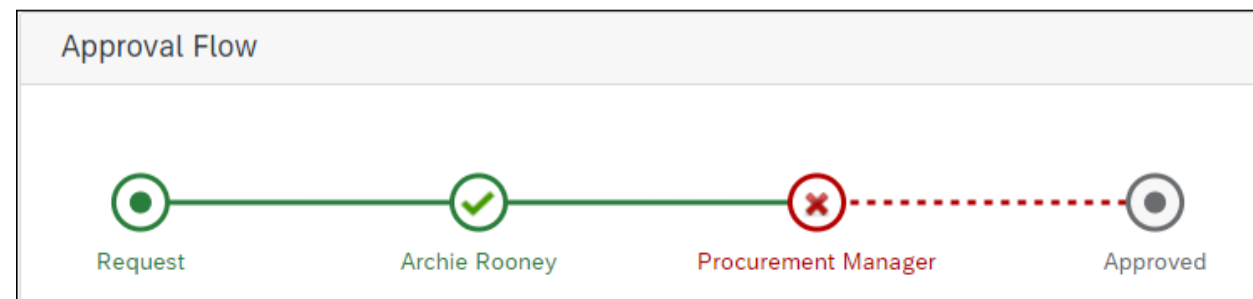
Guided Buying users can add user groups to approval flows when they create purchase requisitions.

New icons in the approval flow show whether an approver is an individual user or a group.



1 = Individual User, 2 = Group

Upon approval, the icons change color: a green check mark for "Approved" or a red "X" for "Denied":



2 Decommission Document Approval API Version 1

PLAF-6918


The Document Approval API Version 1 (V1) is decommissioned as of the Q3 2024 release. Version 2 is the active version of this API. You must update your client application to use the active version.

Version 1 of this API was deprecated in August, 2021, when Version 2 became available. After this date, SAP Ariba continued supporting existing client applications that called Version 1.

If you continue to use Version 1 after it is decommissioned you may see unexpected results and your client application will stop functioning.

Action required: update API Calls to the Document Approval API Version 2

To write an application using a particular version of an API, use the runtime URLs specific to that version. Different versions distinguish their runtime URLs by modifying the version number. For example:

| | |
|-----------|---|
| Version 1 | <code>https://openapi.ariba.com/api/hypothetical_api/v1/prod</code>   |
| Version 2 | <code>https://openapi.ariba.com/api/hypothetical_api/v2/prod</code>   |

3 Removal of Iframes for PunchOut Catalog Sessions

CM-10985

SAP Ariba Catalog now allows punching out to supplier sites without using inline frames (iframes). The supplier sites are displayed within the same browser tab but iframes are not used.

Ensure that your administrator has enabled the Prevent using iframes for punching out (Application.Catalog.PunchOutWithoutThirdPartyCookies) parameter.

Determines if the SAP Ariba solution uses iframes when punching out to supplier sites.

| | |
|---------------|--|
| ID | Application.Catalog.PunchOutWithoutThirdPartyCookies |
| Name | Prevent using iframes for punching out |
| Default value | No |

When set to **Yes**, the SAP Ariba solution displays the supplier site directly without using iframes. When set to **No**, the SAP Ariba solution uses iframes when punching out to supplier sites.

A member of the **Customer Administrator** group sets this parameter in the **Intelligent Configuration Manager** workspace.

4 Improvements for Delegated Purchase Requisitions

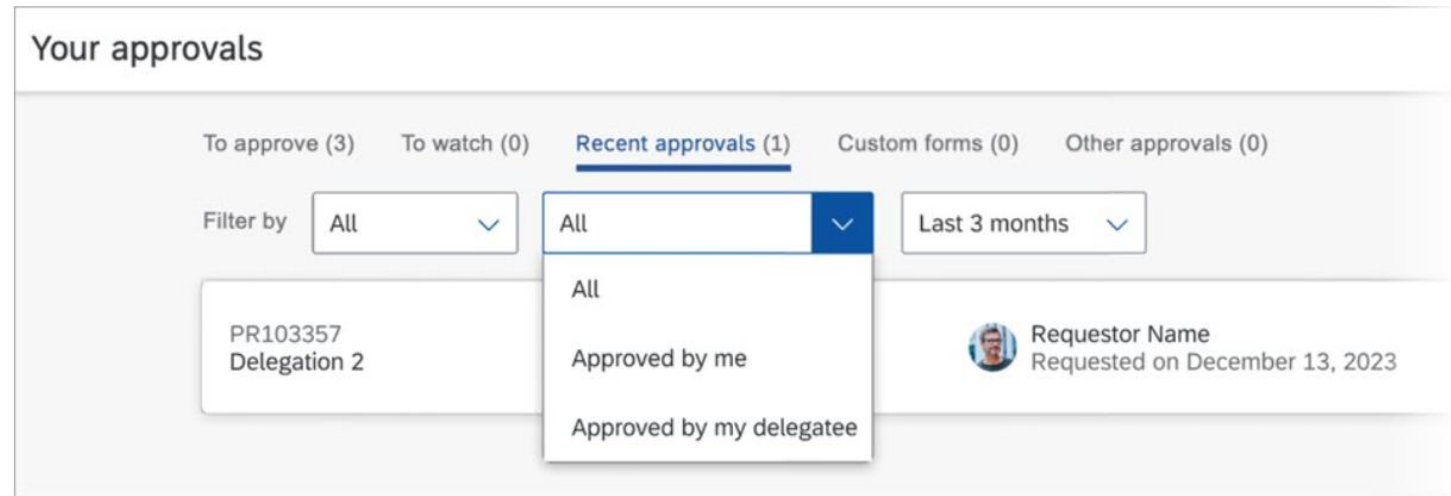
GB-27233

This feature helps delegators find purchase requisitions approved during a delegation period. Previously, delegators were unable to find approved delegated requisitions. Only the delegatee could find requisitions they'd approved.

If you used multiple delegations, with different delegates, it might've been difficult to keep record of the approvals. With this feature, delegators can find approved delegated requisitions, use new filters to find them, and easily find who approved them.

When this feature is enabled, the following changes are available:

- In the **Recent approvals** tab, a new filter allows users to search for approved requests based on the approver: **All** (approved by any user), **Approved by me**, or **Approved by my delegatee**. The following figure displays the new filters.



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Optimize cost, manage risk, and ensure the savings you negotiate are realized with SAP strategic sourcing solutions.



SAP Ariba Sourcing Updates

1 Ability to Create Optimization Scenarios for Multi-Round Bidding Events in Guided Sourcing [SS-48645](#)

2 Ability to View Custom Categories of Supplier Risk in Guided Sourcing [SS-50830](#)

3 Dynamic Bid Adjustment Values in Guided Sourcing Auctions [SS-51614](#)

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Planned Key Features**

1 Ability to Create Optimization Scenarios for Multi-Round Bidding Events in Guided Sourcing **SS-48645**

This feature enables buyer users to create optimization scenarios for multi-round bidding events in guided sourcing. In multi-round bidding events, buyer users can edit constraints and update scenarios created in the previous round to get the latest data

The screenshot shows the 'Scenario Maker' interface for RFP ID: Doc19909523. It features three award scenarios, each with a '\$2.75K' value and an 'Out of Sync' warning. A tooltip explains that these scenarios need to be manually updated. Below the scenarios is a 'Scenario summary' section with an 'Award' button, showing a total spend of \$2.75K, 2/2 awarded items, and 100% quantity coverage. A table at the bottom lists selected suppliers with their proposed spend, percentage of total spend, and projected savings.

| Selected suppliers (2) | Proposed spend | % of total spend | Projected savings (%) |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Auto Test Organization 244 | \$900 USD | 32.73% | 0.00% |
| Auto Test Organization 548 | \$1,850 USD | 67.27% | 0.00% |

2 Ability to View Custom Categories of Supplier Risk in Guided Sourcing SS-50830

This feature introduces the support to view custom categories of supplier risk for guided sourcing events that are in Draft, Monitor, and Review responses states.

When you click the hyperlink in the Risk level column for a supplier, the popup displays a maximum of 25 custom categories.

Event duration

Event start and end time Edit

Event starts: 03/16/2020 8:00 am PST | Event ends: 03/16/2020 8:00 am PST

Suppliers (4)

Add supplier Uninvite Search 🔍 👁️

| Supplier Name | Contact name | Overall Risk |
|---|--|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenfield Device Technologies | Laura Freeman, Lily Yansen | Low |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dimension Device Agency | Siddhartha Bhavalakar, Aja Dheer, Abhirati Upalekar, Chandra K | Medium |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ABC Devices | Sonia Gupta | High |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Ocean Devices | Mary Jones | N/A |

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Items

Add Move Copy Delete Add term Edit term Set weight

9 Items and 1 lot ... Extended price ... Price ... Quantity ... Participating suppliers ...

ABC Devices

| Name | Score | Risk Status |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Overall Risk | 65% | High |
| Operational | 50% | Medium |
| Regulatory and Legal | 75% | High |
| Environmental and Social | 25% | Low |
| Health & Safety | 25% | Low |
| Cybersecurity | 50% | Medium |
| Financial | 25% | Low |

* Overall risk is the weighted average of the sub-scores.

3 Dynamic Bid Adjustment Values in Guided Sourcing Auctions

SS-51614

This feature introduces dynamic bid adjustment values for English forward, English reverse, Dutch forward, Dutch reverse, and Japanese reverse auctions in guided sourcing.

While creating an item in a guided sourcing auction, the Bidding rules section now provides the option to configure custom bid adjustment thresholds.

Lab Preview

| Bid Adjustment Thresholds | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Bid adjustment threshold | Bid adjustment range | Bid adjustment value |
| Max | Max - 1001 | 200 |
| 1000 | 1000 - 801 | 70 |
| 800 | 800 - 701 | 50 |
| 700 | 700 - 0 | 30 |

Bid increment (%):* ?

| Bid Above | | Increase bids by | |
|-----------|-----|------------------|--------|
| 0 | USD | 1 | % ⊕ |
| 50.00 | USD | 2 | % ⊕ 🗑️ |
| 100.00 | USD | 3 | % ⊕ 🗑️ |

SAP Ariba Contracts Updates

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Importing and Exporting Service Line Items And Pricing Conditions in SAP Ariba Contracts Using An Excel File [SC-21987](#)

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Planned Key Features

1 Importing and Exporting Service Line Items And Pricing Conditions in SAP Ariba Contracts Using An Excel File SC-21987



Parameter must be Enabled

This feature enhances the Simplified Excel Import functionality in SAP Ariba Contracts by allowing buyers to import and export service line item data in contract workspaces using an Excel file.

Buyers can also import and export pricing conditions of line items in contract workspaces using the Simplified Excel Import functionality.

Determines whether buyers can import and export service line item data and pricing conditions of line items using the Simplified Excel Import functionality.

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| ID | Application.ACM.SimplifiedExcelImportOfServiceLineItemsAndPricingConditions | |
| Name | Enable using S | |
| Default value | No | |

Example of Hierarchy for Service Item

In the **Line items** worksheet, define the service hierarchy for the service line items by specifying a value in the **Number** column.

Example

For a service item A, the hierarchy can be as follows:

Item Name

Service Item A

Service Outline A

Service Specification A

Service Specification B

Sample Format of the Excel for the service lines

| Line Number | Item Number | Type | Item Name | Description | Commodity | Region | Plant | Item ID | SAP System ID | Item Category | Material Group | Price | Quantity | UOM Quantity |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|--------|-------|---------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| 12 | | Service Line | Painting Service 4th Floor 3000 Sqft | | | | | | | D | 001100 | | | |
| 13 | 1 | Service Specification | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | 1.2 | Service Outline | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | 1.2.1 | Service Specification | | | | | | | | | | | | |




Source-to-Contract Planned Key Features

SAP Ariba Category Management Updates

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2 Ability to Configure and Associate Business Units in SAP Ariba Category Management [CAT-9678](#)

3 Ability to Create Category Strategy Details from the Develop Strategy and Plan App [CAT-9695](#) 

4 Ability to View, Analyze, and Manage Initiatives Across Categories [CAT-10012](#) 

1 Enhancements to Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in SAP Ariba Category Management **CAT-8970**

On-demand article generation is now available in the *Additional Resources* section for tools like Category Segmentation, Market Dynamics, and Cost Structure, instead of generating them by default.

This change enhances performance and reduces the costs associated with producing AI-generated articles.

i Information

SAP Ariba Category Management now includes embedded SAP Business AI capabilities. For more information, see the [SAP Help Portal](#).

Disclaimer

Artificial Intelligence (AI) generates results based on multiple sources. Outputs may contain errors and inaccuracies. Consider reviewing all generated results and adjust as necessary.

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Lab Preview

Additional Resources

Here are some recommended AI-generated resources

Would you like to generate them?

Generate

- What is Porters 5 and how should I use it to understand the market for Hybrid_cars?
- Who are the top 15 suppliers for Hybrid_cars?
- What are the market risks and opportunities for Hybrid_cars?
- What are the supply and demand conditions for Hybrid_cars within market?
- How to utilize Market Dynamics to understand my category market?

2 Ability to Configure and Associate Business Units in SAP Ariba Category Management CAT-9678

Complex supply markets and organizations ask for tailored category strategies per business unit.

This new feature allows to manage per category different strategy variants on business unit level.

Category management administrators can create and manage a two-level hierarchy for business units.

Category managers can associate these business units with strategy and plan documents and tools in toolkit.

This provides procurement functions additional flexibility and improved value realization potential.

Create Strategy and Plan

Name: *

Business Unit:

Strategy Start Date: *

Category: Hybrid_cars

Strategy End Date: *

Phase: Draft

Created By: Anand Athankavil

Category Segment Template: No Segment

Region:

Create **Cancel**

Select Business Units

Items (3)

| Name | ID |
|--------------|------|
| ▼ All | ALL |
| > Automotive | BU-2 |
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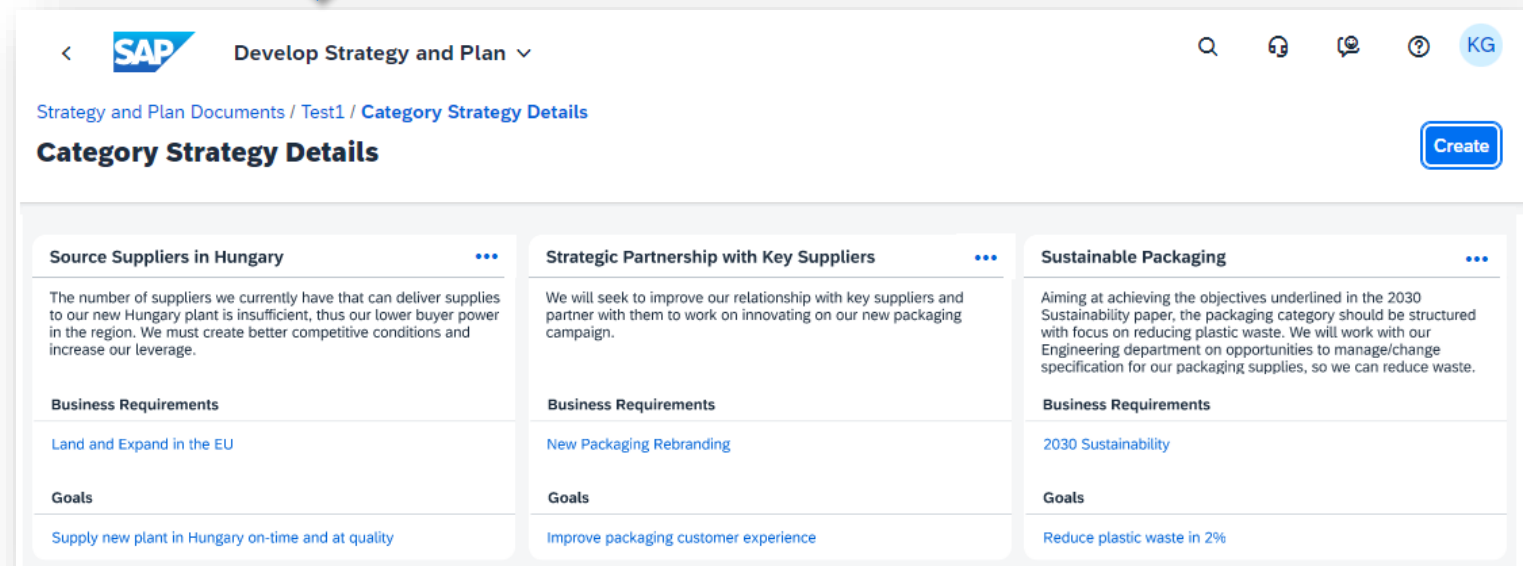
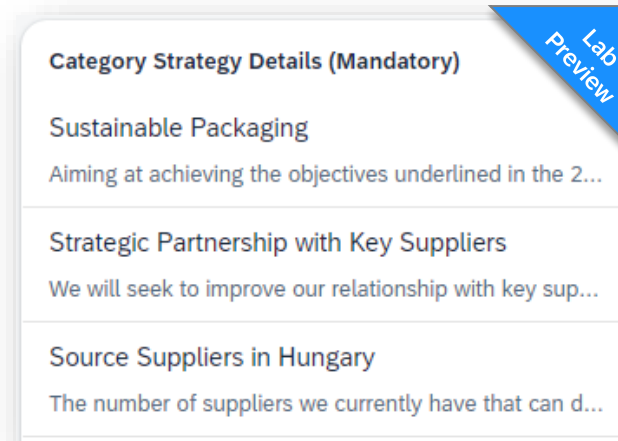
3 Ability to Create Category Strategy Details from the Develop Strategy and Plan App CAT-9695

Category managers need to articulate effectively on how their category strategies will meet their stakeholder's business requirements and can achieve defined goals.

The new "Category Strategy Details" feature provides the necessary structure and flexibility.

It enables category managers to create and manage multiple category-specific strategies with underlying details, that align with the plan goals and business requirements.

This provides flexibility and guidance to category managers to address business goals comprehensively.





DEMO
CAT-9695

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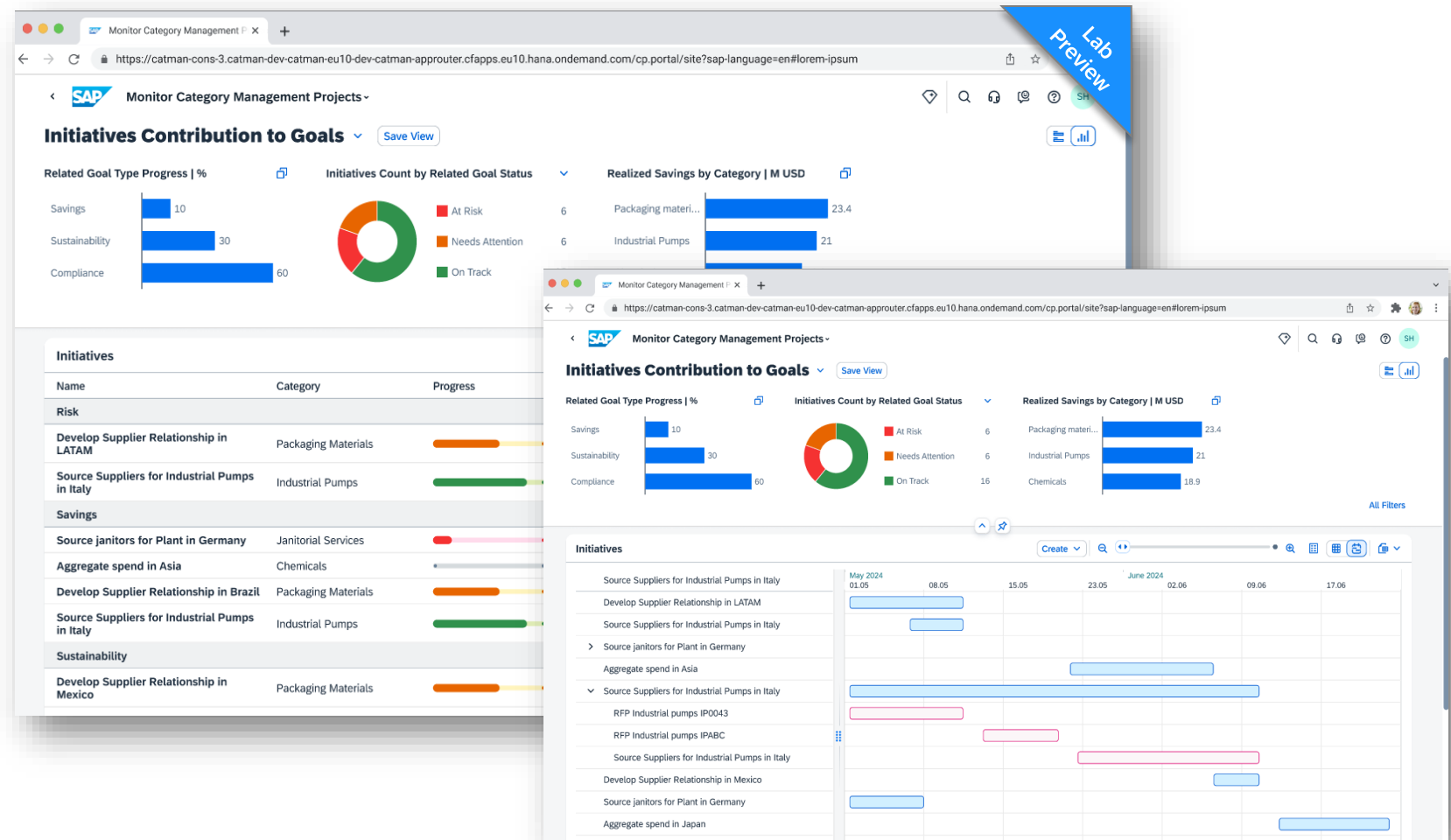
4 Ability to View, Analyze, and Manage Initiatives Across Categories CAT-10012

In the past it was difficult for procurement leaders to manage the progress of initiatives across multiple categories and regions.

The new dashboard provides these insights at a glance.

Users can directly find the initiatives across categories that lag behind plan and effectively manage by exception.

This saves time and provides transparency on the big picture for most informed decisions.





DEMO
CAT-10012

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Roadmap & Resources



SAP Road Map Explorer



Filtering Tips

Products

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Processes

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The screenshot shows the SAP Road Map Explorer interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'SAP Road Map Explorer' and tabs for 'Products', 'Processes', 'Industries', 'My Road Maps', 'Disclaimer', and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar, there's a search bar with 'SAP Ariba Proc...' and '16 Road Map Items'. There are also filters for 'Products', 'Processes', 'Industries', 'Focus Topics', and 'Suite Qualities'. The main content area is divided into columns for different quarters: 'Q1 2022', 'Q2 2022', 'Q3 2022', 'Q4 2022', and 'Q2 2023 CURRENT'. Each column contains a list of innovation cards with titles, descriptions, and icons for 'Add' (+) and 'Star' (☆). For example, in Q1 2022, there are cards for 'Guided Buying' (Amazon Business available as a Spot Buy marketplace) and 'Purchase Order Processing' (Support of inventory reservations between S/4HANA Cloud and SAP...). In Q2 2023, there are cards for 'Guided Buying' (Mobile - user interface and experience improvements) and 'Services Requisitioning and Service Orders' (Integration of PRs with service line items).



Navigation Tips

To view innovations:

Select the release date and click on any innovation for insights.

Road Map is subject to change without notice.

<https://roadmaps.sap.com/welcome>

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*For SAP Ariba Central Invoice Management features, please go to:
[SAP Procurement Readiness Community](https://connectsupport.ariba.com)

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| A person writing on a document with a pen. | A man in a suit looking at a tablet on a train platform. | A network of blue nodes and lines on a dark background. | A large, multi-story library with many bookshelves. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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