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Features Automatically On

2508 Release

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Features automatically on with 2508 release:

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WalkMe Available in SAP Ariba Products
FRM-809

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1 WalkMe Available in SAP Ariba Products FRM-809

The WalkMe Digital Adoption Platform will soon be integrated with SAP Ariba products. Users can then take advantage of easy-to-understand guidance powered by WalkMe.

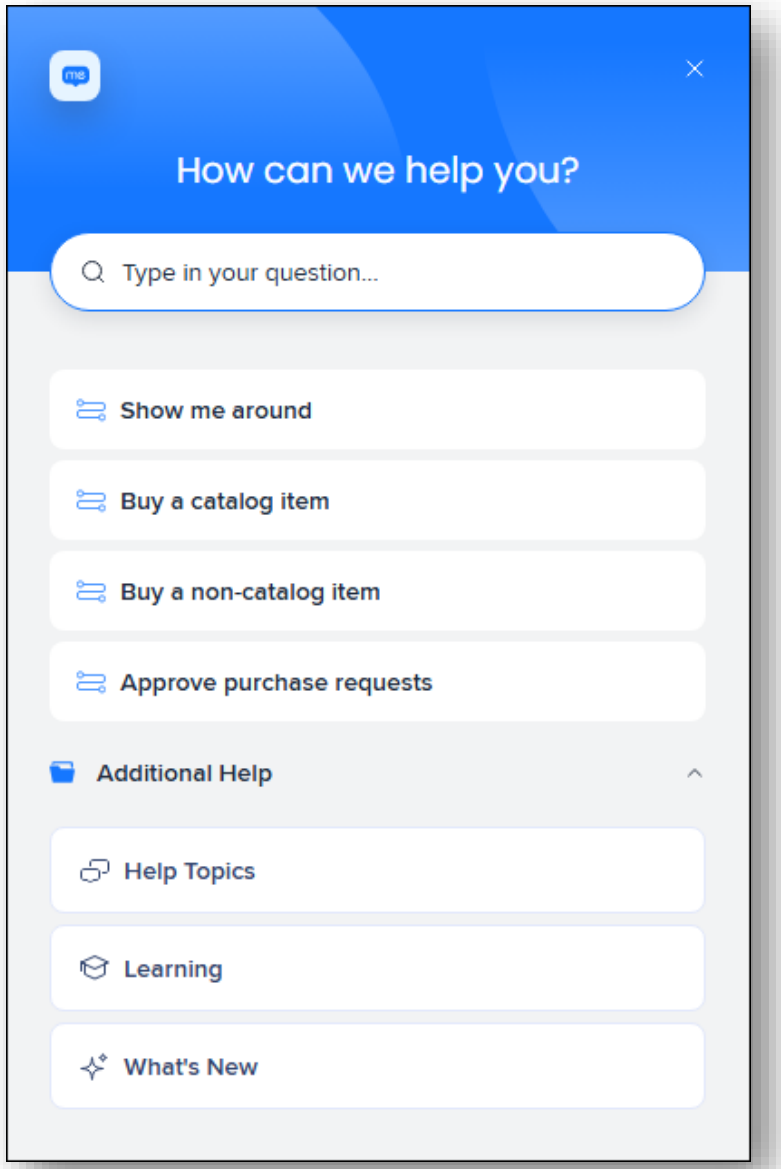
WalkMe is an AI-powered solution that enables teams to create guidance and automation in the flow of work, while giving business and technology leaders insights into how people are using the software and where users can be more self-sufficient.

WalkMe is currently available in the following SAP Ariba capabilities:

- Guided sourcing
- Guided buying

In the 2508 release, it will be available in the following SAP Ariba products:

- SAP Ariba Invoice Management
- SAP Ariba Contracts
- SAP Ariba Supplier Management solutions
- SAP Ariba Supplier Risk



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1. Ability to Generate Strategy and Plan Document PDFs CATMAN-142
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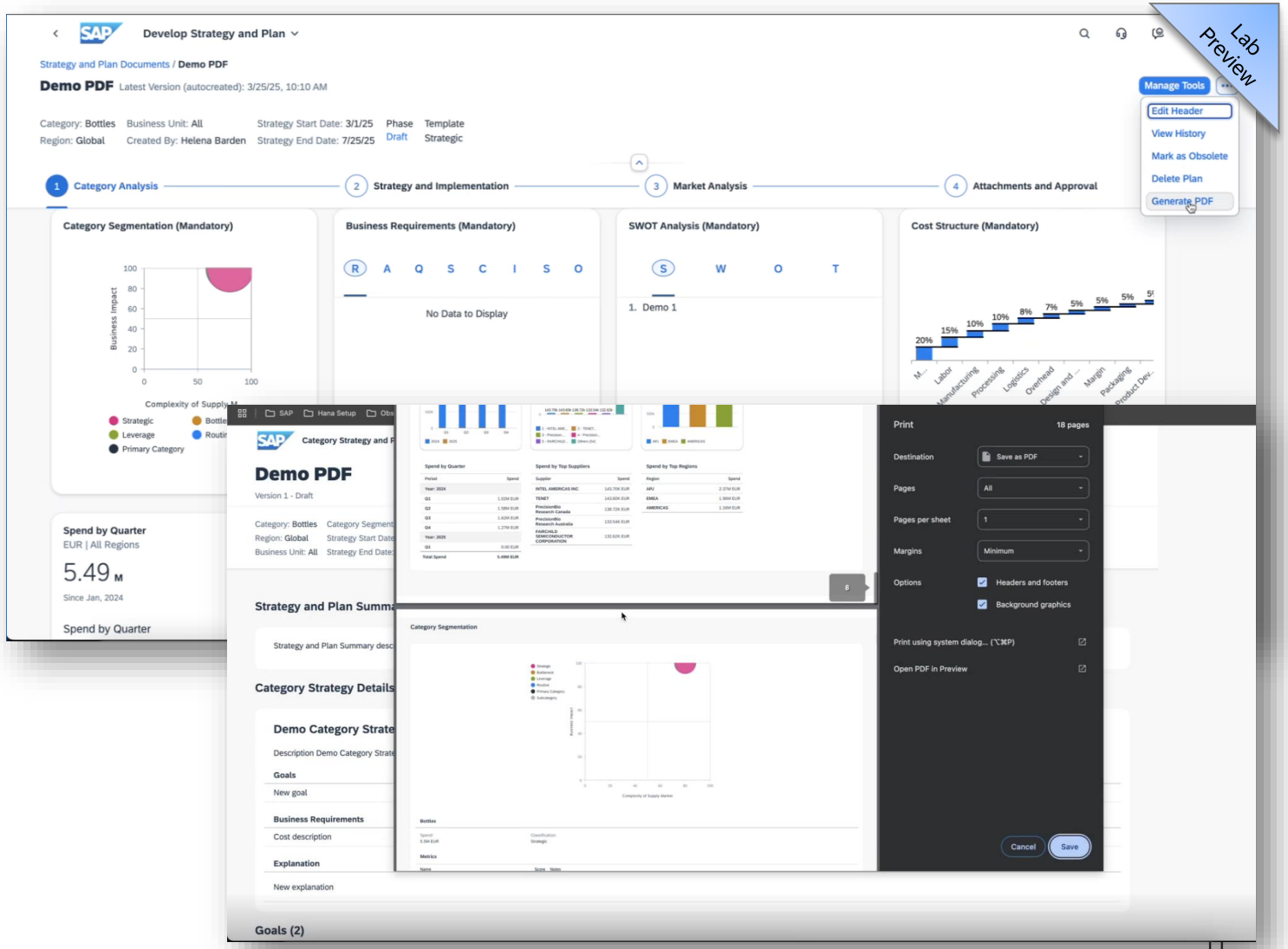
Product: SAP Ariba Category Management
Industry: All
Release: 2505

1 Ability to Generate Strategy and Plan Document PDFs

CATMAN-142

With this feature, Category Managers can create PDF versions of strategy and plan documents.

This capability facilitates the sharing of these documents with stakeholders who might not have direct access to the platform, ensuring they can still participate in the strategic planning process



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2 Assign predefined user groups to Category Management Users from SAP Cloud Identity Services CATMAN-144

This feature enables you to assign predefined, category management-specific user groups from the Identity Authentication service in SAP Cloud Identity Services to users of SAP Ariba Category Management.

User management is now handled directly through SAP Cloud Identity Services, eliminating the need for user management through the application configuration UI

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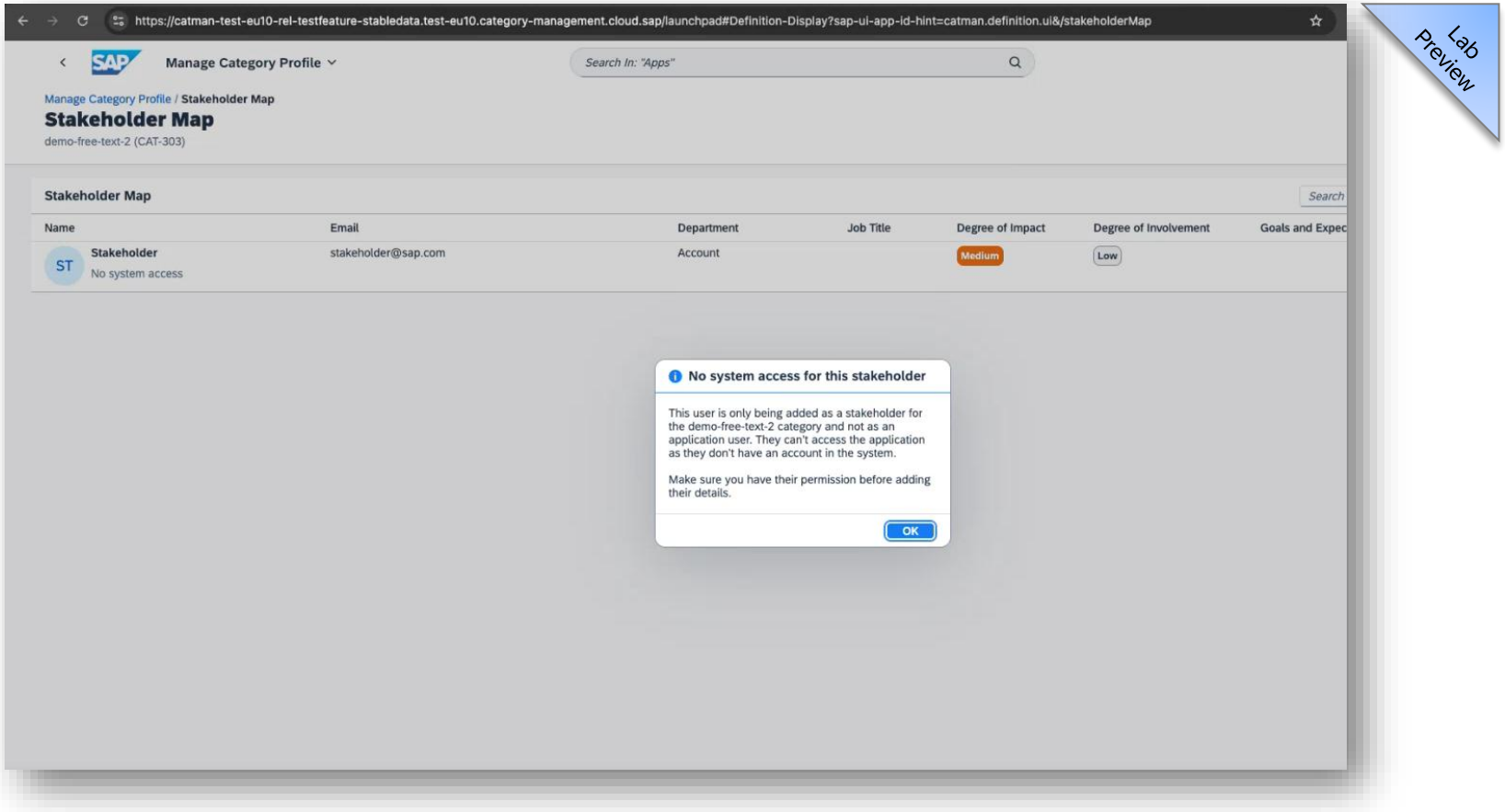
3 Ability to add external stakeholders CATMAN-357

With this feature, Category Managers can incorporate external stakeholders without requiring them to be registered as users in the SAP Cloud Identity Services.

This update facilitates comprehensive stakeholder engagement, promoting collaboration, transparency, and strategic alignment.



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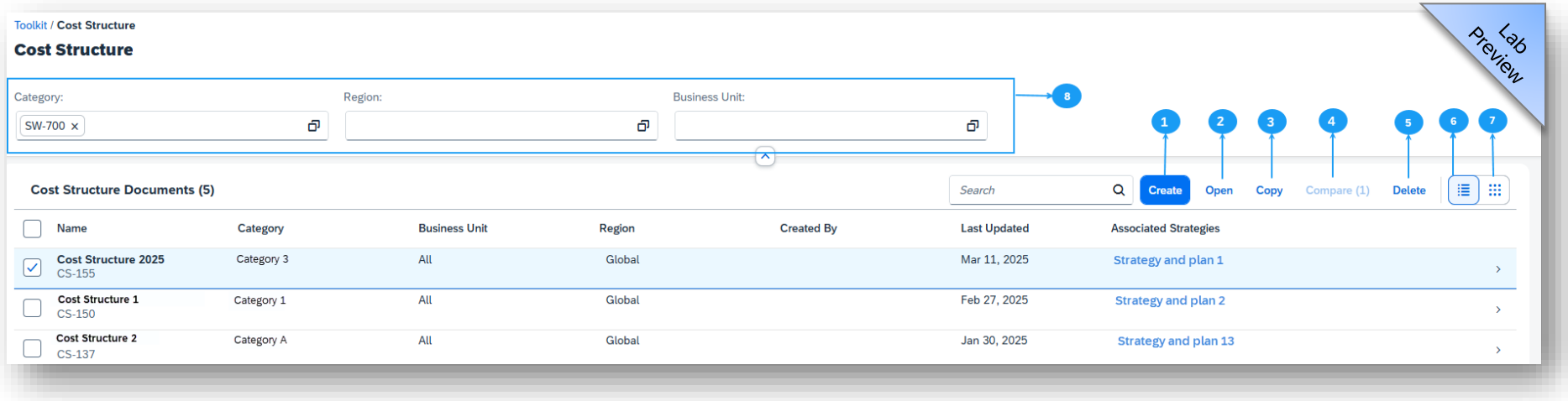
4 Enhancements to Toolkit functionality CATMAN-417

New functionalities for toolkit documents market Dynamics and Cost Structure have been added, which include the ability to:

1. Create – Create a Cost Structure or Market Dynamics Tool Document
2. Open – Select a tool document to view details
3. Copy - Copy an existing tool document to start your analysis
4. Compare – Compare a max of up to 5 documents at a time to evaluate differences across categories, regions, and business units
5. Delete – Delete one or more selected documents
6. Switch to List View
7. Switch to Grid View
8. Filter bar



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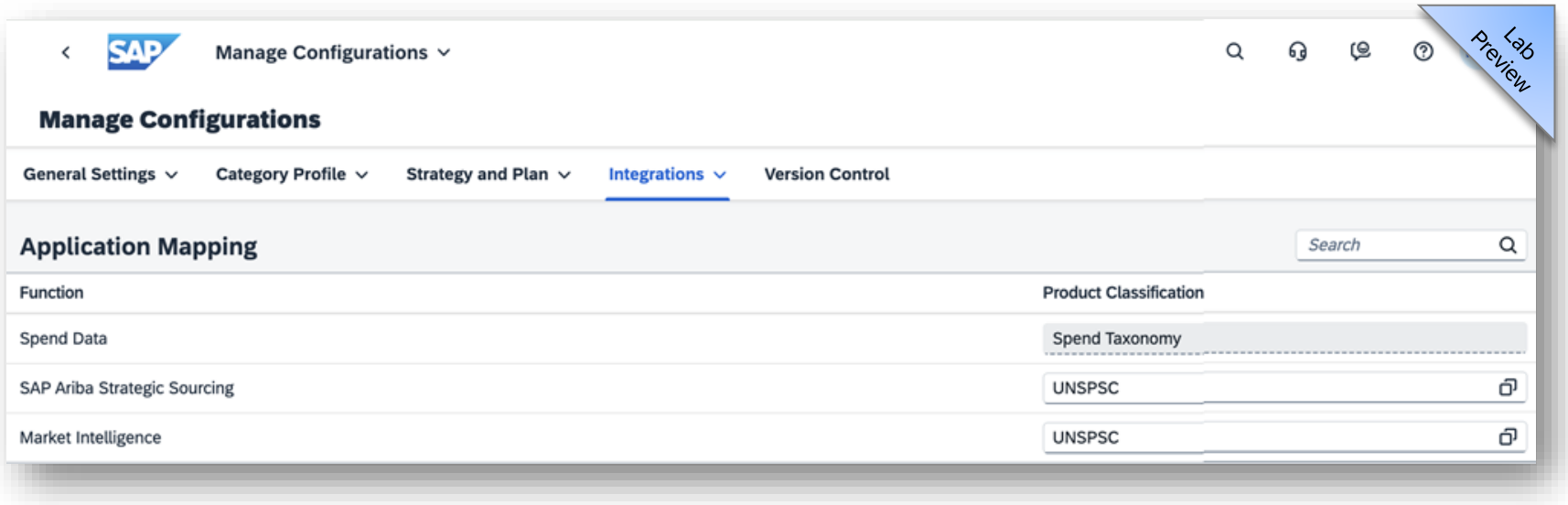
5 Integration of Spend Data in SAP Ariba Category Management

CATMAN-418

This feature allows you to integrate spend data into SAP Ariba Category Management using either SAP Spend Control Tower or the spend data sync capability.

Choose the appropriate option based on your license. If you have an active SAP Spend Control Tower license, you must use SAP Spend Control Tower for the spend integration. If not, you can use the spend data sync capability instead.



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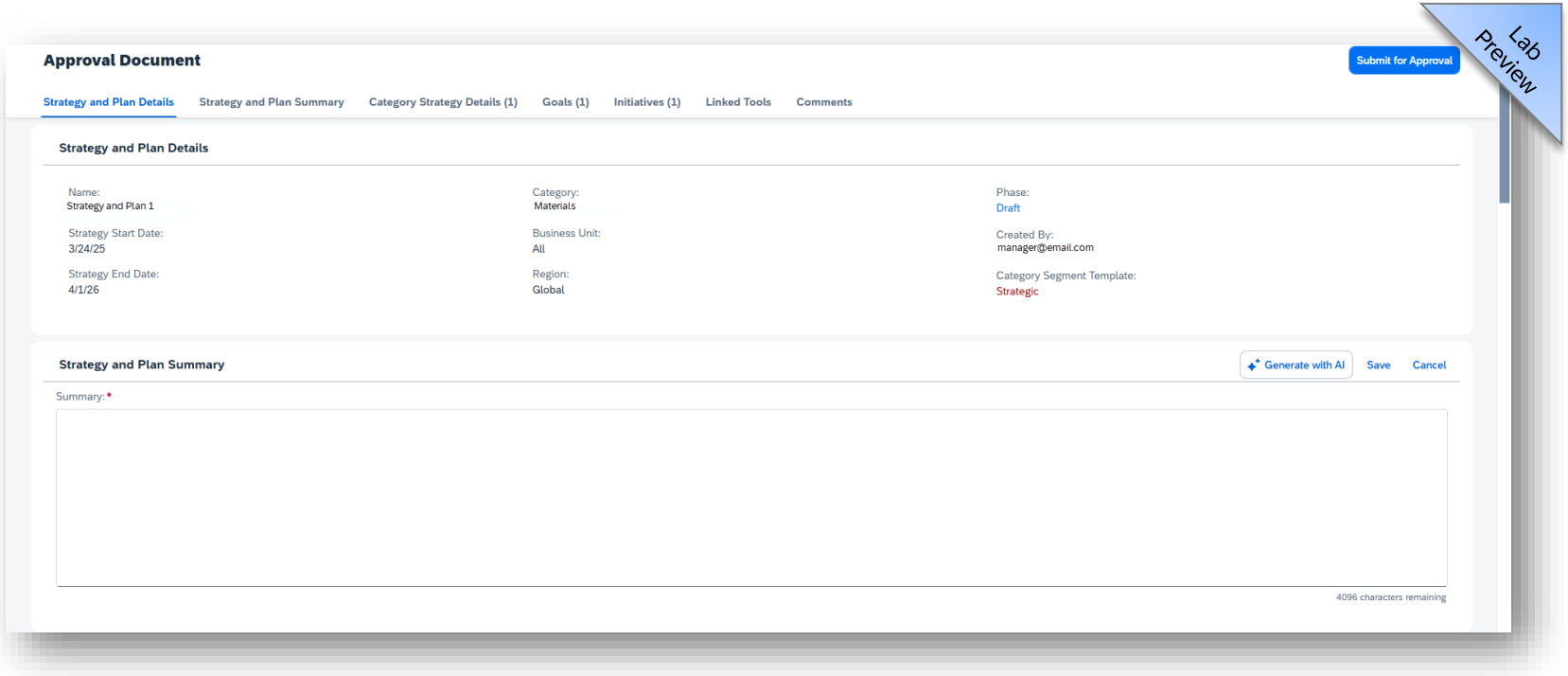
6 AI-assisted strategy summarizer CATMAN-429

This feature introduces the Generative AI capabilities for generating a summary in the Approval Document in SAP Ariba Category Management.

AI-enhanced summaries provide a quick overview, highlighting key points without the need to manually review details across all sections of the approval documents.



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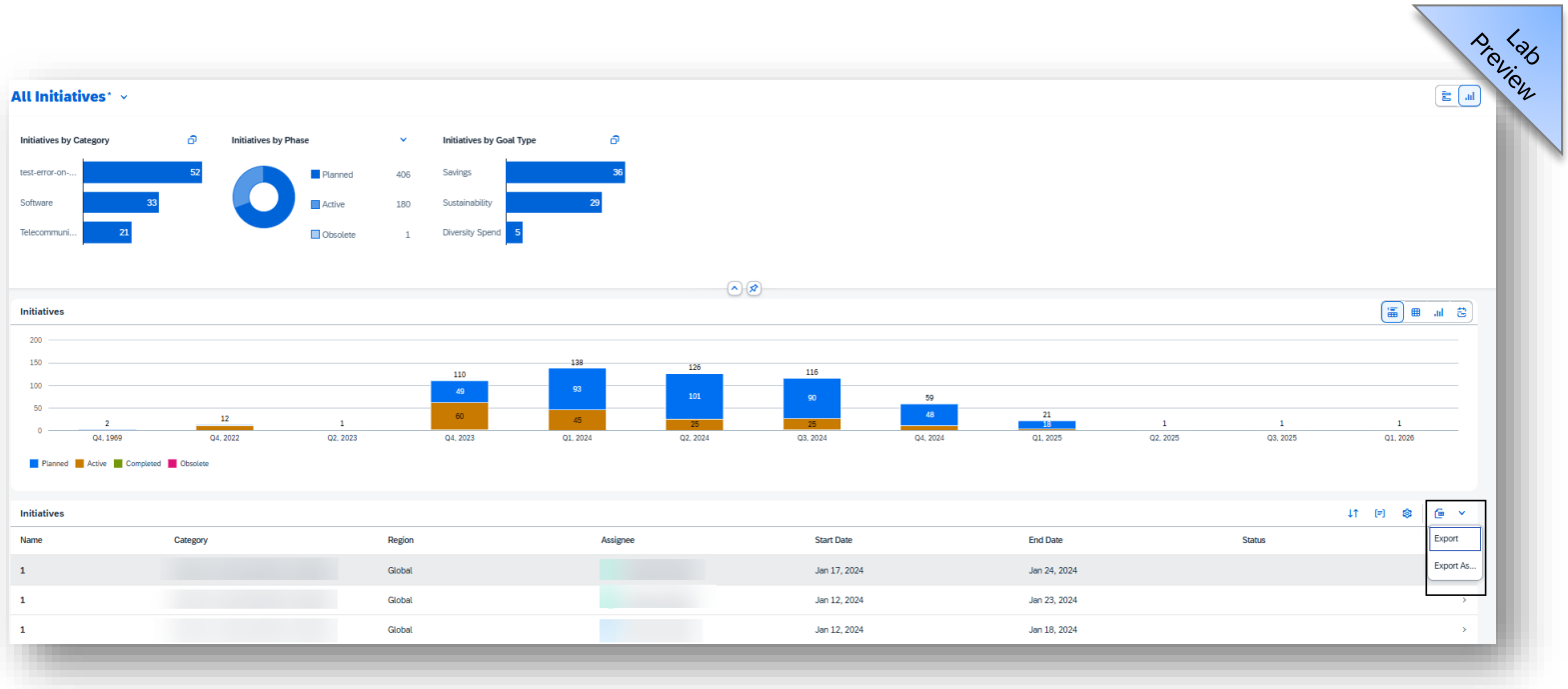
7 Enhancements to the Initiatives Overview App CATMAN-471

This feature allows you to switch between visual and compact filters and save your filtering preferences in the **Initiatives Overview** app in SAP Ariba Category Management.

The enhanced overview enables you to visualize all initiative benefits (estimated benefits, negotiated benefits, and realized benefits) and **Baseline Spend** in a single view across multiple categories.



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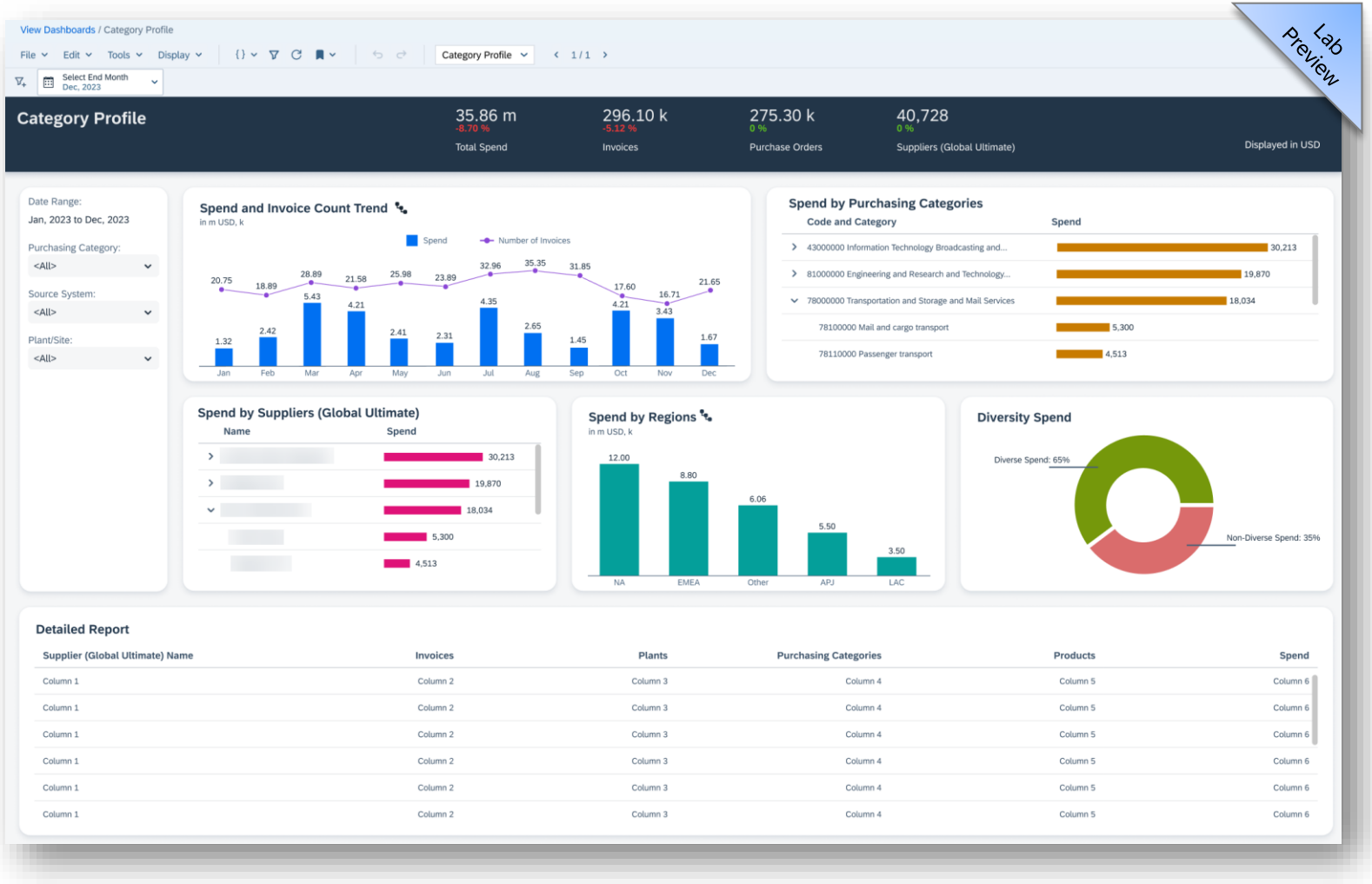
8 SAP Ariba Category Management Spend Visibility Dashboard Enhancements ANALYSIS-1320

This feature introduces new Category Profile and Supplier Fragmentation analytics dashboards in SAP Ariba Category Management.

Each analytics dashboard is a presentation-style document that uses charts, visualizations, text, and images to describe data. Users can use the available filters in each dashboard to view the data that they want.



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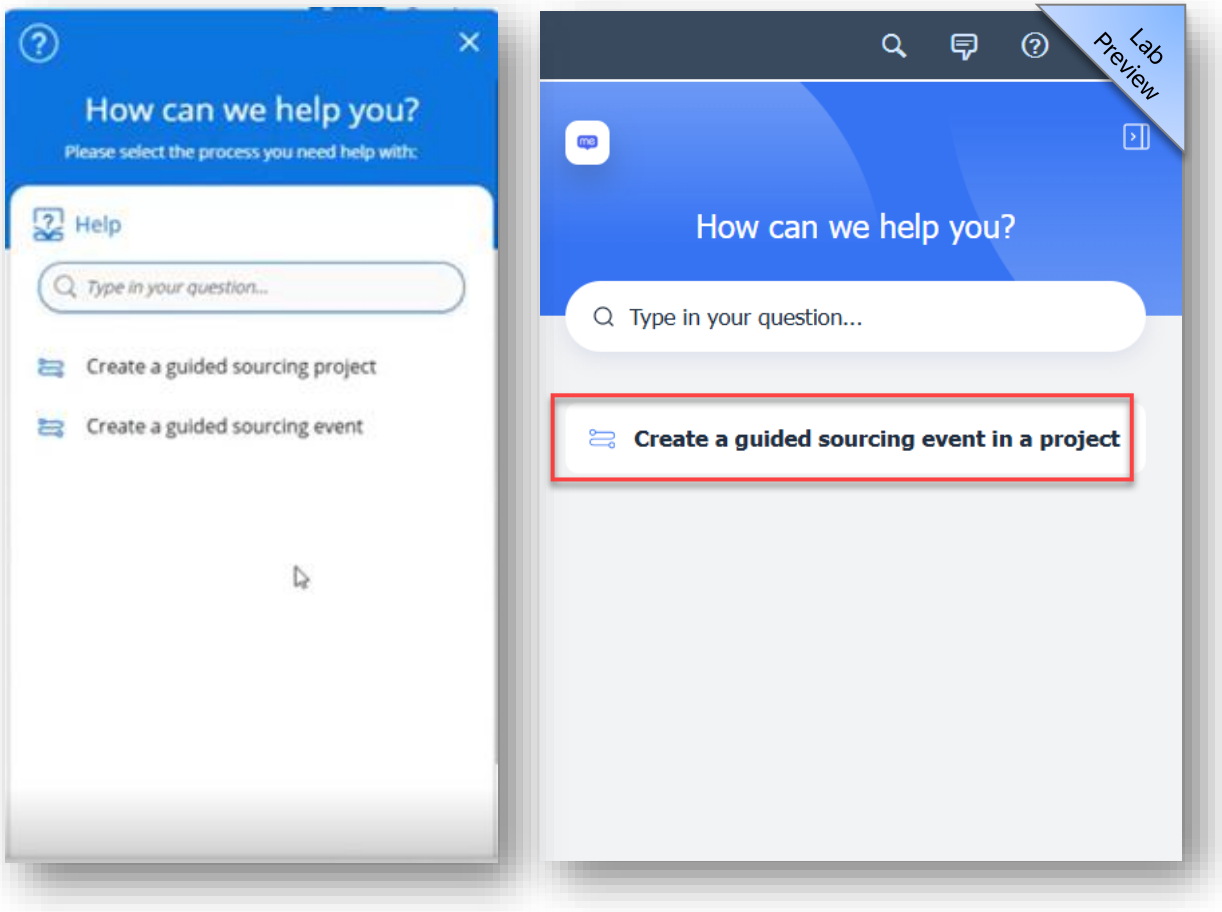
2. Bonus-Penalty in Guided Sourcing SS-41233
3. View Period Quantity Assignments of Line Items on a Graph in Guided Sourcing DMS-20276

1 Guided Sourcing Integration with WalkMe SOURCE-2530

With this feature, guided sourcing is integrated with WalkMe Digital Adoption Platform.

WalkMe is an optional capability enabled by customer administrators, offers guidance for the many processes.



This feature is optional for this release.

With the 2508 release, SAP Ariba plans to turn it on for all customers with a refreshed interface.

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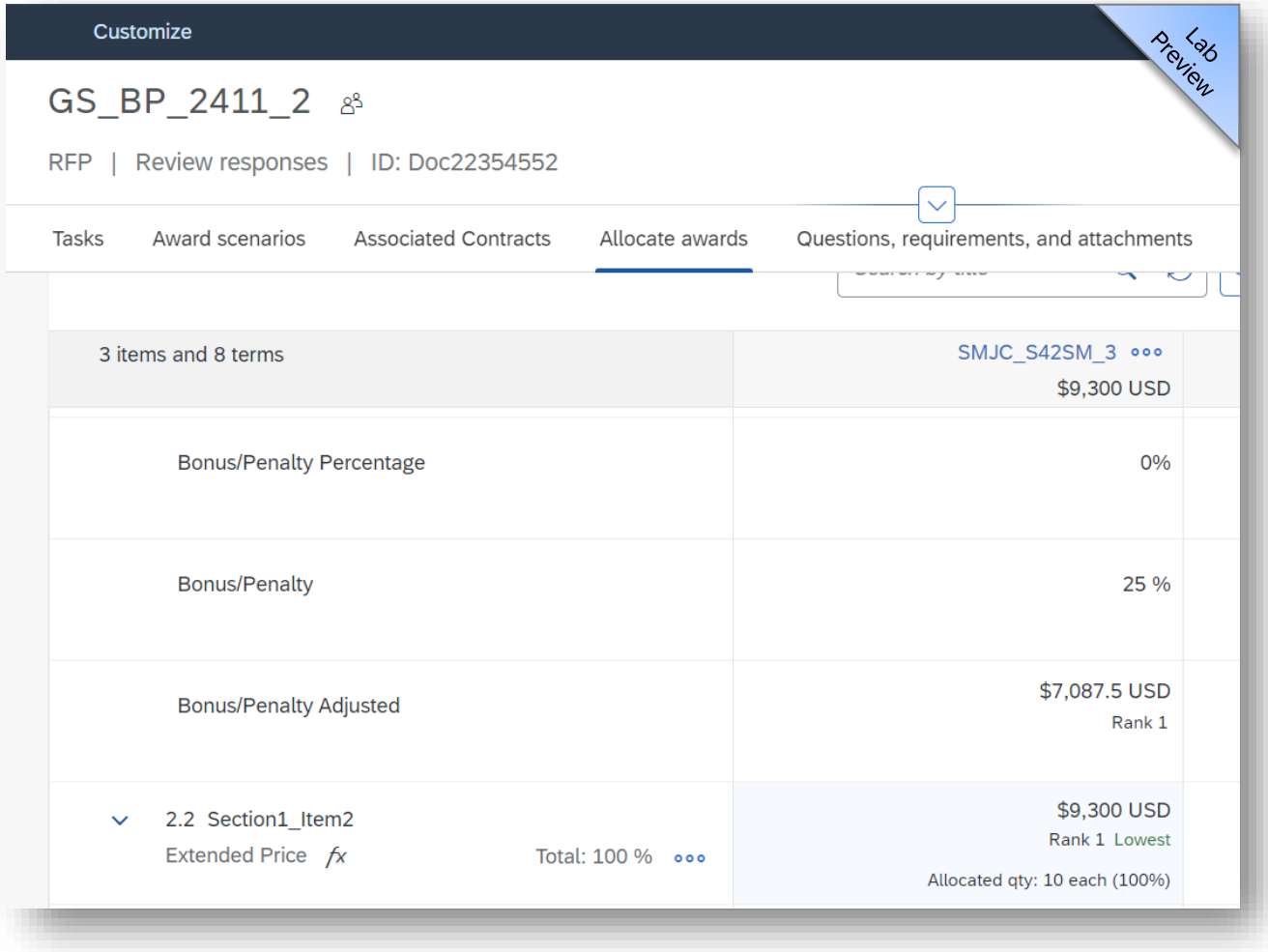
2 Bonus-Penalty in Guided Sourcing SS-41233

This feature enables buyers or team graders to assign bonus or penalty values to supplier bids as part of the grading and scoring process to evaluate suppliers participating in a guided sourcing event.

Buyers can objectively analyze large scale events having a substantial number of participants and take informed decisions.



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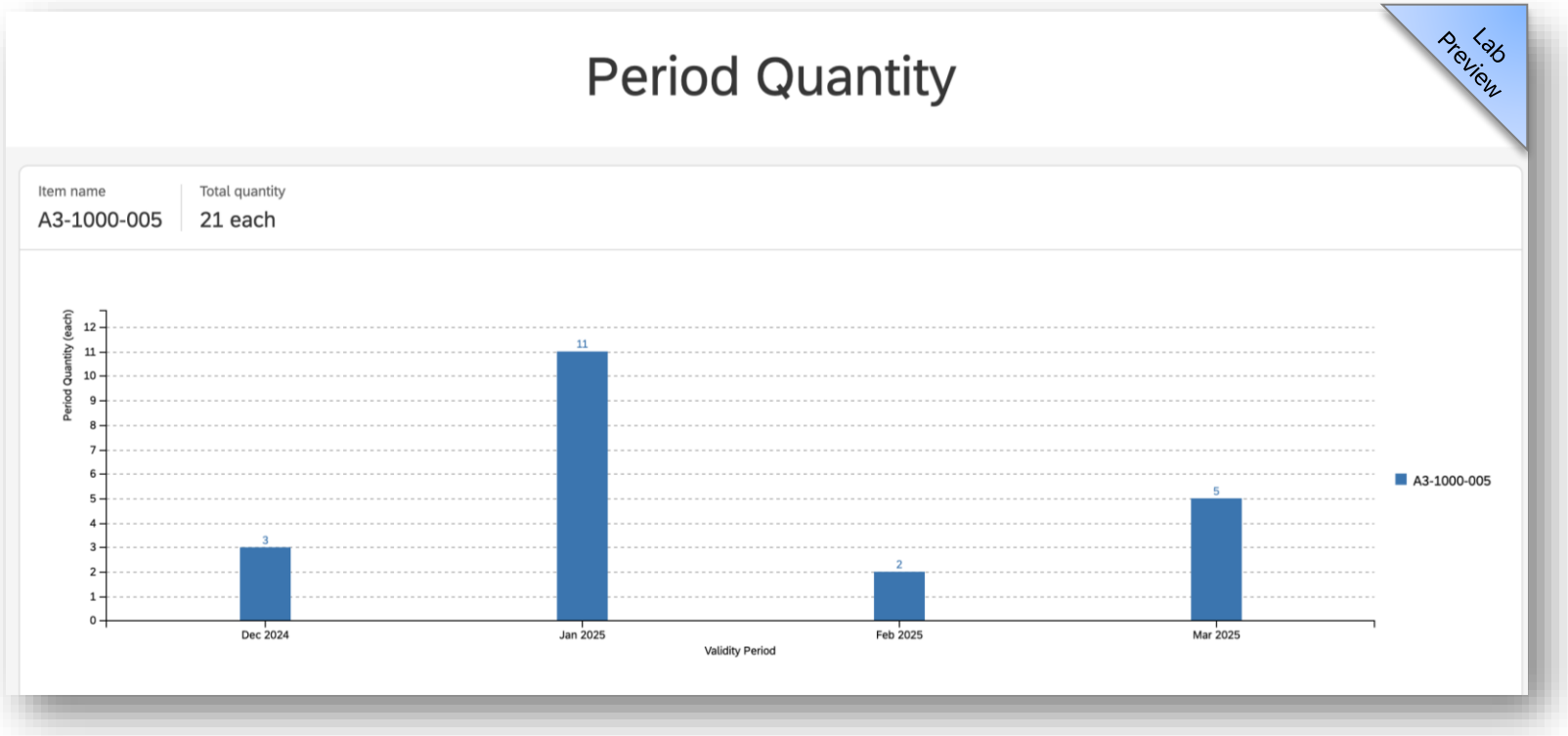
3 View Period Quantity Assignments of Line Items on a Graph in Guided Sourcing DMS-20276

Buyers can now view the quantity values assigned to each validity period of line items on a graph.

The ”Quantity” term displays the total value of the assigned period quantity which is read-only and cannot be modified.



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4. Enhancements to the User Interface for Managing Non-Disclosure Agreement Contracts SCONTR-1395

1 SAP Task Center Integration with SAP Ariba Contracts

SCONTR-1210

With our new SAP Task Center integration, contract managers can now process approval tasks directly assigned to them from SAP Ariba Contracts.

Approval tasks from SAP Ariba Contracts have the following details in the Task Center:

Original owner	Contract Version
Milestone	Task Status
Required	Task Owner
Contract name	External System Approval
Owner	Task Start Date
Status	Approvers

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2 Ability to Customize the Prefix for the Contract ID in SAP Ariba Contracts SCONTR-1280

This feature enables buyers to customize the contract ID prefix in SAP Ariba Contracts by replacing the default value (CW) with their preferred value.

Buyers can create a site-level configuration to automatically generate a custom prefix value and assign it to the contract ID when creating contract workspaces in SAP Ariba Contracts.

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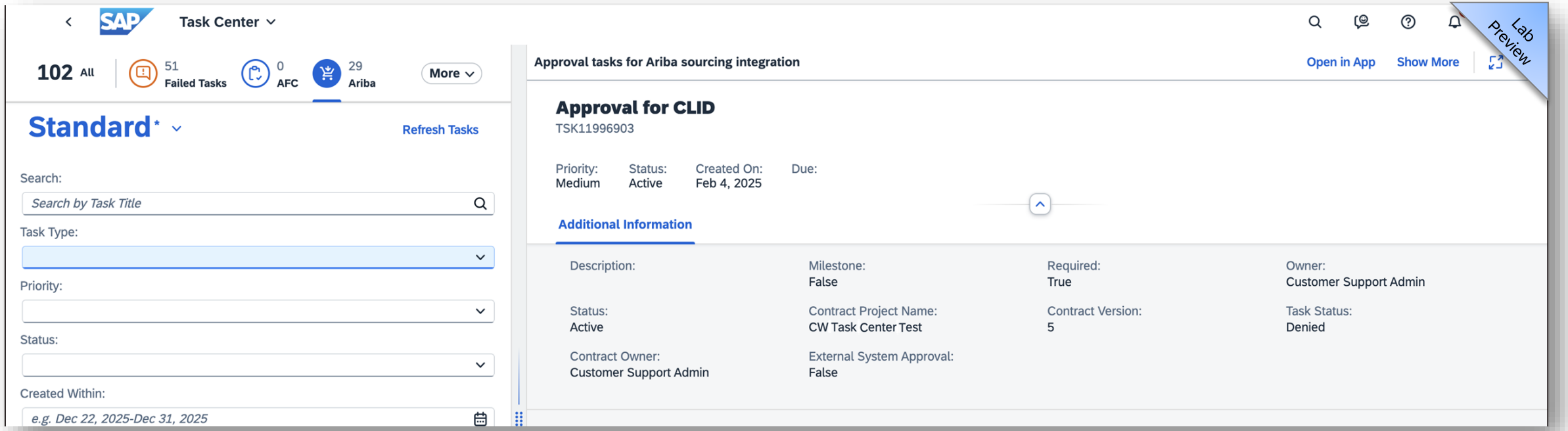
3 User Interface Enhancements for Managing Tasks from SAP Ariba Contracts in SAP Task Center SCONTR-1386

This feature brings enhancements to the SAP Task Center user interface to better manage tasks originating from SAP Ariba Contracts.

The new UI is more user-centric, utilizing the SAP Fiori design principles, which aim to improve usability, efficiency, and the overall user experience. When this feature is enabled, the user interface in SAP Task Center for approval tasks from SAP Ariba Contracts appears as follows.



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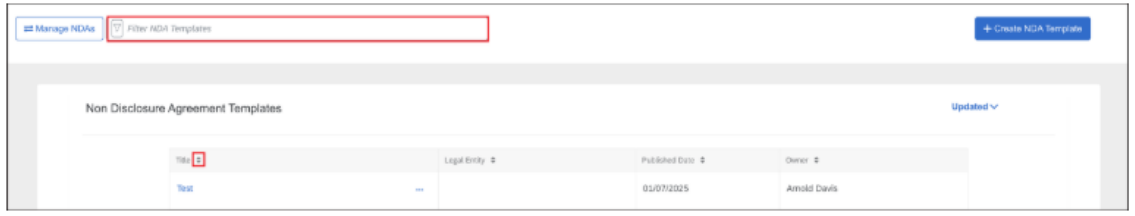
4 Enhancements to the User Interface for Managing Non-Disclosure Agreement Contracts SCONTR-1395

This feature introduces several changes to the user interface for managing Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) contracts.

- The filter bar, previously located at the top of the Manage NDA Templates and the Manage NDAs pages, is now placed inside the data table on each respective page.
- The icon for sorting data with each column is changed.
- There are font style changes on the Manage NDA Templates and the Manage NDAs pages to emphasize titles, default input text fields, data entries in tables, and more.

Old UI for NDA Contracts



New UI for NDA Contracts

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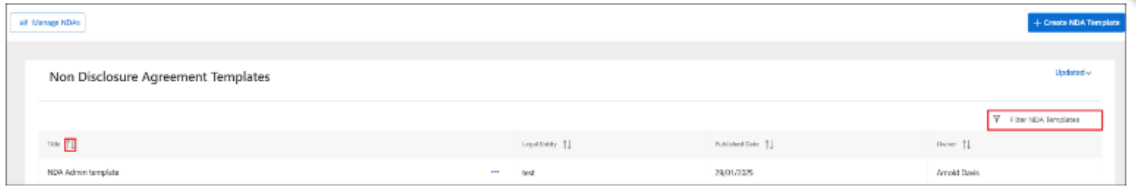

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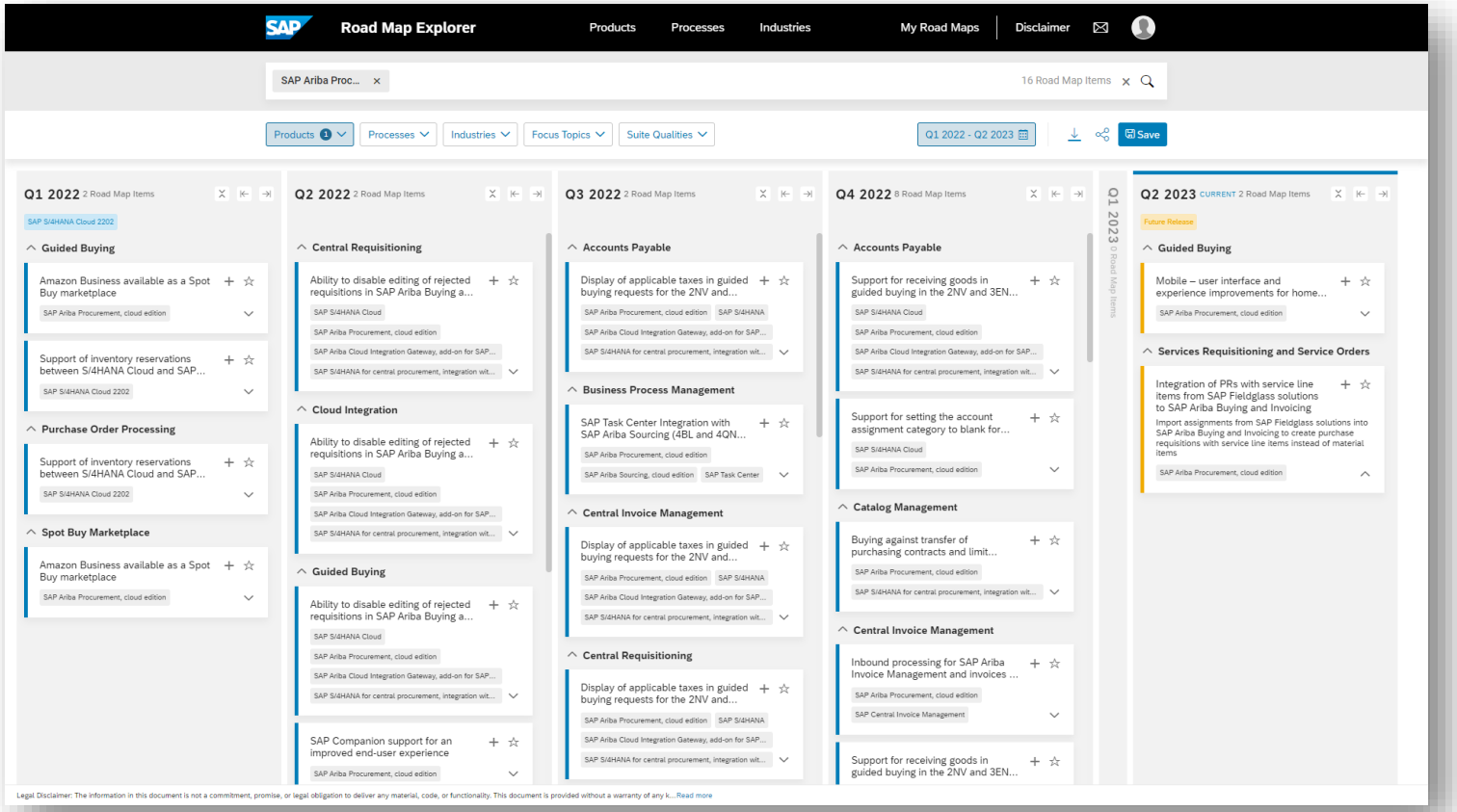

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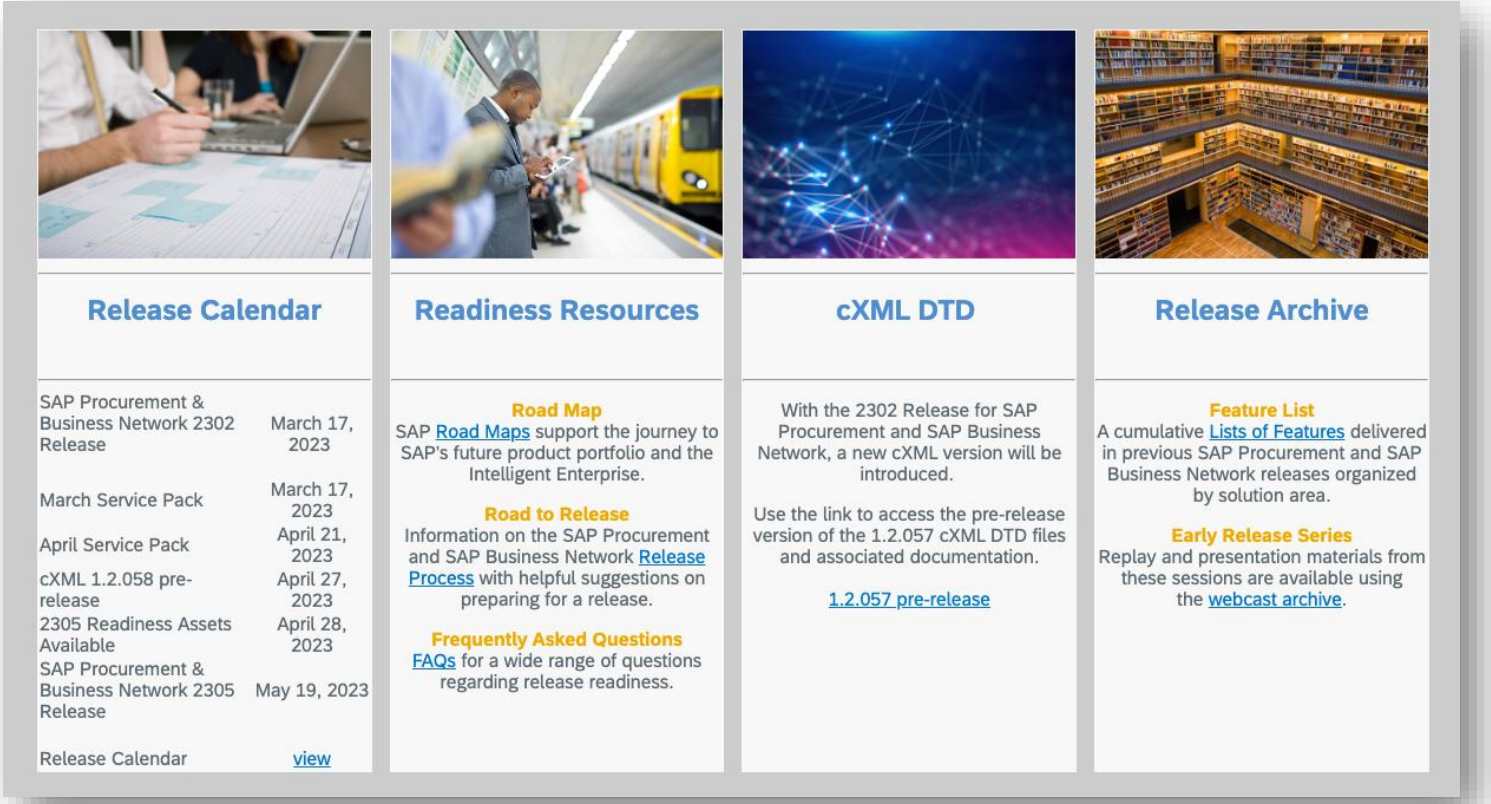

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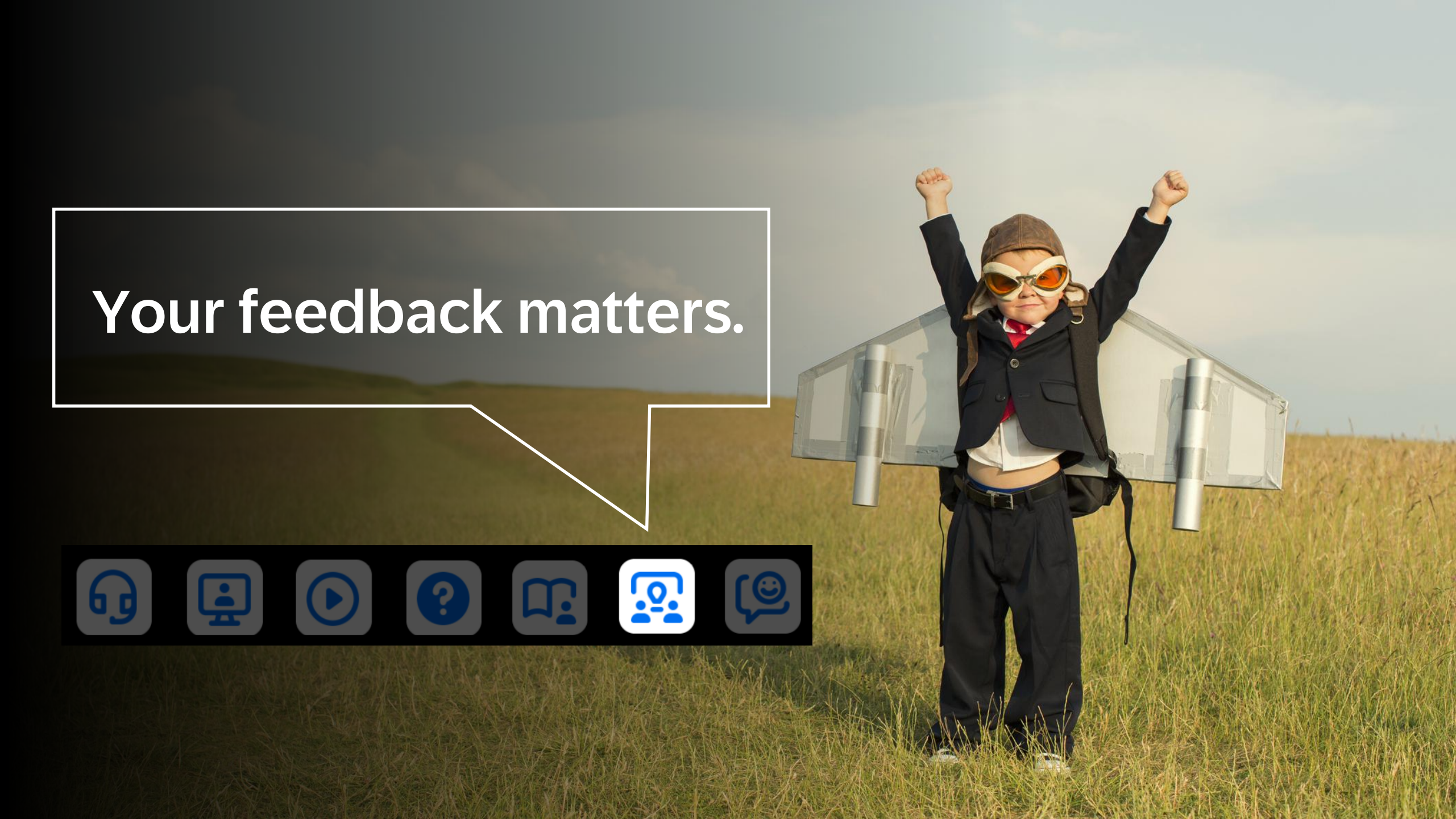

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