



# SAP Ariba Source-to-Contract

2511 Early Release Series

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# Series

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# Resources

## 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.

### 2311 Release Resources

**Review of Features**  
This includes brief descriptions, enablement model, and access to available KT and demos.  
[Procurement Feature List](#) [Business Network Feature List](#)

**Release Highlights**  
Discover key benefits introduced with  
[Procurement Highlights](#)

**Release Summary**  
A downloadable overview of planned features with links to additional feature content.  
[Procurement Release Summary](#) and [Business Network Release Summary](#)

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  
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  
2308 Release for SAP Procurement and SAP Business Network

### Release Calendar

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### Quick Links

[Next Generation Cloud Delivery: IP Address Allow/Block List](#)  
[Intelligent Source to Pay](#)  
[SAP Integration Suite - managed gateway Community](#)  
[Guided Sourcing Resources](#)  
[Customer Influence and Adoption](#)



### Readiness Resources

**Road Map**  
SAP [Road Maps](#) support the journey to SAP's future product portfolio and the Intelligent Enterprise.

**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**  
A cumulative [Lists of Features](#) delivered in previous SAP Procurement and SAP Business Network releases organized by solution area.

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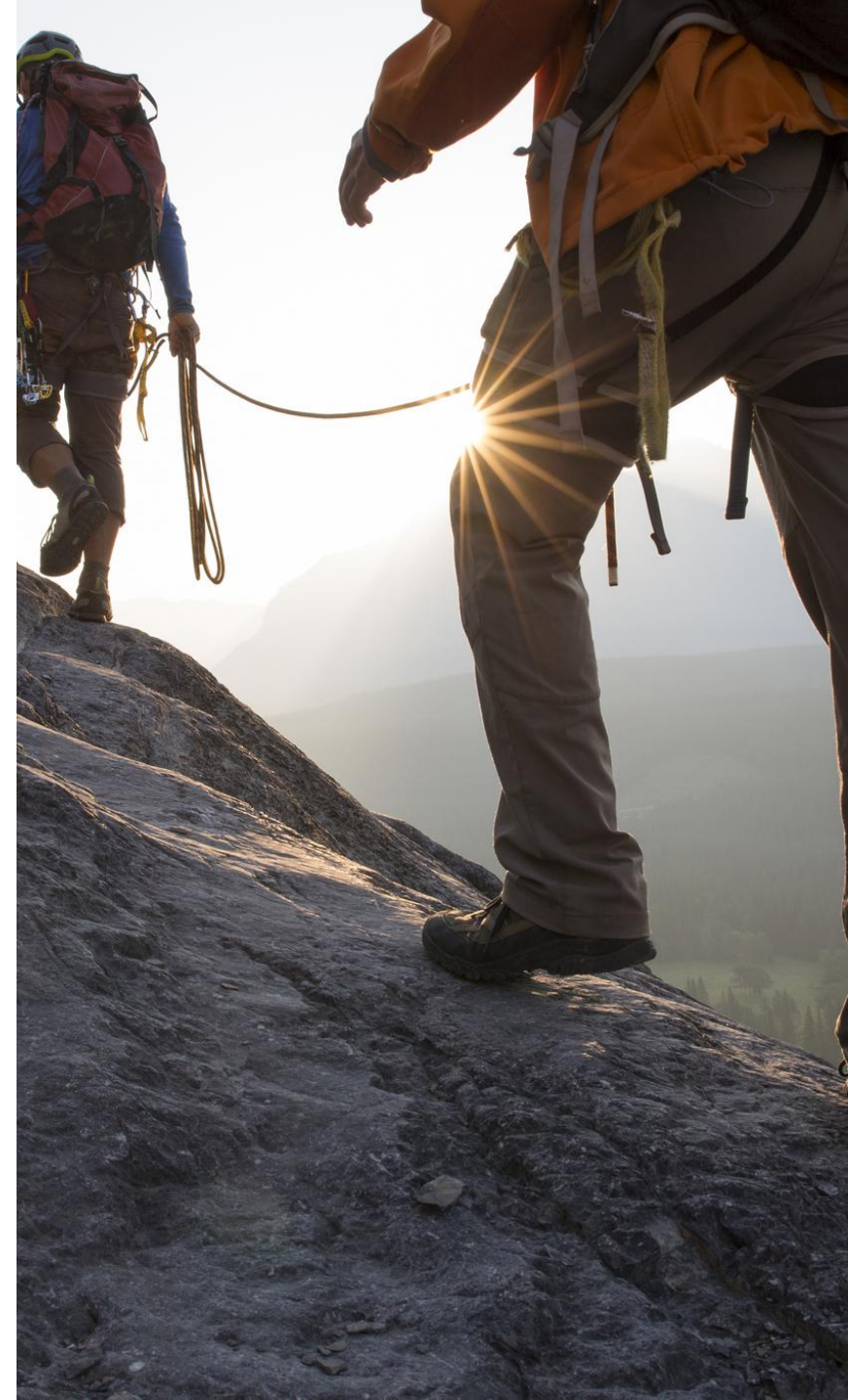
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# Agenda

1. Cross-App Features
2. 2511 Key Features
3. Road Map & Resources
4. Webcast Feedback Survey



# Cross-App Feature Highlights

A scenic landscape featuring a gravel path winding through a field of yellow wildflowers under a blue sky with large white clouds. The path starts in the foreground and curves into the distance, flanked by dense fields of bright yellow flowers. The sky is a vibrant blue, filled with large, fluffy white clouds that add depth and texture to the scene.



# API Enhancements

## API Enhancements, **2511**:



**Automatically On**

### Enhancements to the SAP Ariba SCIM API [MDATA-596](#)

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#### **SAP Ariba SCIM API** enhancements:

- Support for new fields for the SAP variant (expenseApprovalLimit and approvalLimit),
- Support for Generic variant fields (ApprovalLimit, ExpenseApprovalLimit, ShipTo, and PurchasingUnit),
- Support for the following variants:
  - Audit logging of user and group changes initiated by the SCIM API,
  - userType option in the \$filter parameter,
  - Group Responsible Purchasing Unit (purchasingUnit) field ,
  - New name and description attributes to uniquely identify groups, and
  - Custom (flex) fields for the User entity (Common or Partitioned User type) in buying solutions from SAP Ariba for String, Integer, Boolean, and Date custom field types.

# Accelerated Release Cycle coming **2602**:



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Accelerated Release Cycle for SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway for spend management, and SAP Business Network Add-On 1.0 for SAP S/4HANA and SAP ECC [BPI-596](#)

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Starting with the SAP Ariba 2602 release, SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway for spend management, and SAP Business Network AddOn will be updated four times a year for SAP S/4HANA, SAP S/4HANA Cloud Private Edition, and SAP ECC, enhancing quick access to new features and compliance.

This affects the buyer-side add-on but does not impact the supplier-side add-on.

***Recommended Action:*** users are encouraged to deploy the latest service packs to maintain compliance and benefit from innovations.

2602 “Heads-up”



# 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.



# SAP Ariba Sourcing Updates

1

Ability to Generate Event Summary in Guided Sourcing Using Generative AI [SOURCE-2670](#)

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2

Communication Support in SAP Business Network Discovery Postings for Sourcing Events [SOURCE-2640](#)

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3

Ability to Add, Update, Remove URLs in Guided Sourcing Full Projects [SOURCE-2542](#)

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**Source-to-Contract**  
Planned Key Features

# 1 Ability to Generate Event Summary in Guided Sourcing Using Generative AI [SOURCE-2670](#)

The summary is generated in the event's base language, not the user's locale. It is created at the event level, so all users can see the same summary.

If a user chooses to regenerate the summary, it is based on the data visible to that user, not the overall event data.

The screenshot displays the SAP Guided Sourcing interface. At the top, there is a 'Jump to Content' link and the SAP logo. Below this, the event ID 'SSTC0.4196287544027759' is shown, along with 'RFP | Review responses | ID: Doc524444'. The main navigation bar includes 'Tasks', 'Award scenarios', and 'Associated Contracts'. A sidebar on the left lists various sections: 'Bid comparison', 'Tasks', 'Award scenarios', 'Associated Contracts', and 'Questions, requirements, and attachments'. The central focus is a 'Summary' card titled 'Generated Summary on 6 aug 2025 2:54 pm PT', generated using 'SAP Business AI'. The summary content includes:

- Landscaping Services RFP Evaluation:** Cirrus Atlantic initiated a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a qualified landscaping service provider for multiple financial and banking center locations. Eight suppliers submitted proposals, which were evaluated based on diversity, sustainability, insurance coverage, service quality, and pricing.
- Supplier Diversity & Sustainability:** Out of the eight suppliers, five identified as diverse vendors, demonstrating a strong commitment to inclusivity. Four suppliers reported having green initiatives in place, with Stratus Labs, Printing, and Transportation standing out for their environmental focus.
- Insurance & Compliance:** All but one supplier provided a Certificate of Insurance (COI). Coverage levels varied, with Primax and Stratus IT offering over \$1 million in coverage, while Stratus Component reported less than \$100k. This variation may influence risk management considerations.
- Service Quality Commitments:** Most suppliers committed to best practices such as raising mower decks to avoid scalping and trimming shrubs and trees to maintain visibility and safety. Blade sharpening practices varied widely, from weekly routines to humorous or vague responses, indicating differing levels of professionalism.
- Pricing Overview:** Pricing was evaluated using the Montgomery Financial Center as a benchmark. Primax and Stratus Manufacturing offered the most competitive pricing at \$24,000 annually. Stratus Component Supplier submitted an unusually low unit price (\$1.40), but the extended price and service feasibility raise questions. Stratus Printing was the most expensive at \$43,200, with negative savings compared to the average.

The summary card also features a 'Copy text' button, a 'Feedback for AI to regenerate summary' section with a text input field containing the placeholder '<Some detailed example what they can write here>', a 'Regenerate' button, and 'Download' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom right. A 'Lab Preview' badge is visible in the top right corner of the interface.

# 1 Communication Support in SAP Business Network Discovery Postings for Sourcing Events [SOURCE-2640](#)

Buyers can directly respond to supplier-initiated questions, send messages to suppliers, and receive responses within the event posting.

If a question-and-answer thread is made public, suppliers cannot ask questions privately.

The screenshot displays the SAP Business Network Discovery interface for a sourcing event titled "Ariba SS-67685 Copy". The event ID is 1110036150 and it is categorized as a "Sourcing" event with a "Walk-up buyer" status. The buyer is identified as "NextGenRealm454" with a lead type of "RFI". Key details include a status of "Open", an opportunity amount of "1 - 1,111 USD", a decision deadline, and a contract length. The response deadline is set for "01 Oct 2025 00:00 GMT-03:00" and the sector is "Public".

The interface shows a navigation menu with options like Home, Enablement, Integration, Store, Discovery, Workbench, Orders, Fulfillment, Invoices, Payments, Catalogs, and More. Below the event details, there are tabs for "Basic Information", "Post Overview", "Attachments (0)", and "Q&A (3)". The "Attachments (0)" section is currently empty, showing "Files" and "No data".

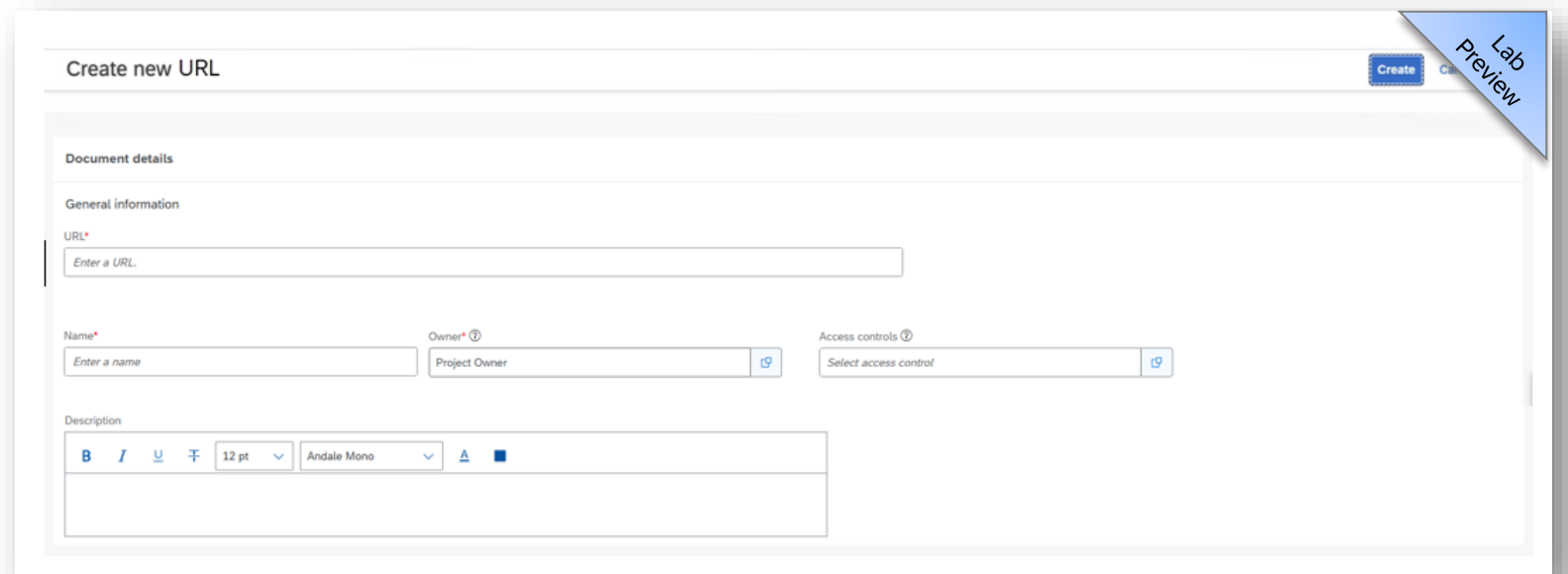
The "Q&A" section features a warning message: "Please refrain from sharing any sensitive information, as the buyer has the option to make the communication thread public." Below this, a user named "NextGenRealm454" is shown with a question input field. The Q&A history includes three messages from "testdis": "Ariba Test message 1" (9/30/2025 04:41:30 PM), "reply message test 1" (9/30/2025 04:43:19 PM), and "This is a public response" (9/30/2025 04:45:28 PM).

# 3 Ability to Add, Update, Remove URLs in Guided Sourcing Full Projects

## SOURCE-2542

Users can add URLs to give reference to external content within the sourcing project.

The option to add URLs is added under "Create Document" in the "Events and other documents" section in guided sourcing full projects.



The screenshot shows a web interface for creating a new URL. The title is "Create new URL" with a "Create" button in the top right corner. A blue "Lab Preview" banner is in the top right. The form is divided into sections: "Document details" and "General information". Under "General information", there is a "URL\*" field with a placeholder "Enter a URL.". Below that are three fields: "Name\*" with a placeholder "Enter a name", "Owner\*" with a dropdown menu showing "Project Owner", and "Access controls\*" with a dropdown menu showing "Select access control". At the bottom is a "Description" field with a rich text editor toolbar containing icons for bold, italic, underline, text color, font size (12 pt), font family (Andale Mono), and background color.

# SAP Ariba Contracts Updates

1

AI Copilot Joule in SAP Ariba Contracts  
[SCONTR-1279](#)

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Supplier Eligibility Validation in Contract  
Workspaces [SCONTR-1445](#)

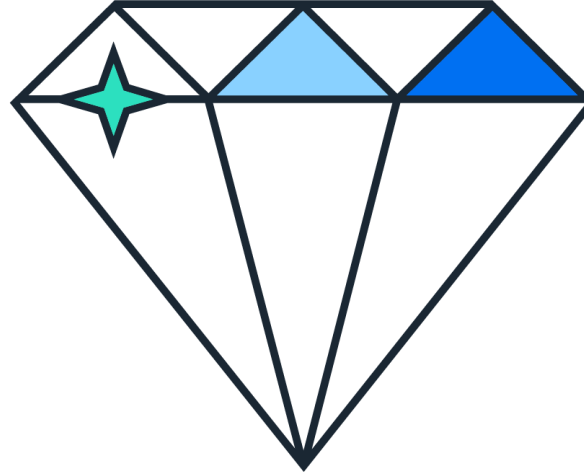
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Source-to-Contract  
Planned Key Features

# 1 AI Copilot Joule in SAP Ariba Contracts [SCONTR-1279](#)

Joule, SAP's generative AI copilot, is now available in SAP Ariba Contracts.

Joule can assist you with your product-related questions by finding answers in the product documentation published on the SAP Help Portal.



## 2 Supplier Eligibility Validation in Contract Workspaces [SCONTR-1445](#)

This feature allows buyers to set supplier eligibility using registration and qualification statuses from SAP Ariba Supplier Lifecycle and Performance.

It ensures only qualified suppliers are included in contracts, validated during contract creation, publication, or data transfer.

Supplier qualification is based on region and commodity combinations, helping buyers ensure compliance with project template criteria.

Contract Workspace (Procurement)

Overview Documents Tasks Team Conditions **Advanced Options** History

These are advanced options for the project template. Please see sections for details.

▼ Document Process Settings ⓘ

Name ↑

Default for all Form Template types

Framework Tracker

▼ **Supplier Eligibility Criteria** ⓘ

▶ Eligible supplier statuses for contract creation ⓘ

Expand to view the contents of this section.


▶ Eligible supplier statuses for contract publish ⓘ

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▶ Eligible supplier statuses for contract integration with ERP ⓘ

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## Source-to-Contract Planned Key Features

# SAP Ariba Category Management Updates

1

Use of Spend Data for AI Recommendations in Category Segmentation [ARBCATA-504](#)

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2

Email and In-App Notifications for SAP Ariba Category Management [CATMAN-118](#)

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3

Enhancements to the Develop Strategy and Plan Page [ARBCATA-334](#)

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4

Ability to Add Collaborators to a Strategy and Plan Document [ARBCATA-31](#)

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Ability to Use the External Factors Analysis Tool in Category Management [CATMAN-446](#)

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# 1 Use of Spend Data for AI Recommendations in Category Segmentation [ARBCATA-504](#)

This feature uses your organization's spend data to generate AI-based content recommendations in the **Category Segmentation** tool in SAP Ariba Category Management

When you generate AI-based category segmentation recommendations, the **SAP Business AI** link now shows **Spend** as a new option, along with two new input parameters in the **Spend Data** section.

This content is generated using generative-AI capabilities and is based on the following parameters associated with the purchasing category:

**Input Parameters**

- Category
- Language
- Organization's Industry
- Parent categories names
- Region
- Spend Data
- Subcategories names

**Spend Data**

- Category's total spend:
- Organization's total spend:

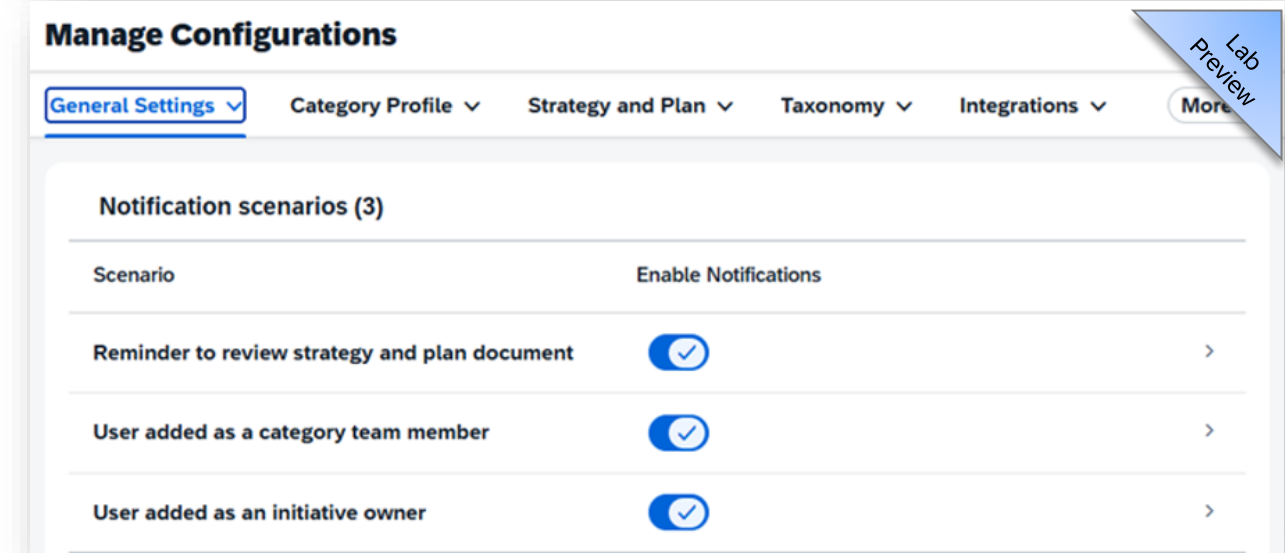
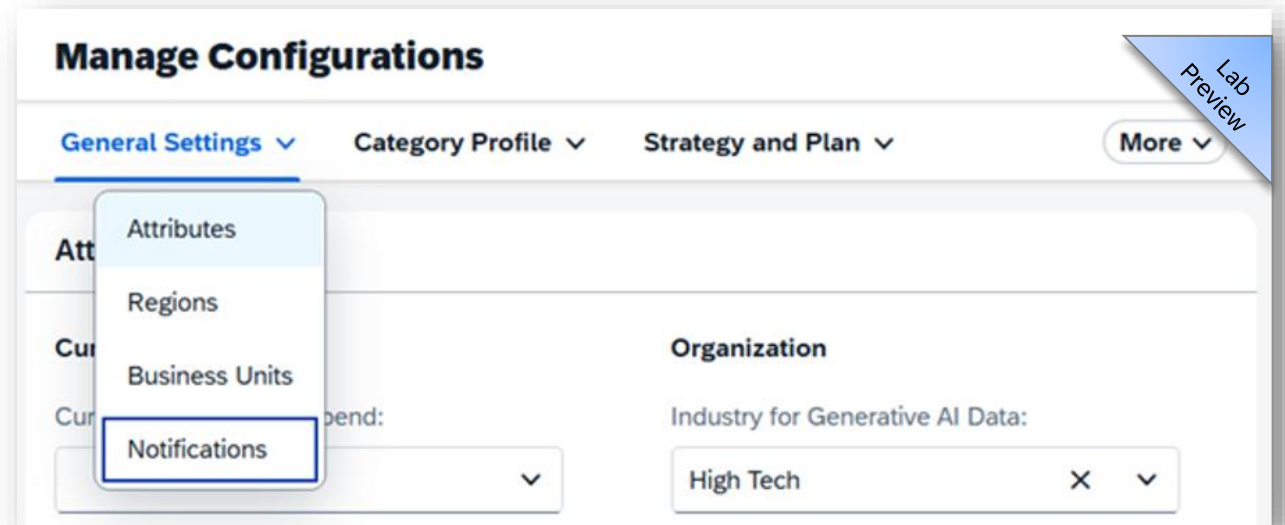
Lab Preview

## 2 Use of Spend Data for AI Recommendations in Category Segmentation

### [ARBCATA-504](#)

This feature introduces configurable email and in-app notifications in SAP Ariba Category Management, enabling users to stay informed and act quickly on critical activities.

Notifications can be triggered for key events such as being assigned as a team member for a category, designated as the owner of an initiative, or when a strategy and plan document needs to be refreshed based on a configured time interval.

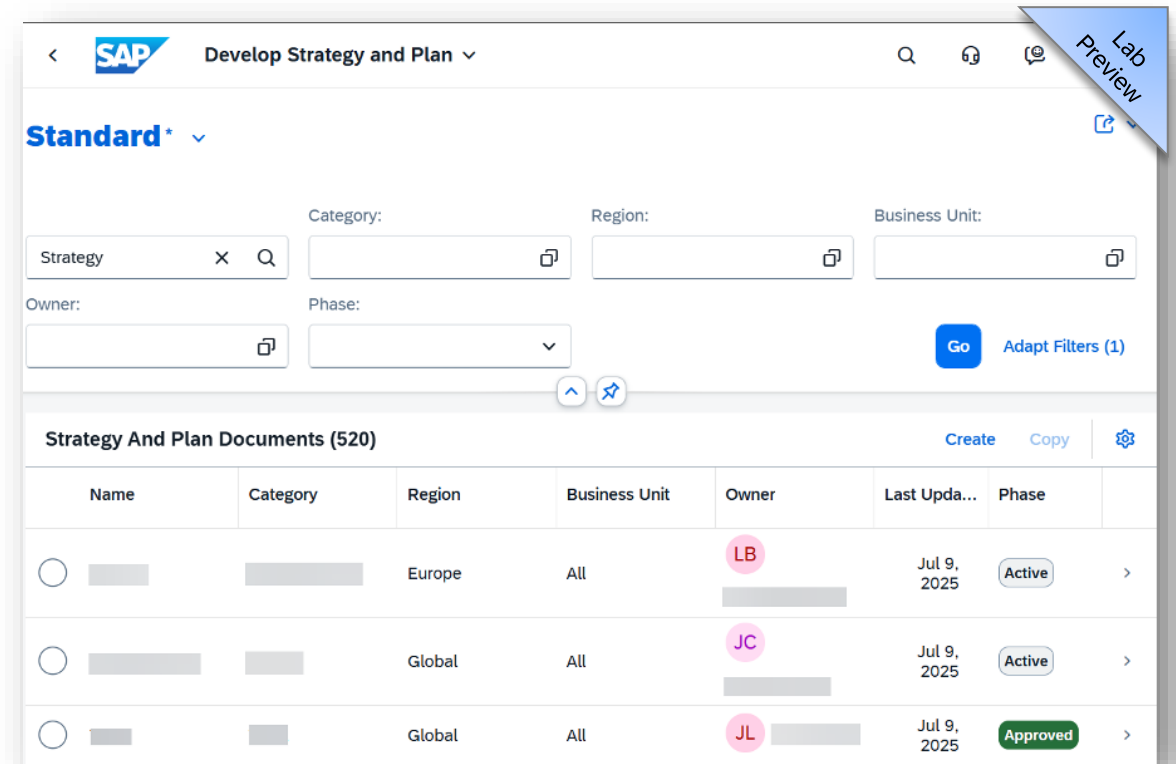


# 3 Enhancements to the Develop Strategy and Plan Page

## ARBCATA-334

This feature adds filtering capabilities to the **Develop Strategy and Plan** page, enabling users to customize their view for greater efficiency.

It also includes an **Adapt Filters** button, allowing users to choose which filters are displayed, ensuring only the most relevant criteria appear



# 4 Ability to Add Collaborators to a Strategy and Plan Document

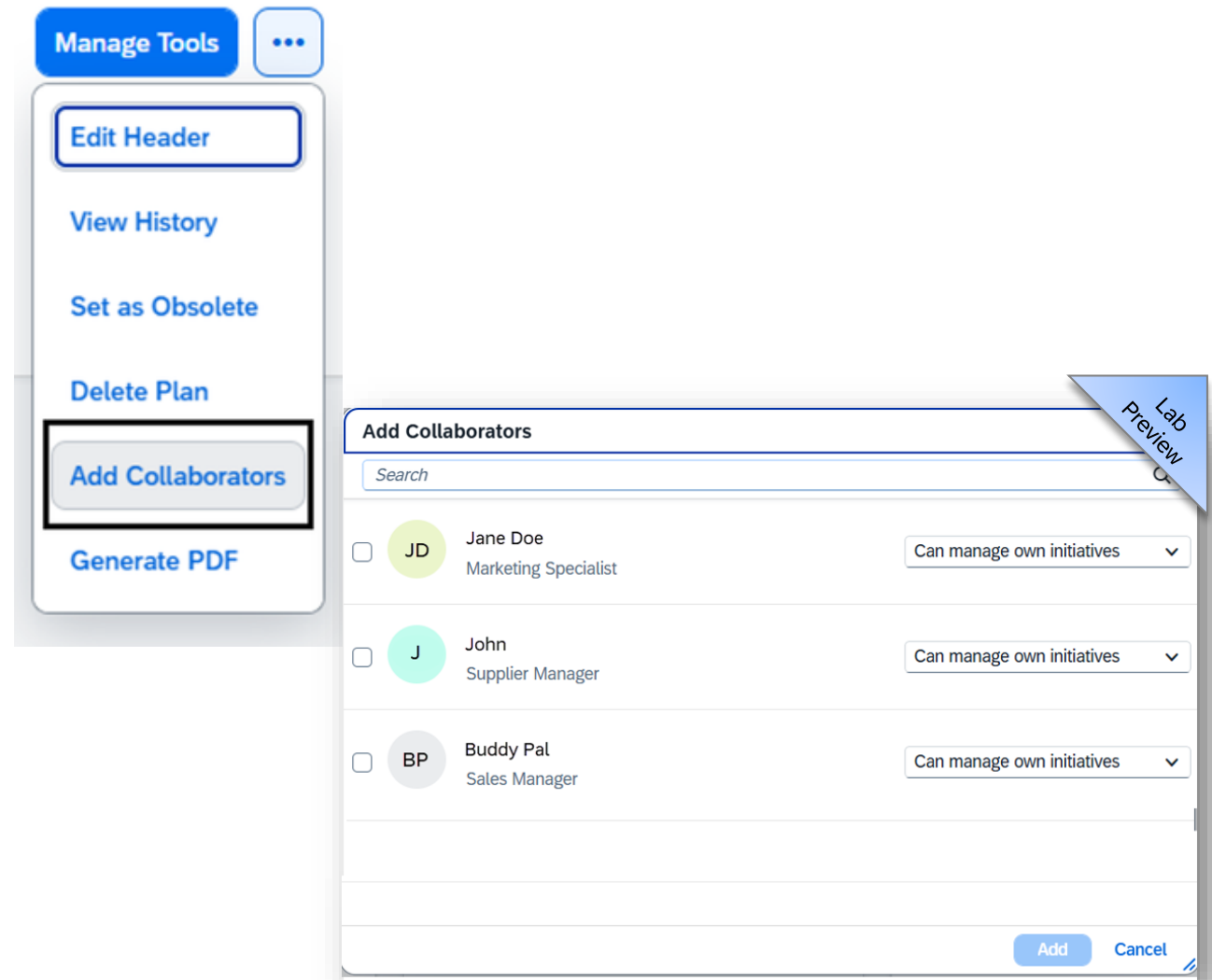
## ARBCATA-31

This feature allows you to add team members maintained in the **Manage Category Profile** app as collaborators to a category strategy and plan document.

Collaborators can create and manage the initiatives they own, promoting effective and collaborative strategy development.

They can only edit the initiatives they've created, ensuring clear ownership and accountability.

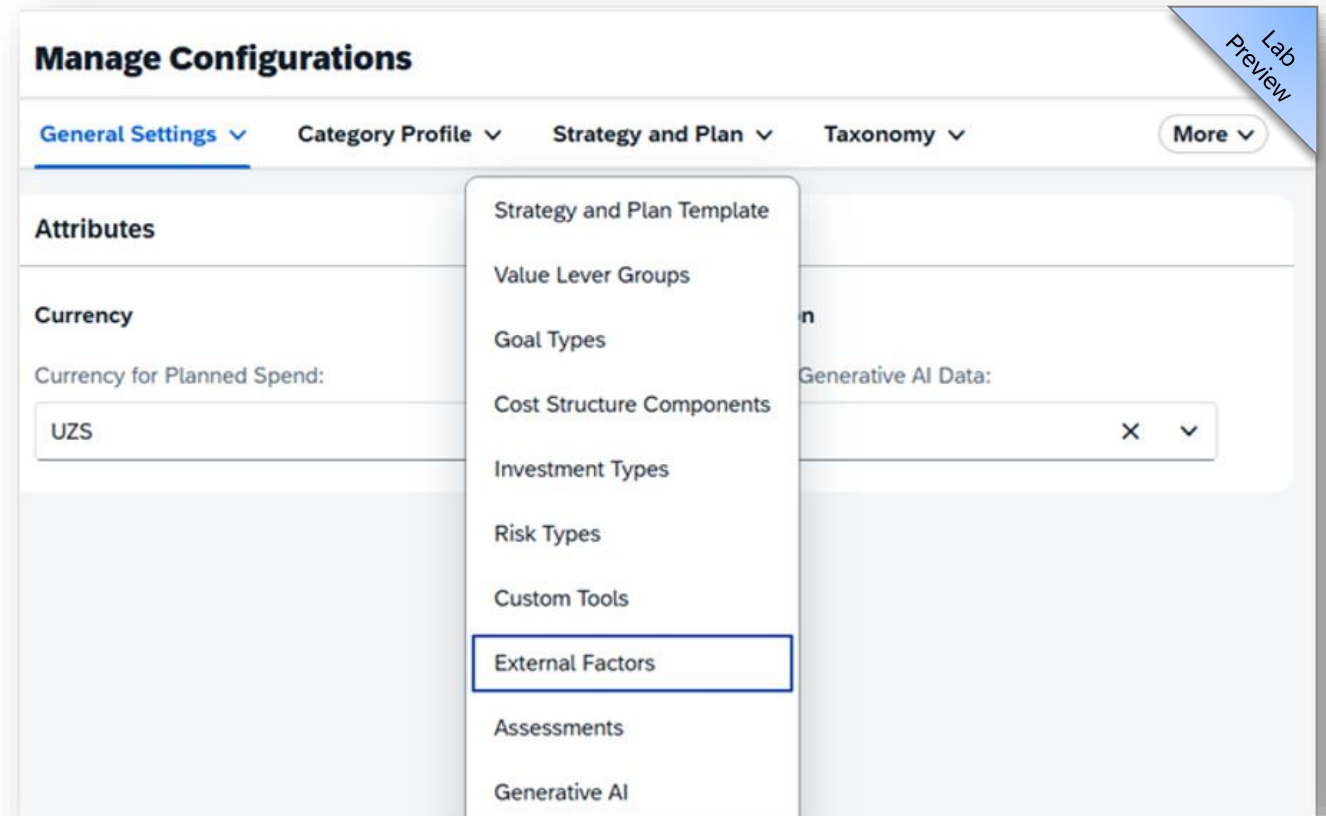
The category strategy and plan owner or lead category manager can assign one or more collaborators to support coordinated execution and contribute to the overall strategy.



# 5 Ability to Use the External Factors Analysis Tool in Category Management [CATMAN-446](#)

This feature allows you to use the **External Factors Analysis** tool to model variations of the PESTLE framework within the strategy and plan document of SAP Ariba Category Management.

By leveraging this tool, category managers can better understand how external dynamics could affect their strategy and sourcing decisions, enabling them to identify risks and opportunities early and make more informed, proactive planning choices aligned with broader business objectives.





# Spend Control Tower Planned Key Features

## SAP Spend Control Tower Updates

1

Spend Analysis Benchmarks — Company vs Industry Performance [ANALYSIS-1324](#)

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2

Data Quality Dashboards [ARBARE-157](#)

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Manage Spend Taxonomy Enhancements  
[ARBTS-215](#)

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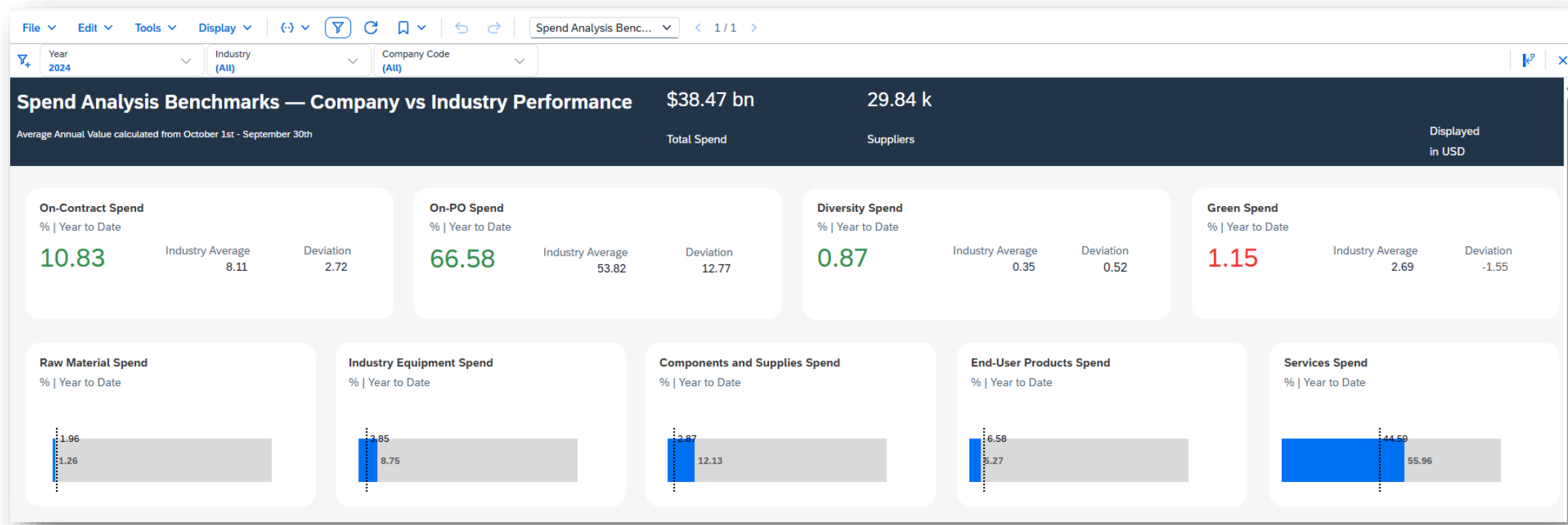
Multi-Field Search for Invoice Item Categorization  
[ARBTS-95](#)

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# 1 Spend Analysis Benchmarks — Company vs Industry Performance

## ANALYSIS-1324

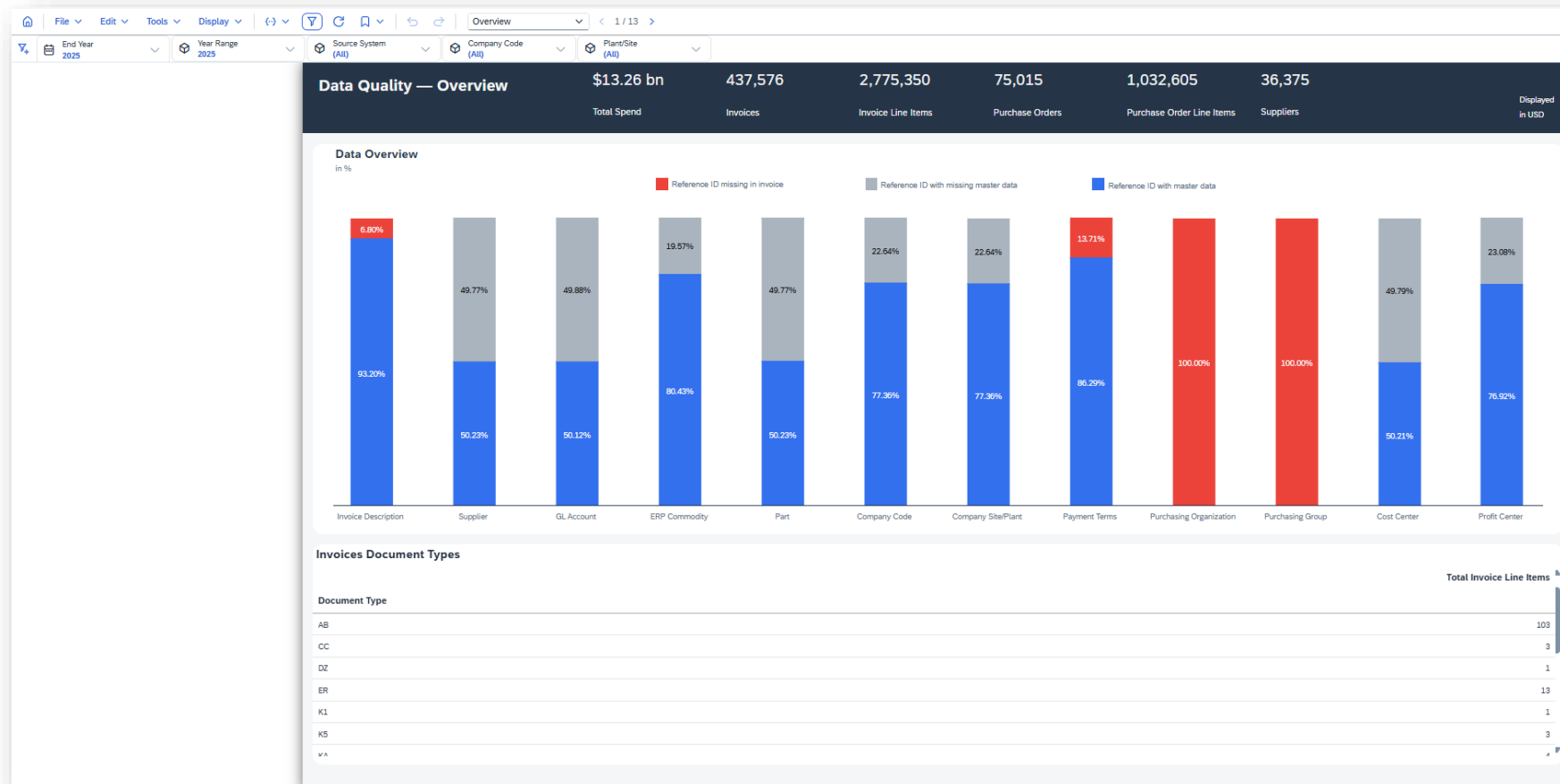
This feature enables you to view a comparative analysis of year-to-date company spend values and the industry averages along with the deviations for various spend categories in the **Spend Analysis Benchmarks — Company vs Industry Performance** dashboard.





# 2 Data Quality Dashboards [ARBARE-157](#)

This feature enables you to analyze the accuracy, completeness, and consistency of spend data loaded from source systems into SAP Spend Control Tower in the **Data Quality** dashboard.



# 3 Manage Spend Taxonomy Enhancements [ARBTS-215](#)

This feature includes enhancements that enable you to expand your custom taxonomy by adding new categories, moving categories, and mapping additional UNSPSC codes.

## Taxonomy\_1

2024 global custom taxonomy

⚠ One or more UNSPSC categories from your invoice data are not mapped to any custom spend categories. Invoice data associated with such categories will show up as uncategorized spend in the dashboards. Map all unmapped UNSPSC categories to custom spend categories.

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Jan 1, 2024

[Spend Taxonomy](#) **Unmapped UNSPSC Categories**

Categories	Search	Edit Names	Add Categories	Add UNSPSC Mappings	Move To	Collapse All	Share
Code	Name	Keywords	Level	Mapped UNSPSC Categories			
2000	Financial and Insurance Services	Finance, Insurance, Banking	1				
2100	Accounting and bookkeeping services	Audit, Bookkeeping	2				
2200	Accounting services	Accounting	3				

# 4 Multi-Field Search for Invoice Item Categorization [ARBTS-95](#)

This feature enables you to evaluate and confirm proper invoice line item categorization using the new **Invoice Items View** on the **Review Invoice Items Categorization** page, which streamlines identifying items for review and applying consistent categorization.

The **Invoice Items View** lists aggregated invoice items and provides a multi-functional search to help you find items that need review. You can also save search criteria and apply a saved search to filter invoice items.

Code	Name	Cat...	Spend
> 82000000	Editorial and Design and Graphic and Fine Art Services	✓	244,590,990,48...
> 80000000	Management and Business Professionals and Administrative Services	✓	34,912,534,072...
>	(No Value)	✓	16,964,918,779...
> 25000000	Vehicles and their Accessories and Components	✓	11,857,805,993...
> 93000000	Politics and Civic Affairs Services	✓	11,777,700,774...
> 40000000	Distribution and Conditioning Systems and Equipment and Components	✓	8,138,289,658.96
> 83000000	Public Utilities and Public Sector Related Services	✓	7,014,328,848.40
> 84000000	Financial and Insurance Services	✓	6,598,312,566.22
> 12000000	Chemicals including Bio Chemicals and Gas Materials	✓	6,377,139,609.88
> 10000000	Live Plant and Animal Material and Accessories and Supplies	✓	6,265,939,207.86

# Roadmap & Resources



# SAP Road Map Explorer



Filtering Tips

Products

Spend Management  
and Business Network

Processes

Source to Pay

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', and 'Disclaimer'. Below this is a search bar with 'SAP Ariba Proc...' and '16 Road Map Items'. There are 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 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.

Road Map is subject to change without notice.

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

# Release Readiness Assets



*To view innovations:*  
Select the **release date** and click on any innovation for insights.

<b>Release Calendar</b>	<b>Readiness Resources</b>	<b>cXML DTD</b>	<b>Release Archive</b>
<p>SAP Procurement &amp; Business Network 2302 Release March 17, 2023</p> <p>March Service Pack March 17, 2023</p> <p>April Service Pack April 21, 2023</p> <p>cXML 1.2.058 pre-release April 27, 2023</p> <p>2305 Readiness Assets Available April 28, 2023</p> <p>SAP Procurement &amp; Business Network 2305 Release May 19, 2023</p> <p>Release Calendar <a href="#">view</a></p>	<p><b>Road Map</b> SAP <a href="#">Road Maps</a> support the journey to SAP's future product portfolio and the Intelligent Enterprise.</p> <p><b>Road to Release</b> Information on the SAP Procurement and SAP Business Network <a href="#">Release Process</a> with helpful suggestions on preparing for a release.</p> <p><b>Frequently Asked Questions</b> <a href="#">FAQs</a> for a wide range of questions regarding release readiness.</p>	<p>With the 2302 Release for SAP Procurement and SAP Business Network, a new cXML version will be introduced.</p> <p>Use the link to access the pre-release version of the 1.2.057 cXML DTD files and associated documentation.</p> <p><a href="#">1.2.057 pre-release</a></p>	<p><b>Feature List</b> A cumulative <a href="#">Lists of Features</a> delivered in previous SAP Procurement and SAP Business Network releases organized by solution area.</p> <p><b>Early Release Series</b> Replay and presentation materials from these sessions are available using the <a href="#">webcast archive</a>.</p>

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\*For SAP Ariba Central Invoice Management features, please go to:  
[SAP Procurement Readiness Community](#)

# “What’s New” via SAP Help Portal



View all recent feature release documentation here:

[“What’s New” \(SAP Help Portal\)](#)

Your feedback matters.





**Thank You**

