



# SAP Ariba Source-to-Contract

2505 Early Release Series

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## SAP Ariba Procurement and SAP Business Network Readiness

Welcome to the SAP Release Readiness portal - a central location to get up-to-date information and materials to help you prepare for upcoming releases.

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

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### Release Calendar

- May 19, 2023  
2305 Release for SAP Procurement and SAP Business Network
- June 16, 2023  
June Service Pack Release
- July 21, 2023  
July Service Pack Release
- July 28, 2023  
2308 Release content available
- August 18, 2023  
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- Road to Release**  
Information on the SAP Procurement and SAP Business Network [Release Process](#) with helpful suggestions on preparing for a release.
- Frequently Asked Questions**  
[FAQs](#) for a wide range of questions regarding release readiness.



#### cXML DTD

- With the 2305 Release for SAP Procurement and SAP Business Network, a new cXML version will be introduced.
- Use the link to access the pre-release version of the 1.2.058 cXML DTD files and associated documentation.  
[1.2.058 pre-release](#)



#### Release Archive

- Feature List**  
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A landscape photograph featuring a gravel path that curves through a vast field of yellow wildflowers. The sky is a vibrant blue, filled with large, fluffy white clouds. The overall scene is bright and open, suggesting a sense of freedom and possibility.

# Features Automatically On 2508 Release



Features Automatically  
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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.

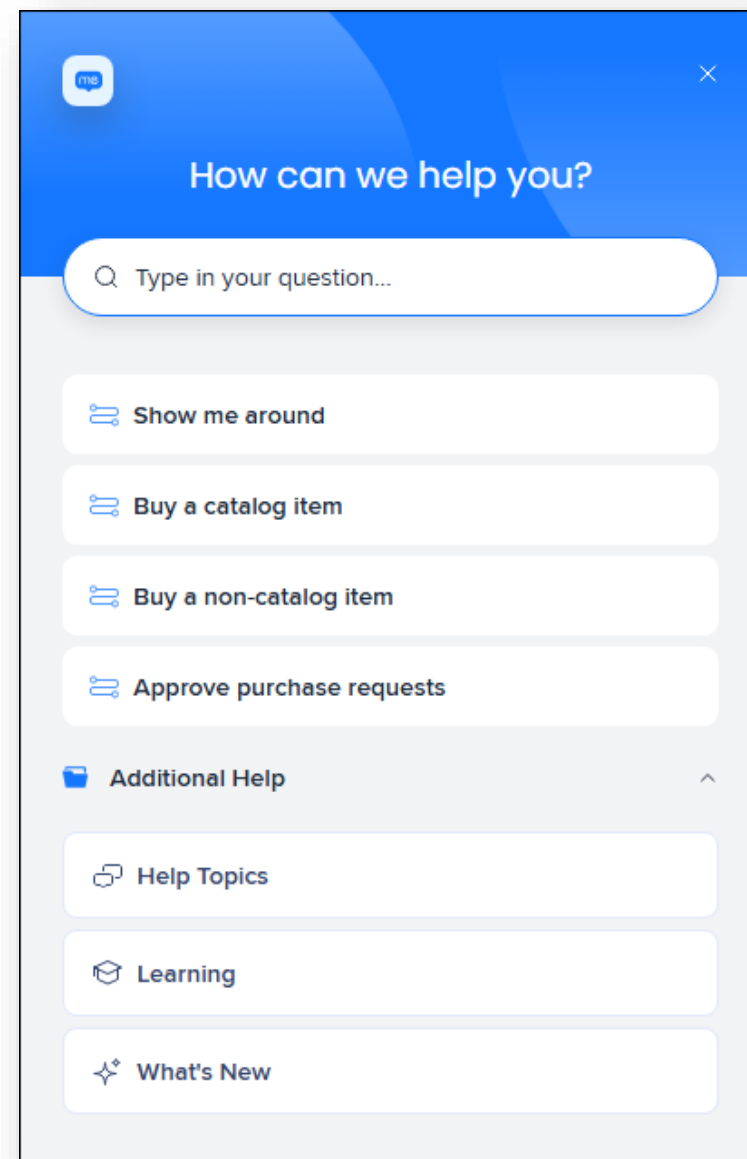
WalkMe is an AI-powered solution that enables teams to create guidance and automation in the flow of work, while giving business and technology leaders insights into how people are using the software and where users can be more self-sufficient.

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



# SAP Ariba Source-to-Contract

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







# Source-to-Contract Planned Key Features

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# 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

The screenshot displays the SAP Ariba 'Develop Strategy and Plan' interface. At the top, it shows the document title 'Demo PDF' and its latest version information. Below this, a progress bar indicates the current stage: '1. Category Analysis'. The main content area is divided into four mandatory sections: 'Category Segmentation (Mandatory)', 'Business Requirements (Mandatory)', 'SWOT Analysis (Mandatory)', and 'Cost Structure (Mandatory)'. Each section contains a specific chart or data visualization. A 'Spend by Quarter' widget shows a total spend of 5.49M EUR. A 'Print' dialog box is open in the foreground, showing options for destination (Save as PDF), pages, margins, and options like 'Headers and footers' and 'Background graphics'. A 'Lab Preview' badge is visible in the top right corner of the interface.

## 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

# 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.

The screenshot shows the SAP Stakeholder Map interface. The browser address bar displays the URL: `https://catman-test-eu10-rel-testfeature-stabledata.test-eu10.category-management.cloud.sap/launchpad#Definition-Display?sap-ui-app-id-hint=catman.definition.ui&stakeholderMap`. The page title is "Manage Category Profile" and the search bar contains "Search In: 'Apps'". The main heading is "Stakeholder Map" for "demo-free-text-2 (CAT-303)".

Name	Email	Department	Job Title	Degree of Impact	Degree of Involvement	Goals and Expectations
ST Stakeholder No system access	stakeholder@sap.com	Account		Medium	Low	

A warning dialog box is displayed in the center of the screen with the following text:

**No system access for this stakeholder**

This user is only being added as a stakeholder for the demo-free-text-2 category and not as an application user. They can't access the application as they don't have an account in the system.

Make sure you have their permission before adding their details.

OK

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Preview

# 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

Toolkit / Cost Structure

**Cost Structure**

Category: SW-700 x Region: Business Unit:

Cost Structure Documents (5)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Category	Business Unit	Region	Created By	Last Updated	Associated Strategies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cost Structure 2025 CS-155	Category 3	All	Global		Mar 11, 2025	Strategy and plan 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost Structure 1 CS-150	Category 1	All	Global		Feb 27, 2025	Strategy and plan 2
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cost Structure 2 CS-137	Category A	All	Global		Jan 30, 2025	Strategy and plan 13

Search [ ] Q Create Open Copy Compare (1) Delete [ ] [ ]

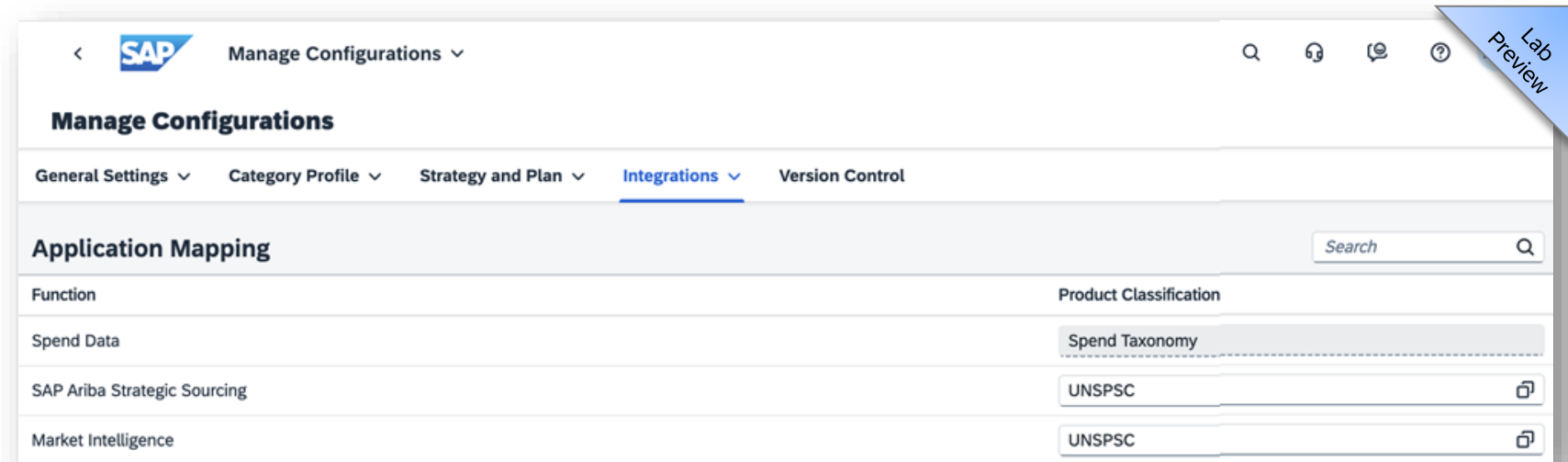
Lab Preview

# 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.



The screenshot shows the SAP Ariba Manage Configurations interface. The top navigation bar includes the SAP logo, 'Manage Configurations' dropdown, search, home, chat, and help icons. A blue 'Lab Preview' banner is in the top right corner. The main content area is titled 'Manage Configurations' and has a sub-navigation bar with 'General Settings', 'Category Profile', 'Strategy and Plan', 'Integrations' (selected), and 'Version Control'. Below this is the 'Application Mapping' section with a search bar. The table below shows the mapping of functions to product classifications.

Function	Product Classification
Spend Data	Spend Taxonomy
SAP Ariba Strategic Sourcing	UNSPSC
Market Intelligence	UNSPSC

# 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.

The screenshot displays the 'Approval Document' interface. At the top right, there is a 'Submit for Approval' button. Below the title, a navigation bar includes 'Strategy and Plan Details' (selected), 'Strategy and Plan Summary', 'Category Strategy Details (1)', 'Goals (1)', 'Initiatives (1)', 'Linked Tools', and 'Comments'. The main content area is divided into two sections: 'Strategy and Plan Details' and 'Strategy and Plan Summary'. The 'Strategy and Plan Details' section contains a table with the following information:

Name: Strategy and Plan 1	Category: Materials	Phase: Draft
Strategy Start Date: 3/24/25	Business Unit: All	Created By: manager@email.com
Strategy End Date: 4/1/26	Region: Global	Category Segment Template: Strategic

The 'Strategy and Plan Summary' section features a 'Generate with AI' button, 'Save', and 'Cancel' buttons. Below these is a large text area for the summary, with a 'Summary:' label and a red asterisk. At the bottom right of this area, it indicates '4096 characters remaining'. A blue 'Lab Preview' banner is visible in the top right corner of the interface.

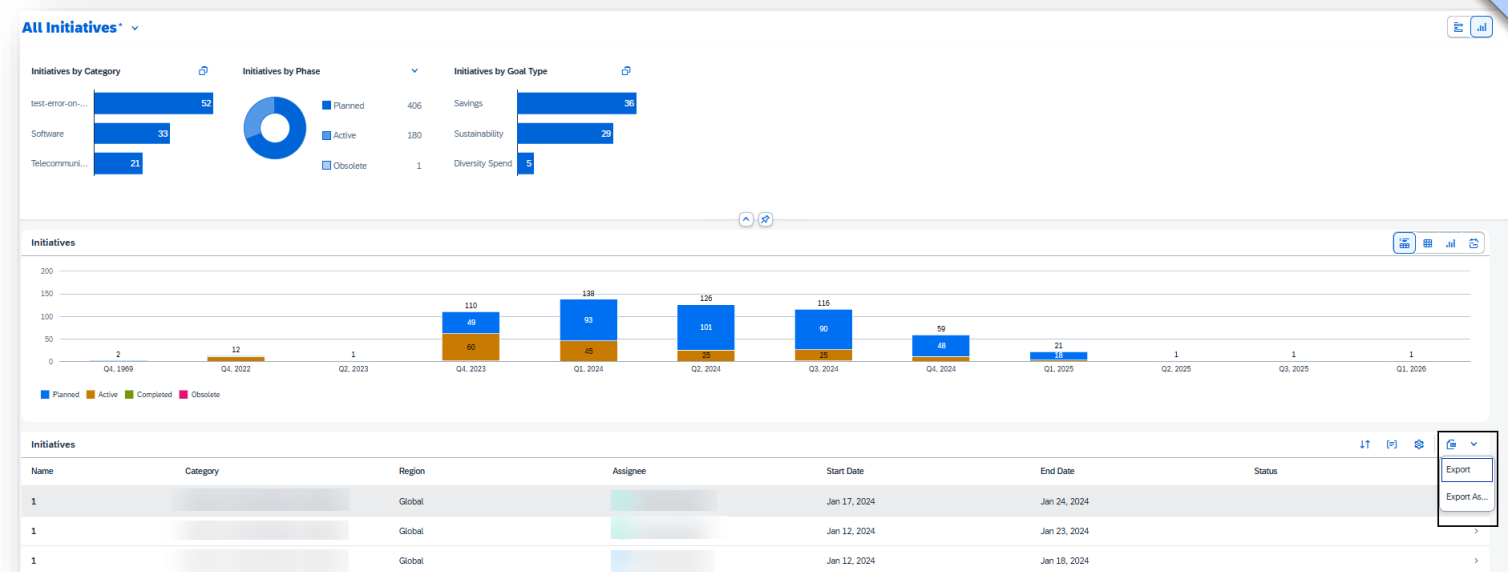


# 7 Enhancements to the Initiatives Overview App **CATMAN-471**



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.

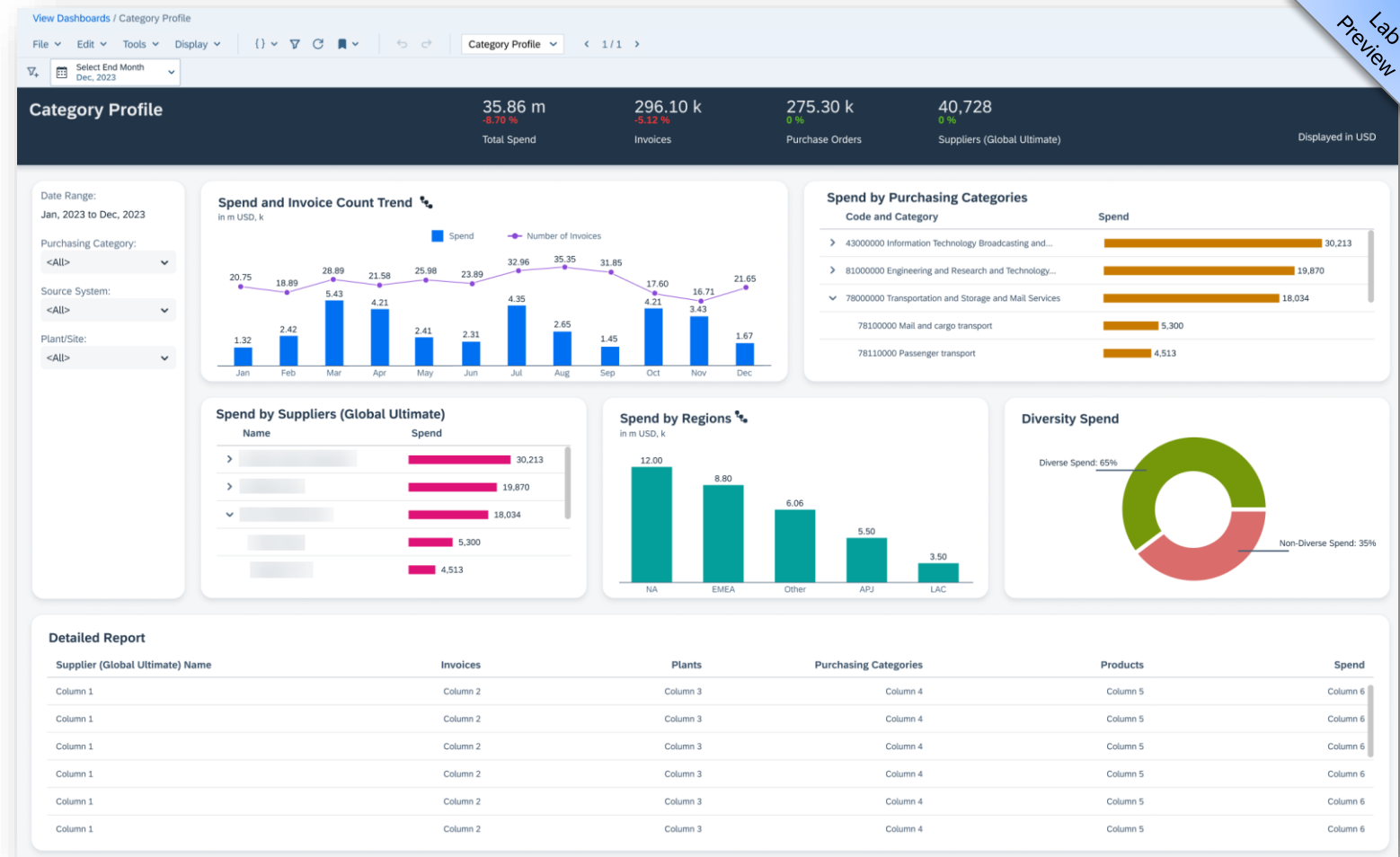
The enhanced overview enables you to visualize all initiative benefits (estimated benefits, negotiated benefits, and realized benefits) and **Baseline Spend** in a single view across multiple categories.



# 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.



Lab Preview

# SAP Ariba Sourcing Updates

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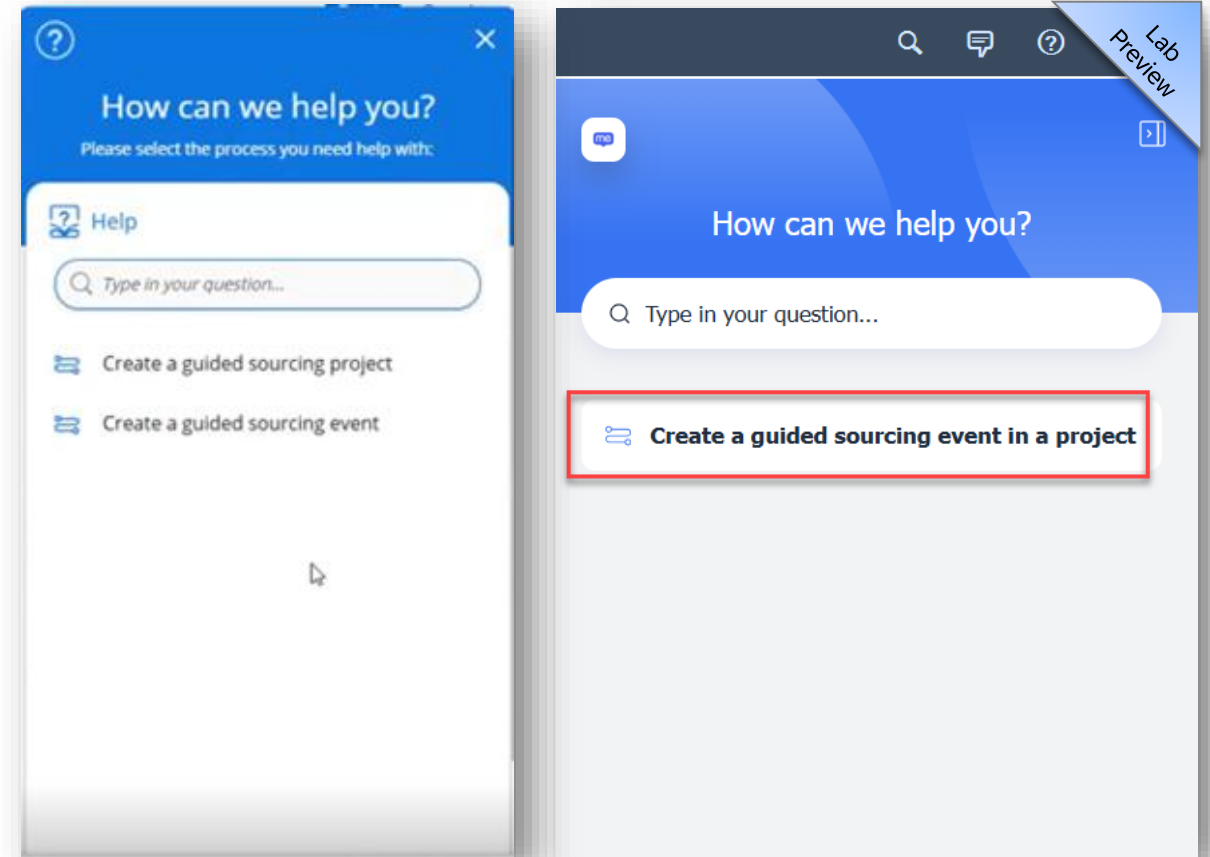
# 1 Guided Sourcing Integration with WalkMe SOURCE-2530

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.



# 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.

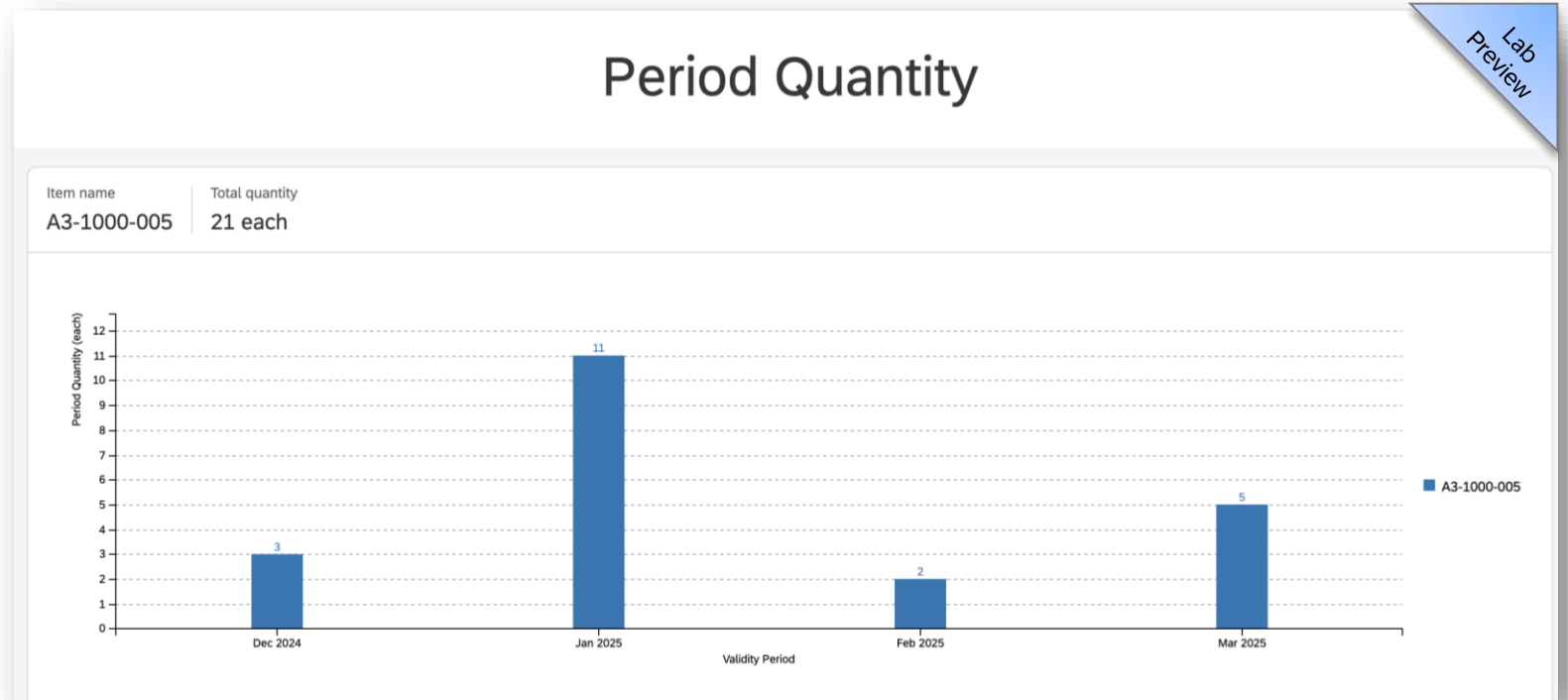
Buyers can objectively analyze large scale events having a substantial number of participants and take informed decisions.

3 items and 8 terms		SMJC_S42SM_3	\$9,300 USD
Bonus/Penalty Percentage			0%
Bonus/Penalty			25 %
Bonus/Penalty Adjusted			\$7,087.5 USD Rank 1
2.2 Section1_Item2	Extended Price <i>fx</i>	Total: 100 %	\$9,300 USD Rank 1 Lowest Allocated qty: 10 each (100%)

# 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.





## Source-to-Contract Planned Key Features

### SAP Ariba Contracts Updates

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SAP Task Center Integration with SAP Ariba Contracts [SCONTR-1210](#)

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Ability to Customize the Prefix for the Contract ID in SAP Ariba Contracts [SCONTR-1280](#)

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Enhancements to the User Interface for Managing Non-Disclosure Agreement Contracts [SCONTR-1395](#)

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# 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



## 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.

# 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.

The screenshot displays the SAP Task Center interface for approval tasks. The top navigation bar shows the SAP logo and 'Task Center' with a dropdown arrow. Below the navigation bar, there are filters for task counts: 102 All, 51 Failed Tasks, 0 AFC, and 29 Ariba. A 'More' dropdown is also present. The main content area is titled 'Approval tasks for Ariba sourcing integration' and includes a 'Lab Preview' badge. The task details for 'Approval for CLID TSK11996903' are shown, including priority (Medium), status (Active), created on (Feb 4, 2025), and due date. The 'Additional Information' section provides further details: Description, Milestone (False), Required (True), Owner (Customer Support Admin), Status (Active), Contract Project Name (CW Task Center Test), Contract Version (5), Task Status (Denied), Contract Owner (Customer Support Admin), and External System Approval (False).

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

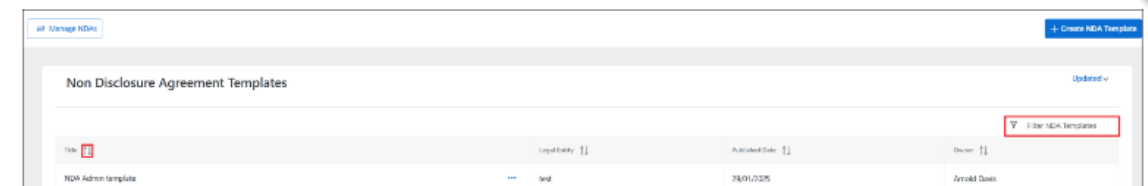
This feature introduces several changes to the user interface for managing Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) contracts.

- 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



# Roadmap & Resources



# SAP Road Map Explorer



Filtering Tips

Products

Spend Management  
and Business Network

Processes

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The screenshot displays 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', and 'Disclaimer'. Below this is a search bar with 'SAP Ariba Proc...' and '16 Road Map Items'. The main area is divided into columns for different quarters: 'Q1 2022', 'Q2 2022', 'Q3 2022', 'Q4 2022', and 'Q2 2023'. Each column contains a list of innovation cards with titles like 'Guided Buying', 'Central Requisitioning', 'Accounts Payable', 'Business Process Management', 'Central Invoice Management', 'Catalog Management', and 'Central Requisitioning'. Each card includes a brief description and a 'Save' button. A 'Future Release' section is also visible on the right side.



Navigation Tips

To view innovations:

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

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