SAP Ariba Source-to-Contract

2511 Early Release Series

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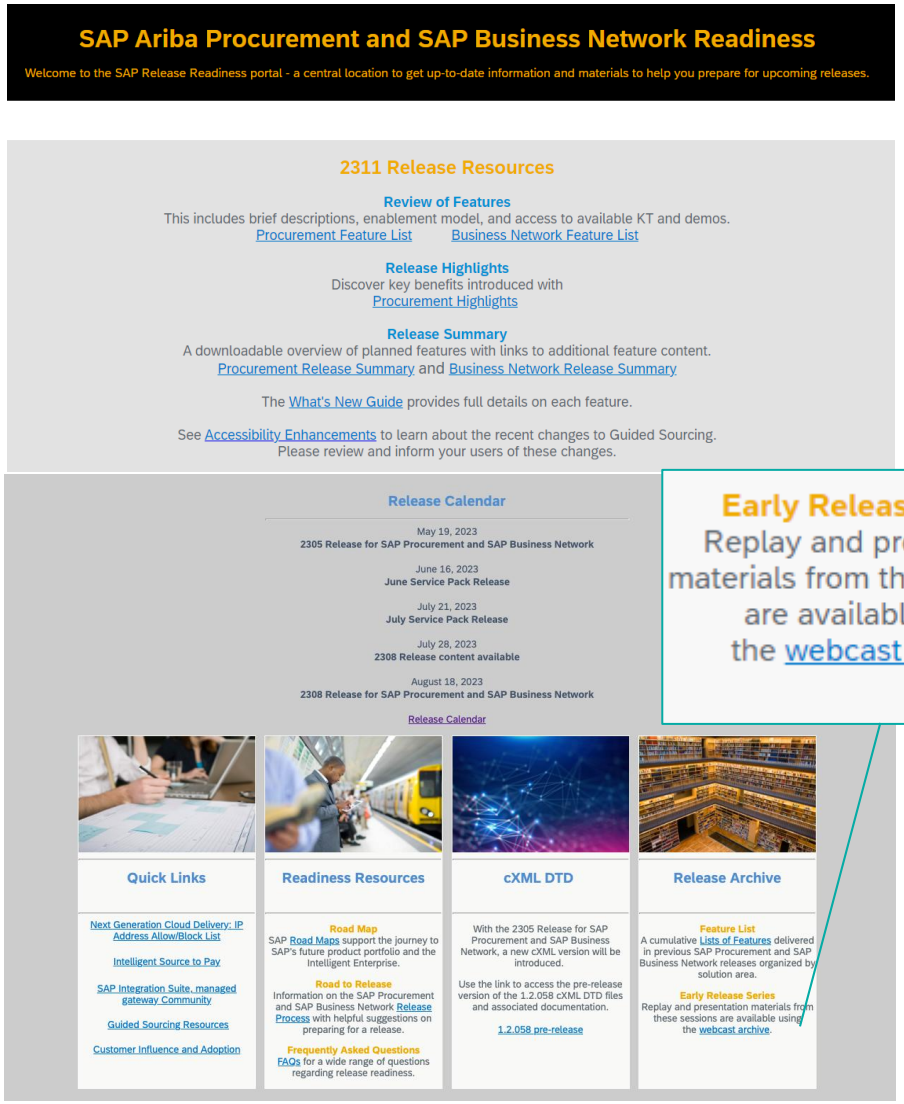

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2. 2511 Key Features
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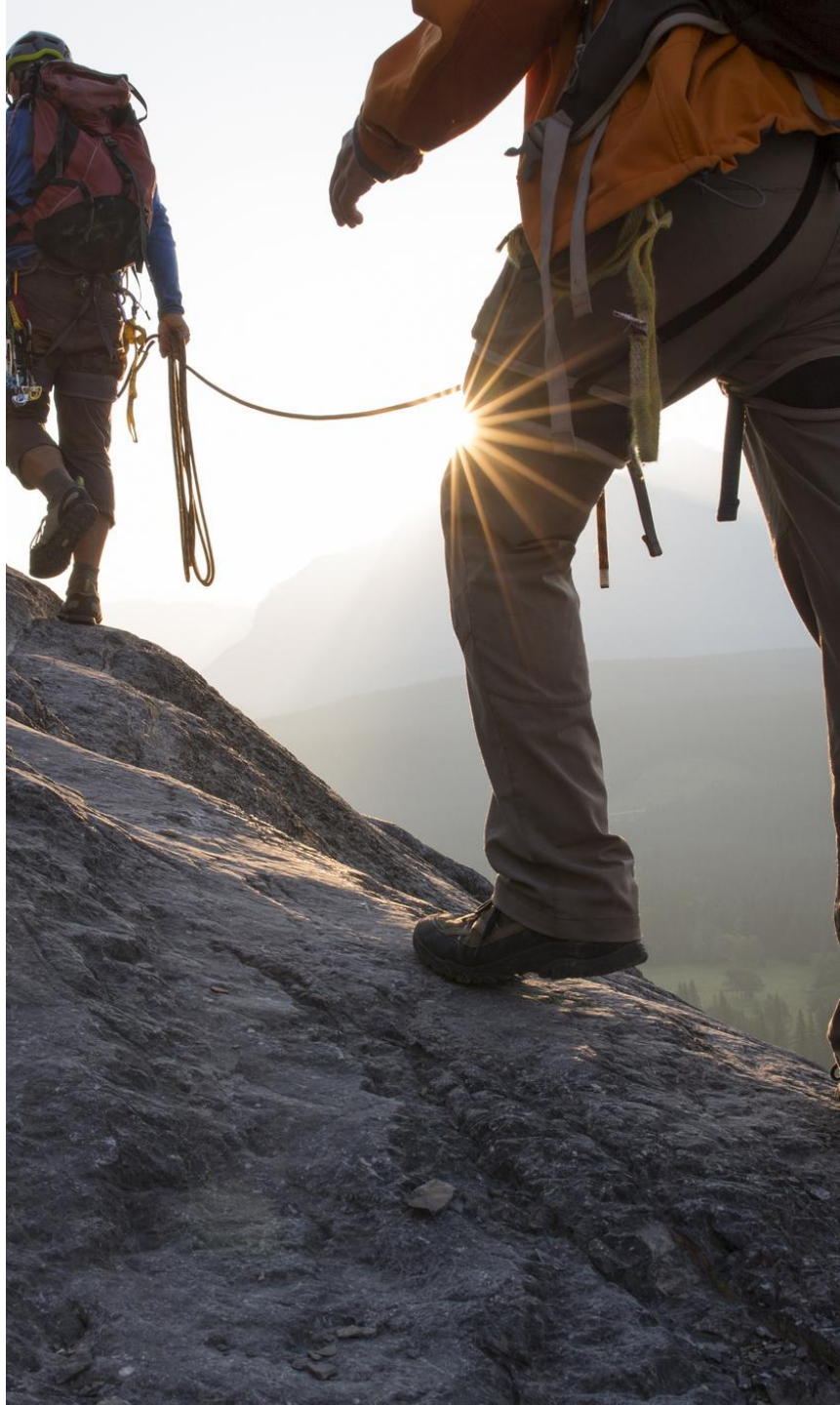

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Cross-App Feature Highlights

API Enhancements, 2511:

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Enhancements to the SAP Ariba SCIM API MDATA-596

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.

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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

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.

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

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Planned Key Features

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SAP Ariba Sourcing Updates

1. Ability to Generate Event Summary in Guided Sourcing Using Generative AI SOURCE-2670

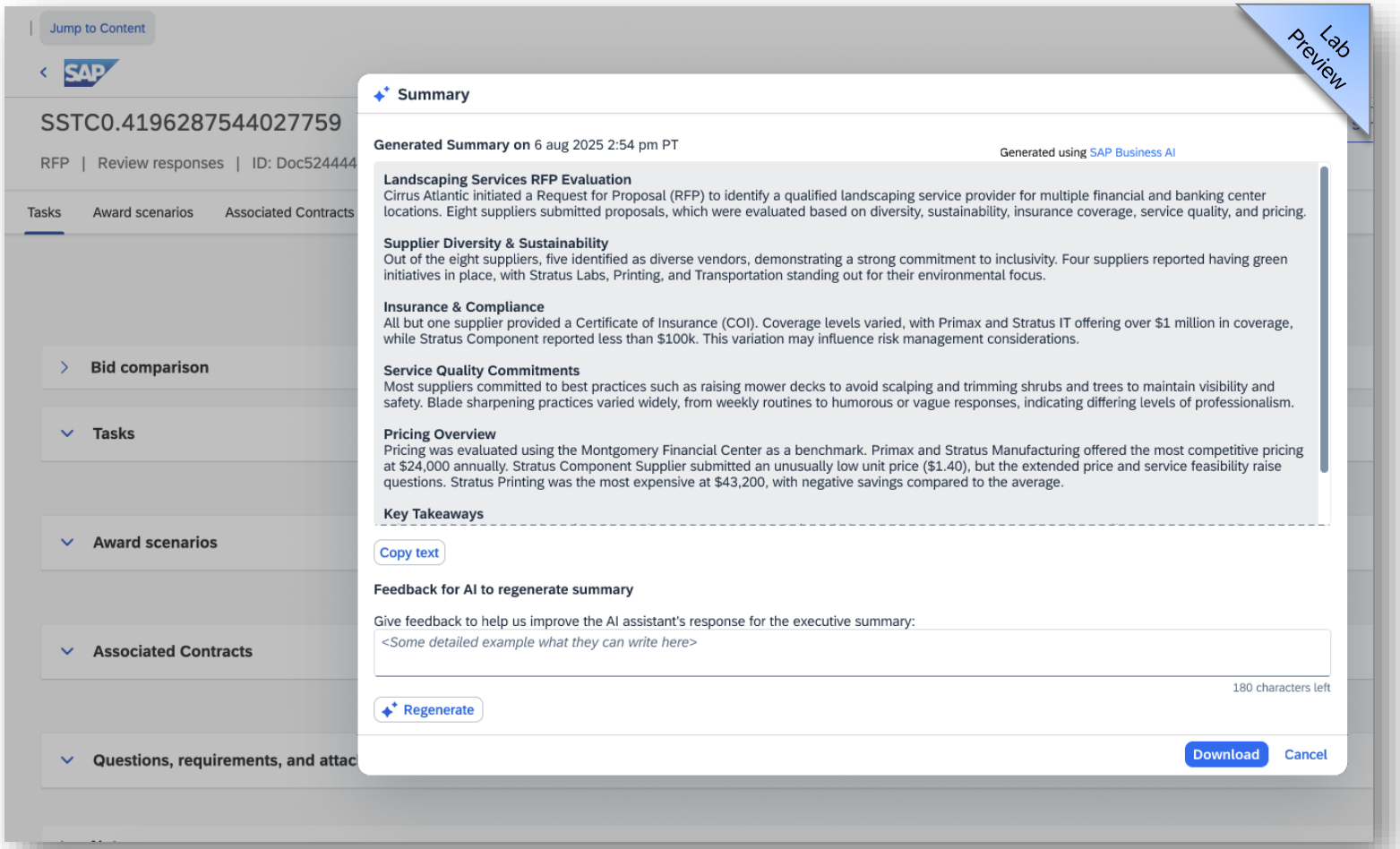
2. Communication Support in SAP Business Network Discovery Postings for Sourcing Events SOURCE-2640

3. Ability to Add, Update, Remove URLs in Guided Sourcing Full Projects SOURCE-2542

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.



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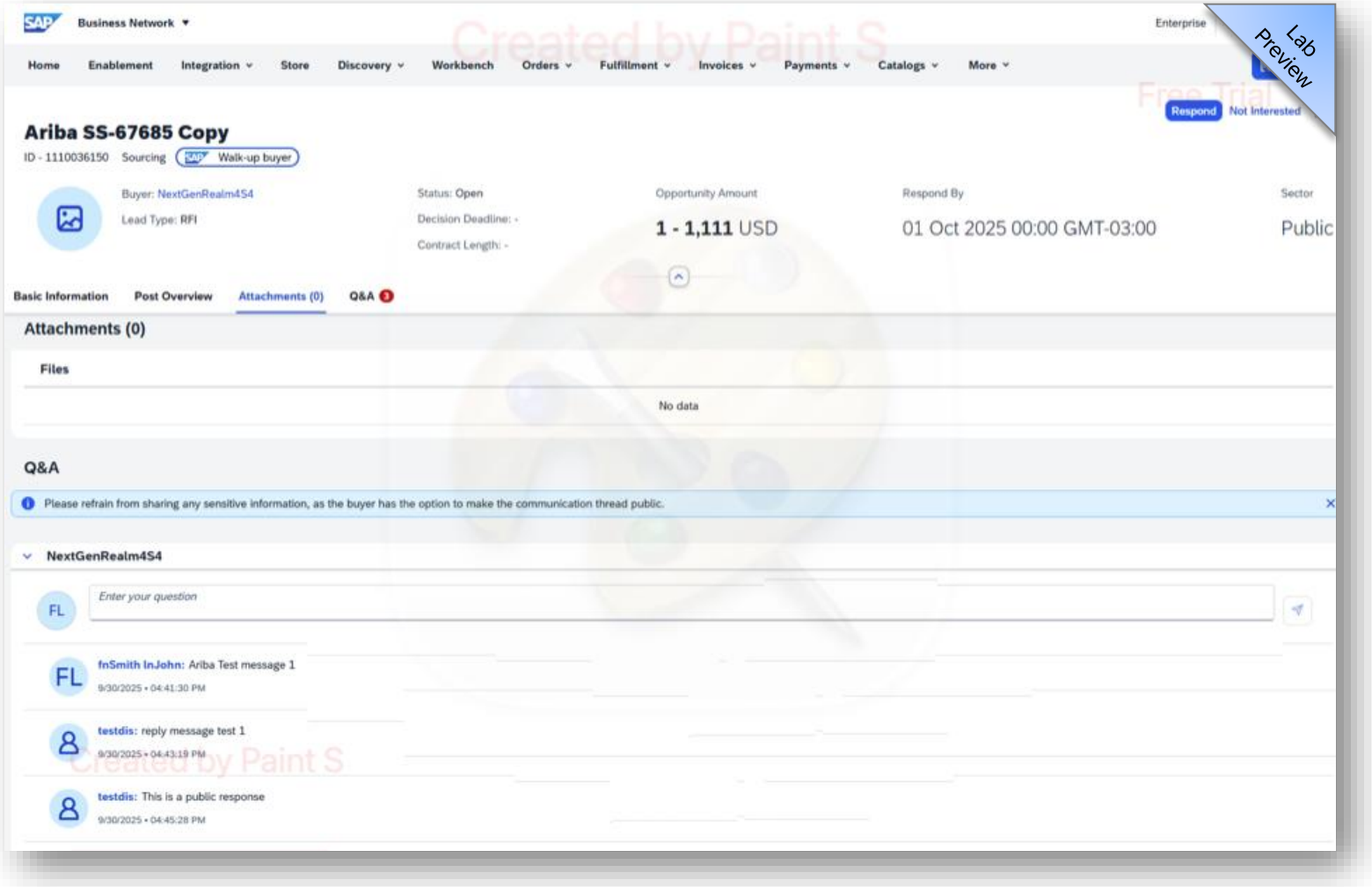
1 Communication Support in SAP Business Network Discovery Postings for Sourcing Events SOURCE-2640

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.



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

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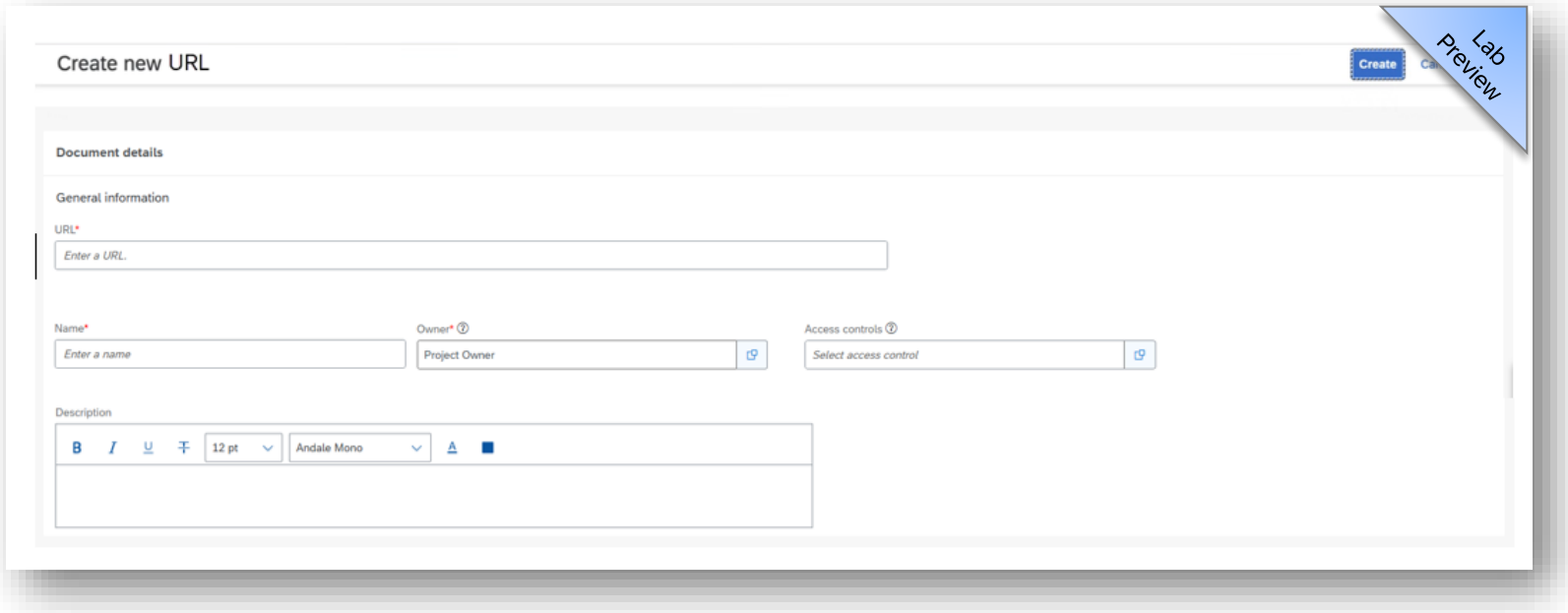
Users can add URLs to give reference to external content within the sourcing project.

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



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SAP Ariba Contracts Updates

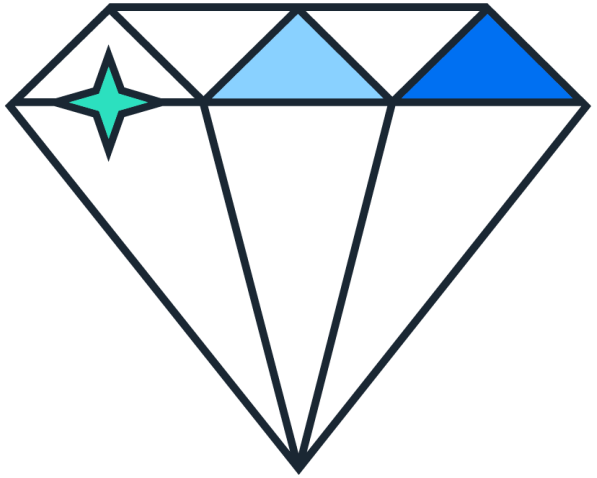
1 **AI Copilot Joule in SAP Ariba Contracts** SCONTR-1279

2 **Supplier Eligibility Validation in Contract Workspaces** SCONTR-1445

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.



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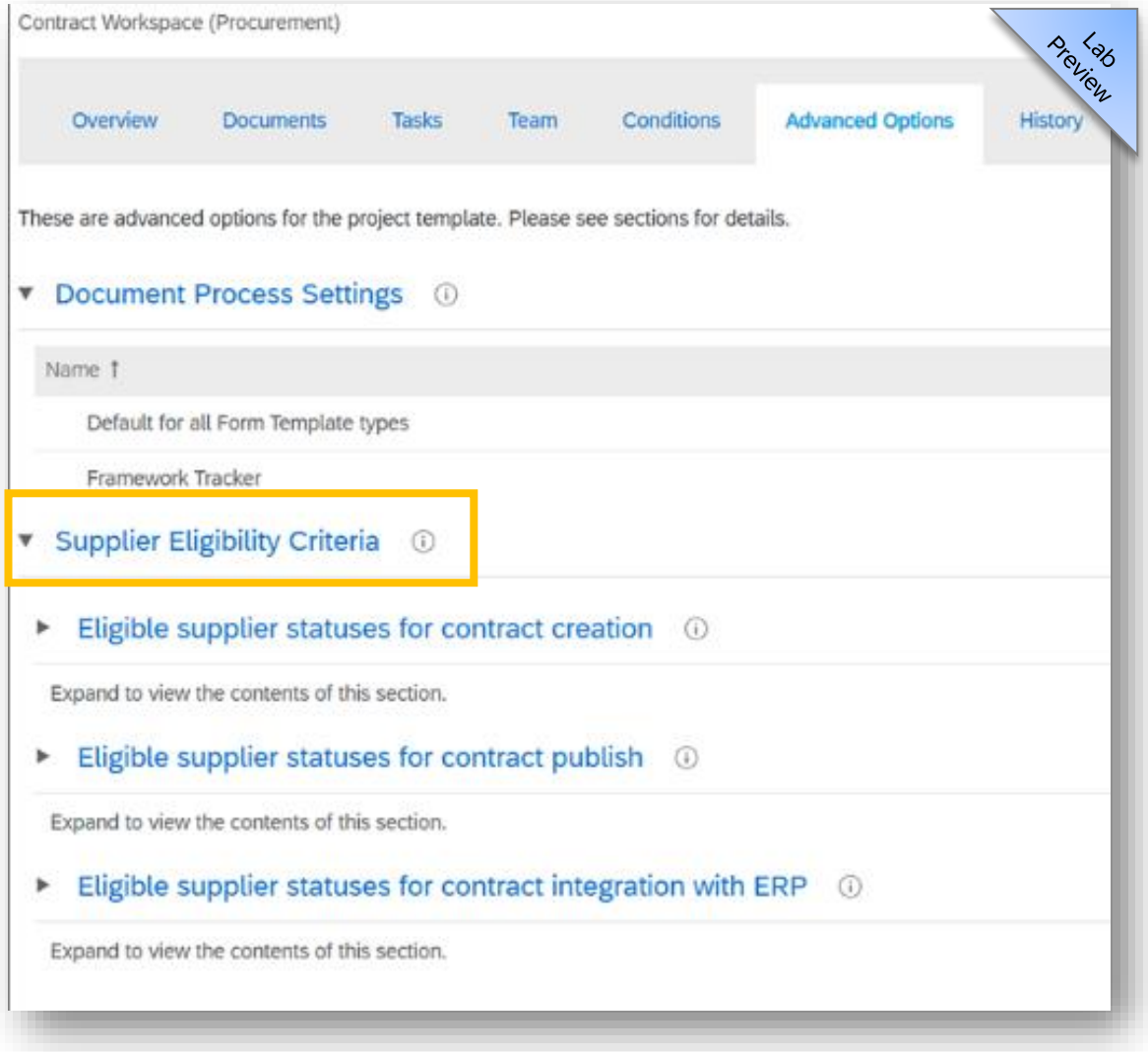
2 Supplier Eligibility Validation in Contract Workspaces SCONTR-1445

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.



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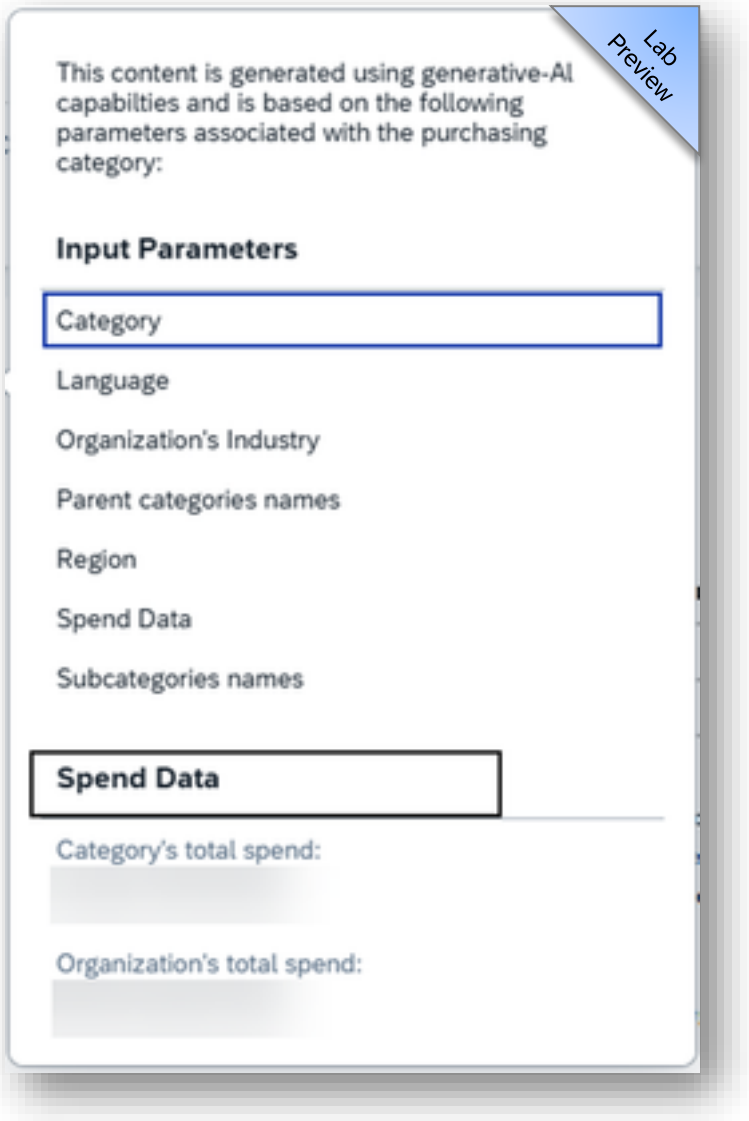
SAP Ariba Category Management Updates

1. Use of Spend Data for AI Recommendations in Category Segmentation ARBCATA-504
2. Email and In-App Notifications for SAP Ariba Category Management CATMAN-118
3. Enhancements to the Develop Strategy and Plan Page ARBCATA-334
4. Ability to Add Collaborators to a Strategy and Plan Document ARBCATA-31
5. Ability to Use the External Factors Analysis Tool in Category Management CATMAN-446

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.



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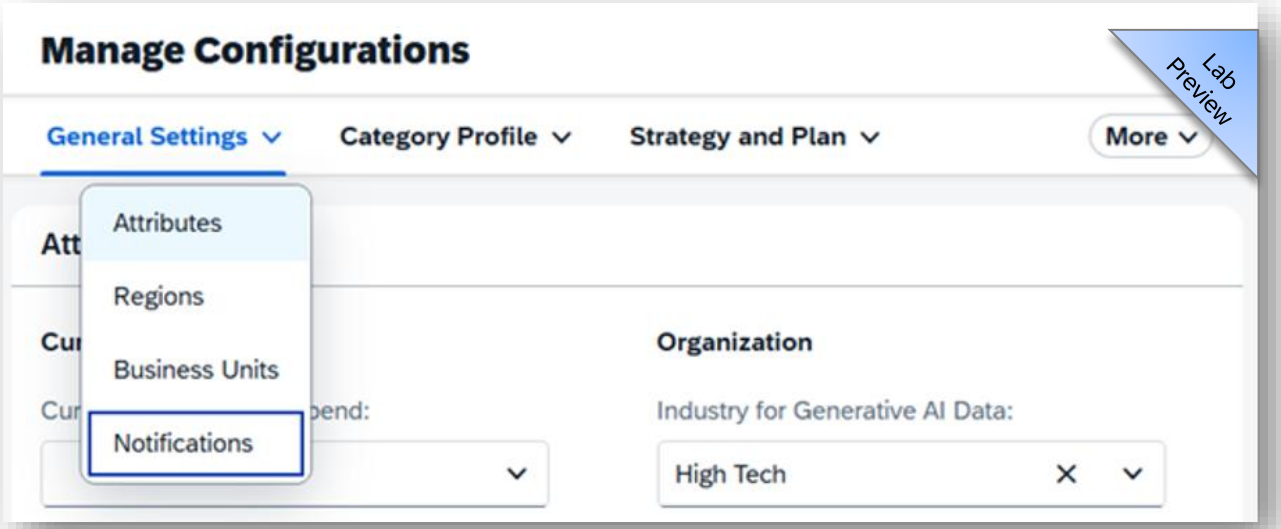
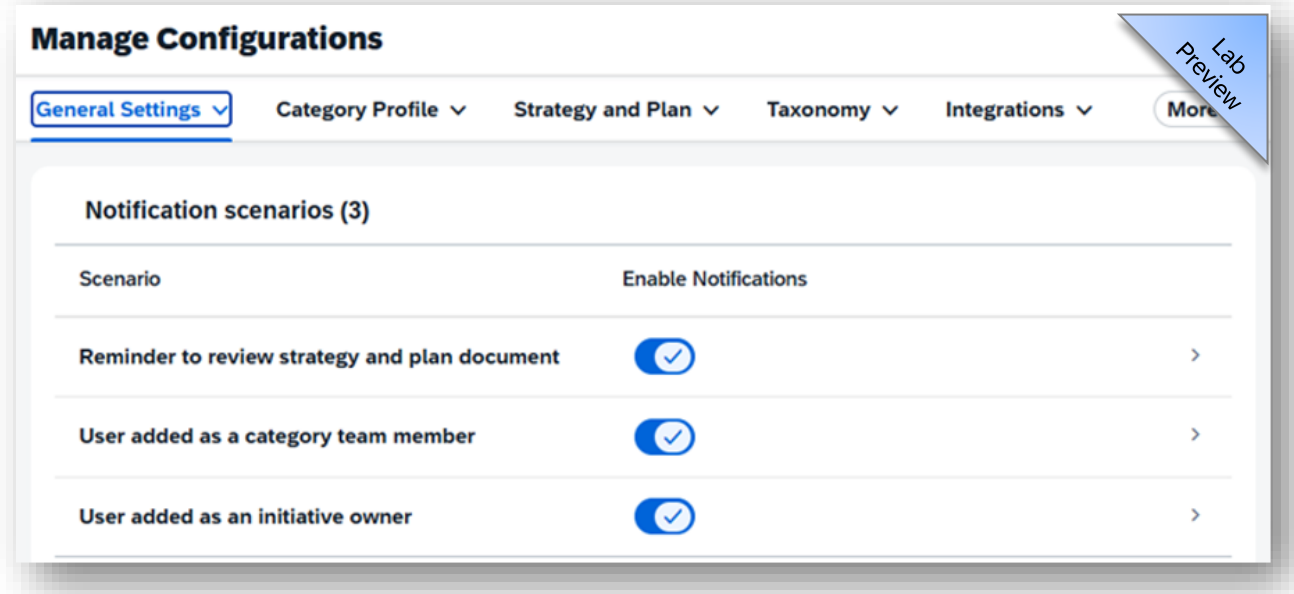
2 Use of Spend Data for AI Recommendations in Category Segmentation

[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.





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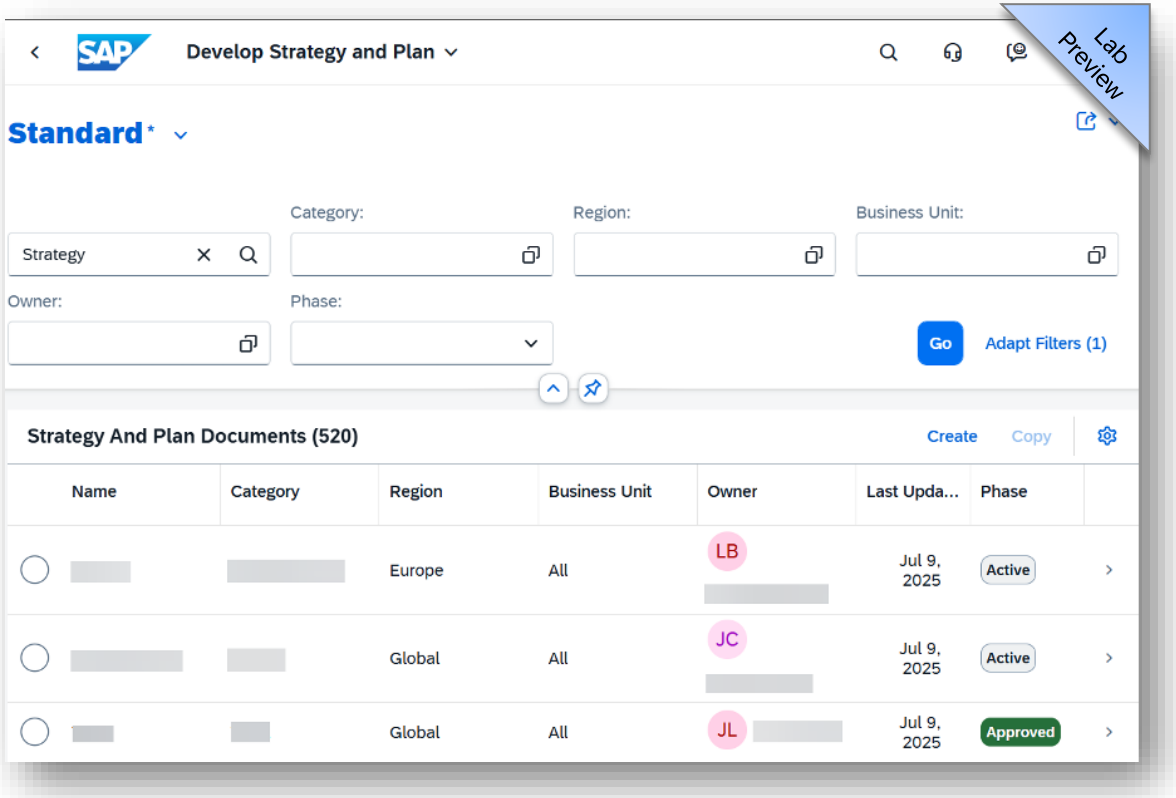
3 Enhancements to the Develop Strategy and Plan Page

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



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4 Ability to Add Collaborators to a Strategy and Plan Document

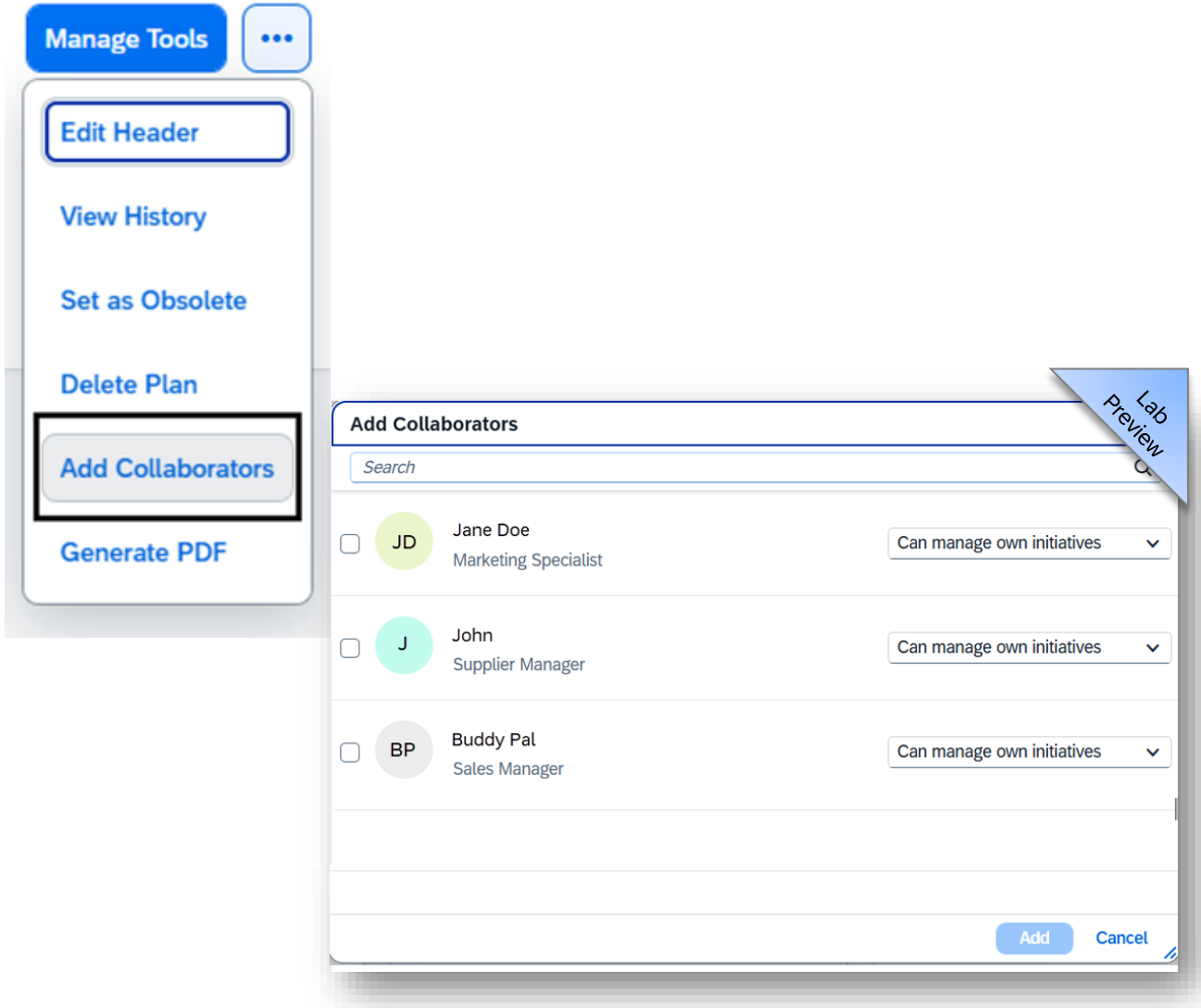
[ARBCATA-31]

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.



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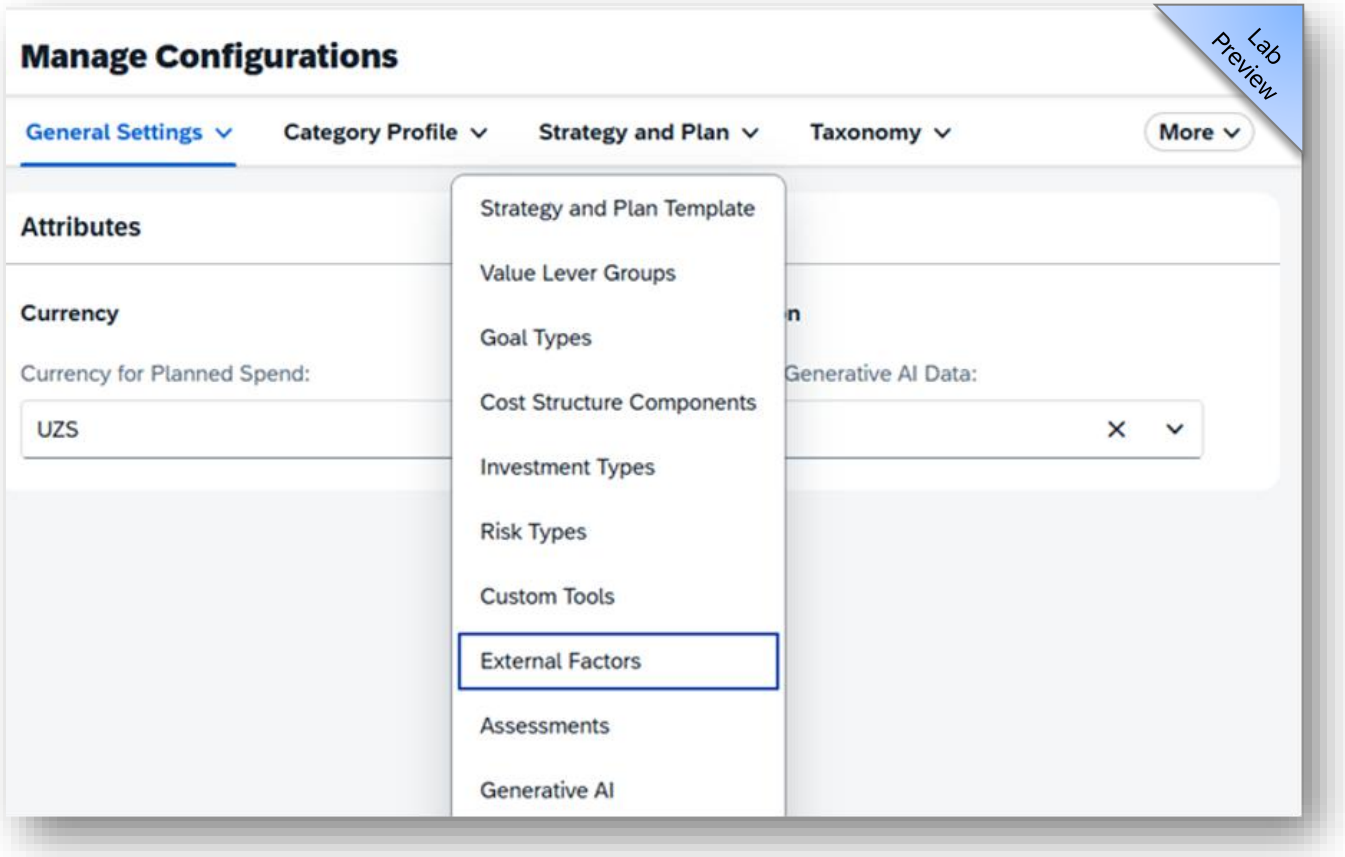
5 Ability to Use the External Factors Analysis Tool in Category Management CATMAN-446

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.



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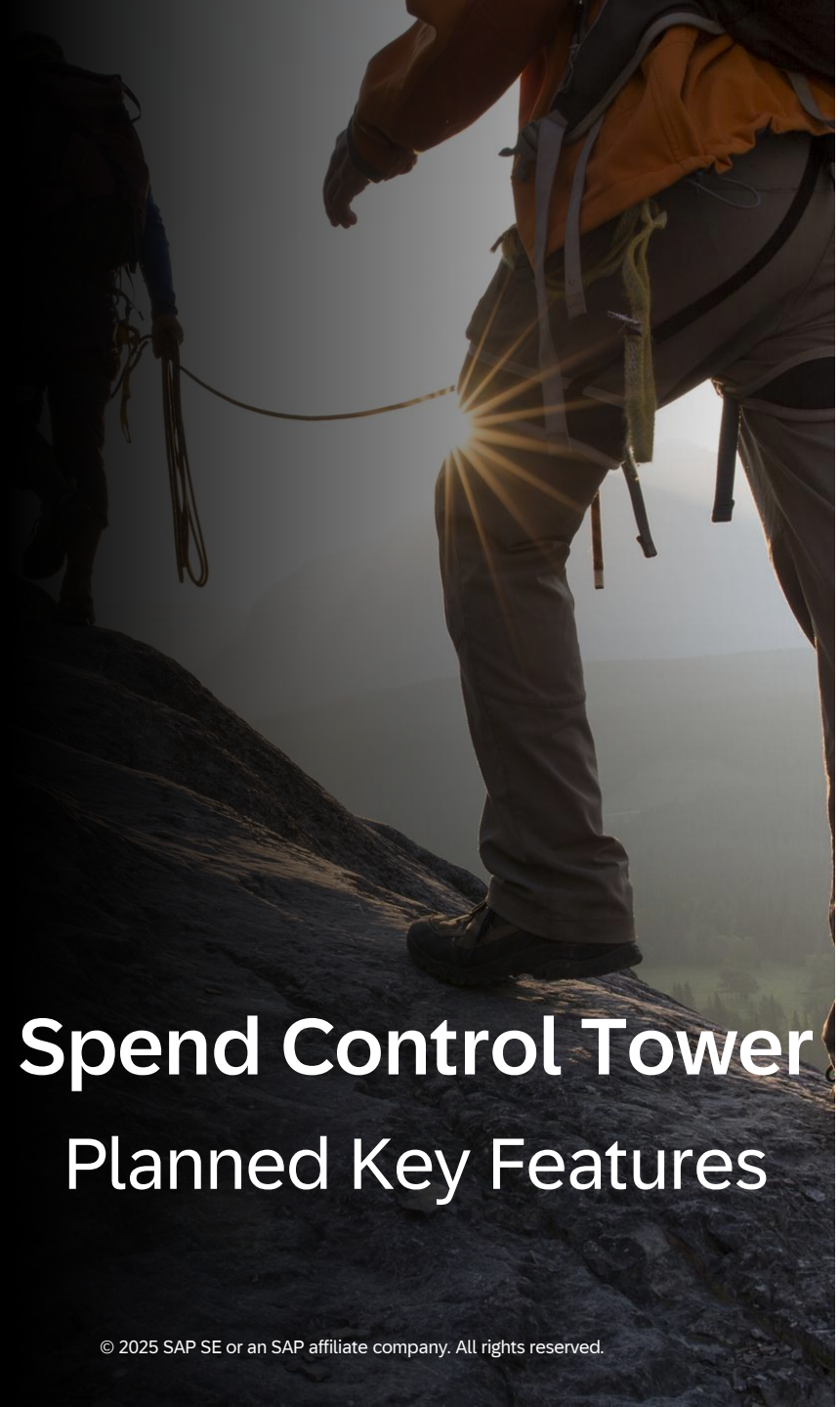

Spend Control Tower

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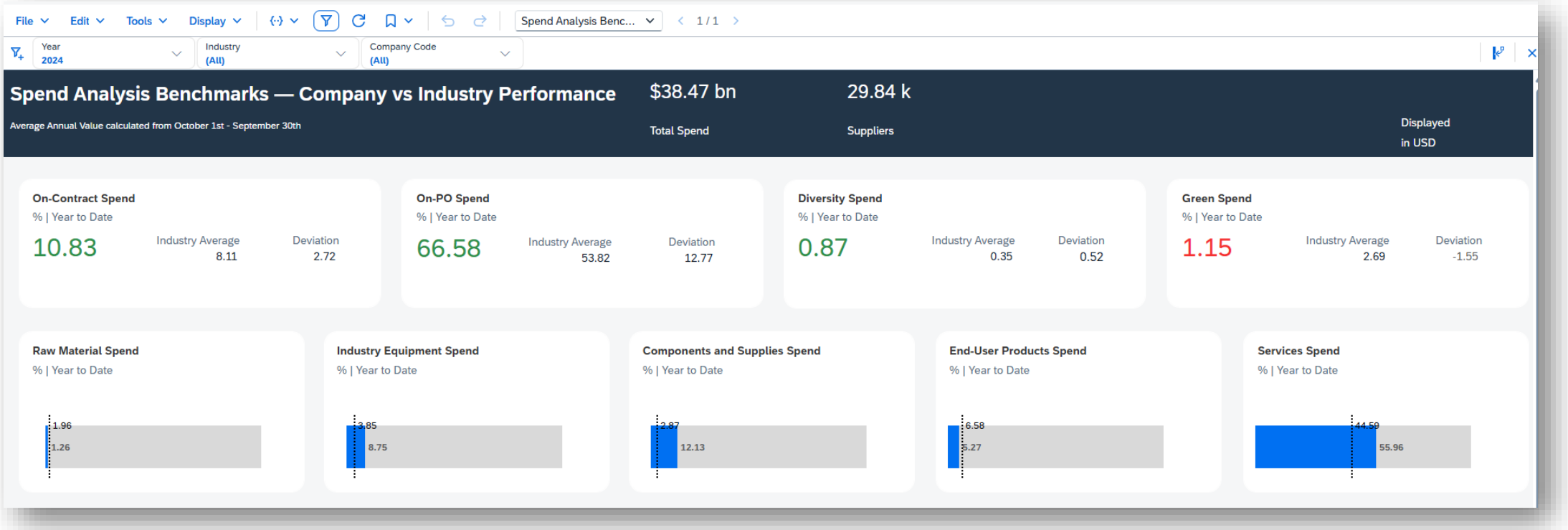
SAP Spend Control Tower Updates

1. Spend Analysis Benchmarks — Company vs Industry Performance ANALYSIS-1324
2. Data Quality Dashboards ARBARE-157
3. Manage Spend Taxonomy Enhancements ARBTS-215
4. Multi-Field Search for Invoice Item Categorization ARBTS-95

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.



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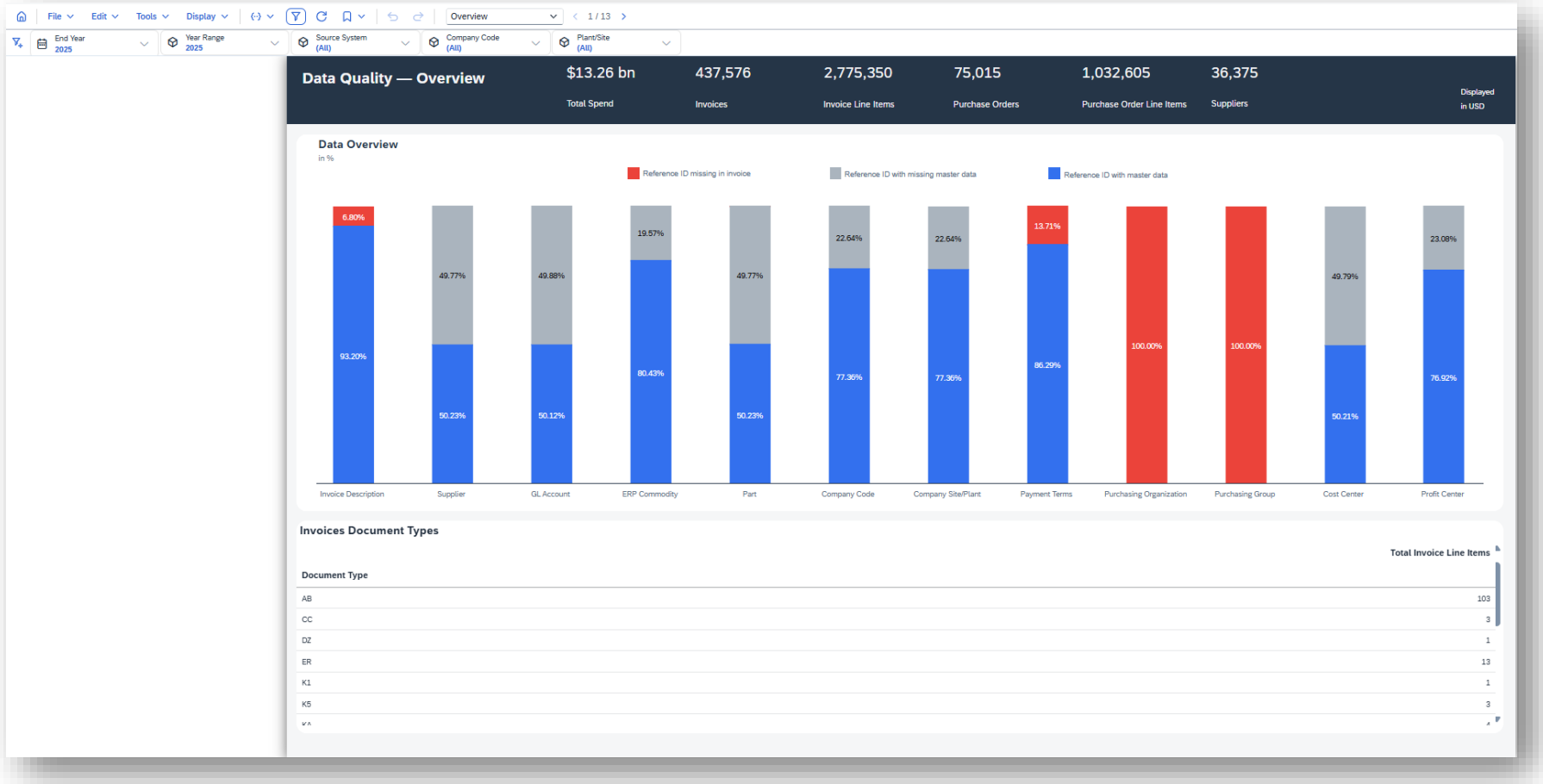
2 Data Quality Dashboards ARBARE-157

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.



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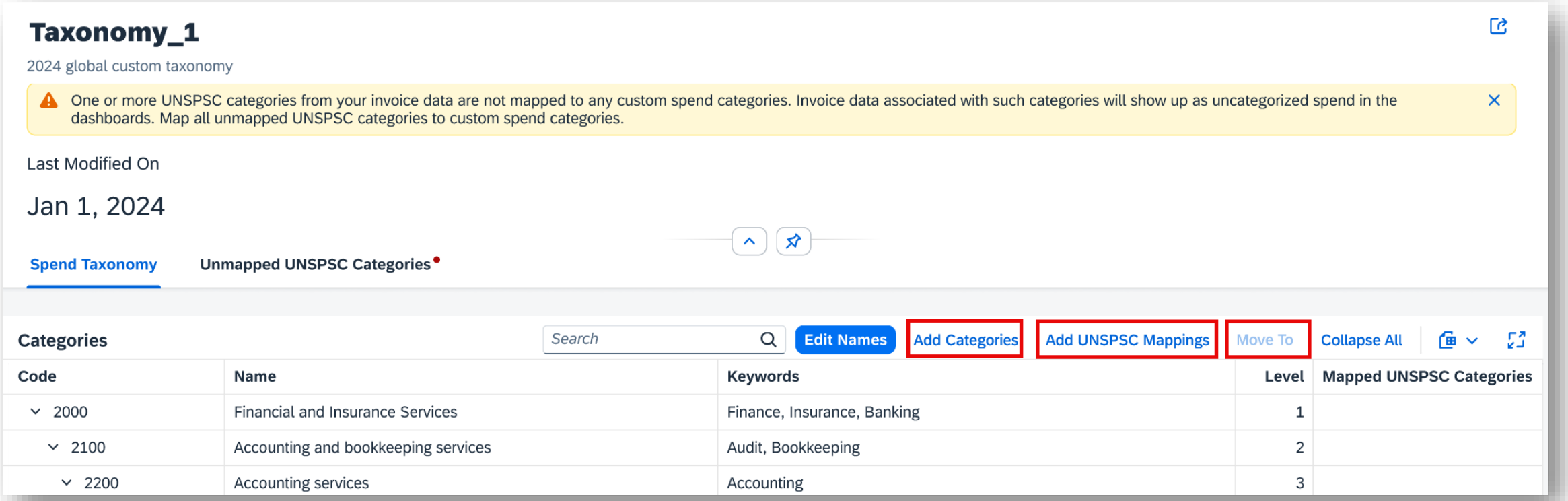
3 Manage Spend Taxonomy Enhancements ARBTS-215

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



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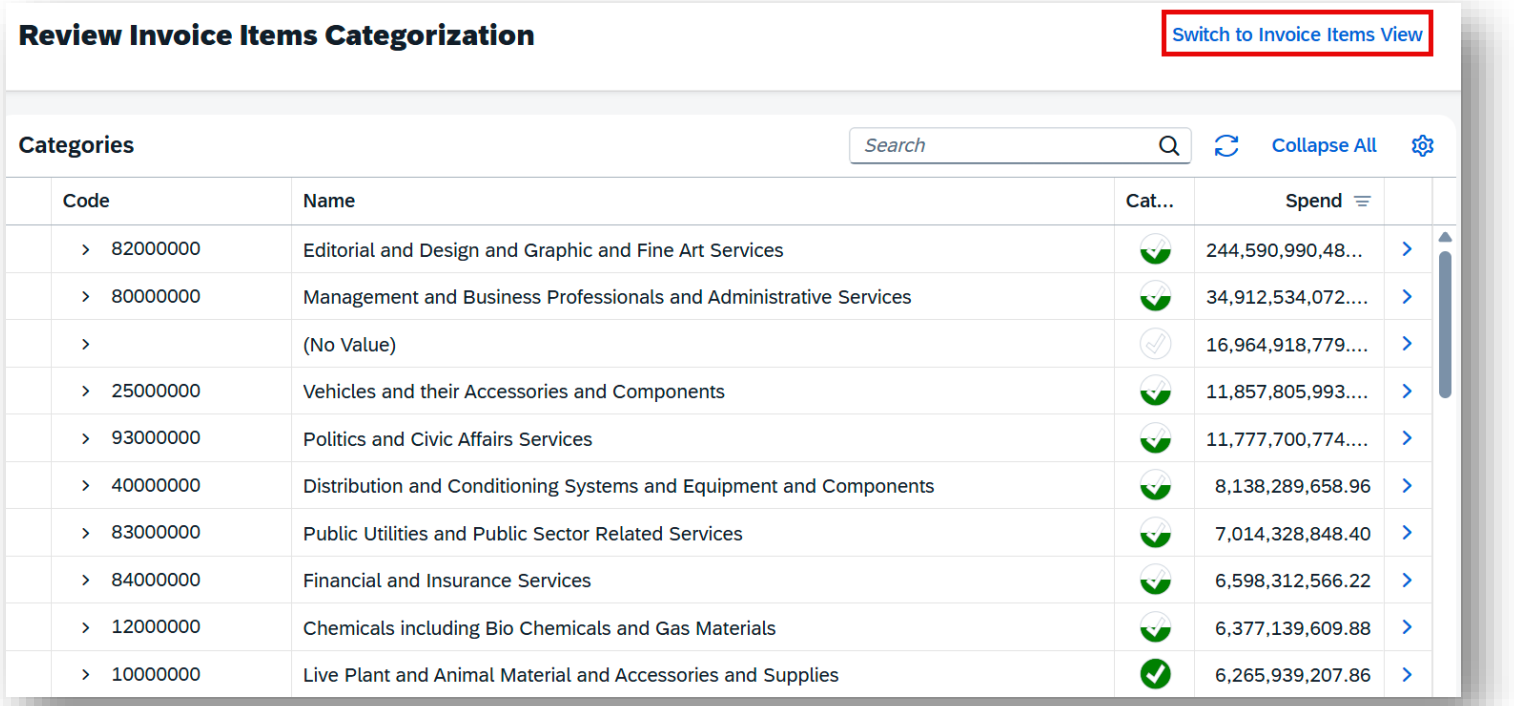
4 Multi-Field Search for Invoice Item Categorization ARBTS-95

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.



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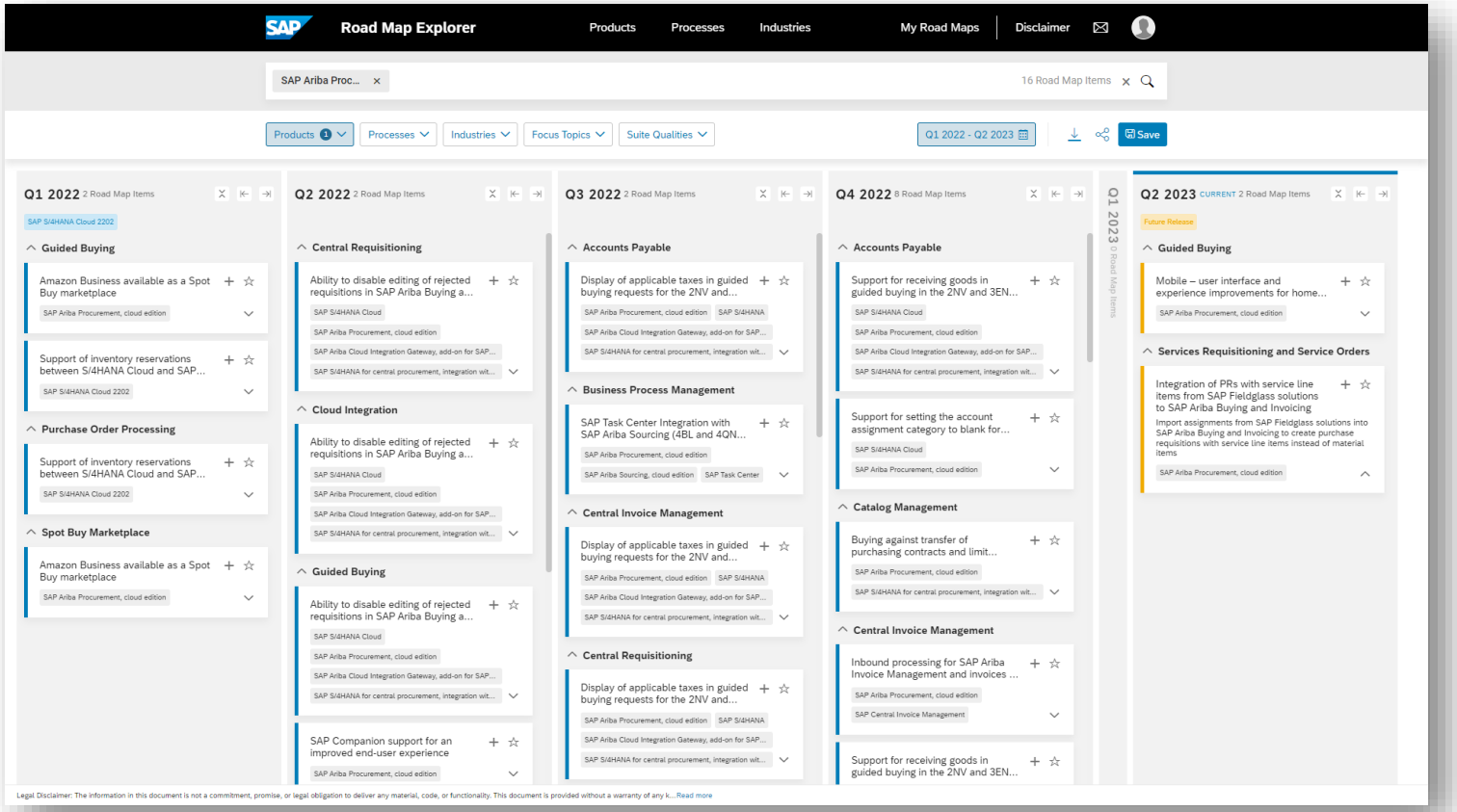

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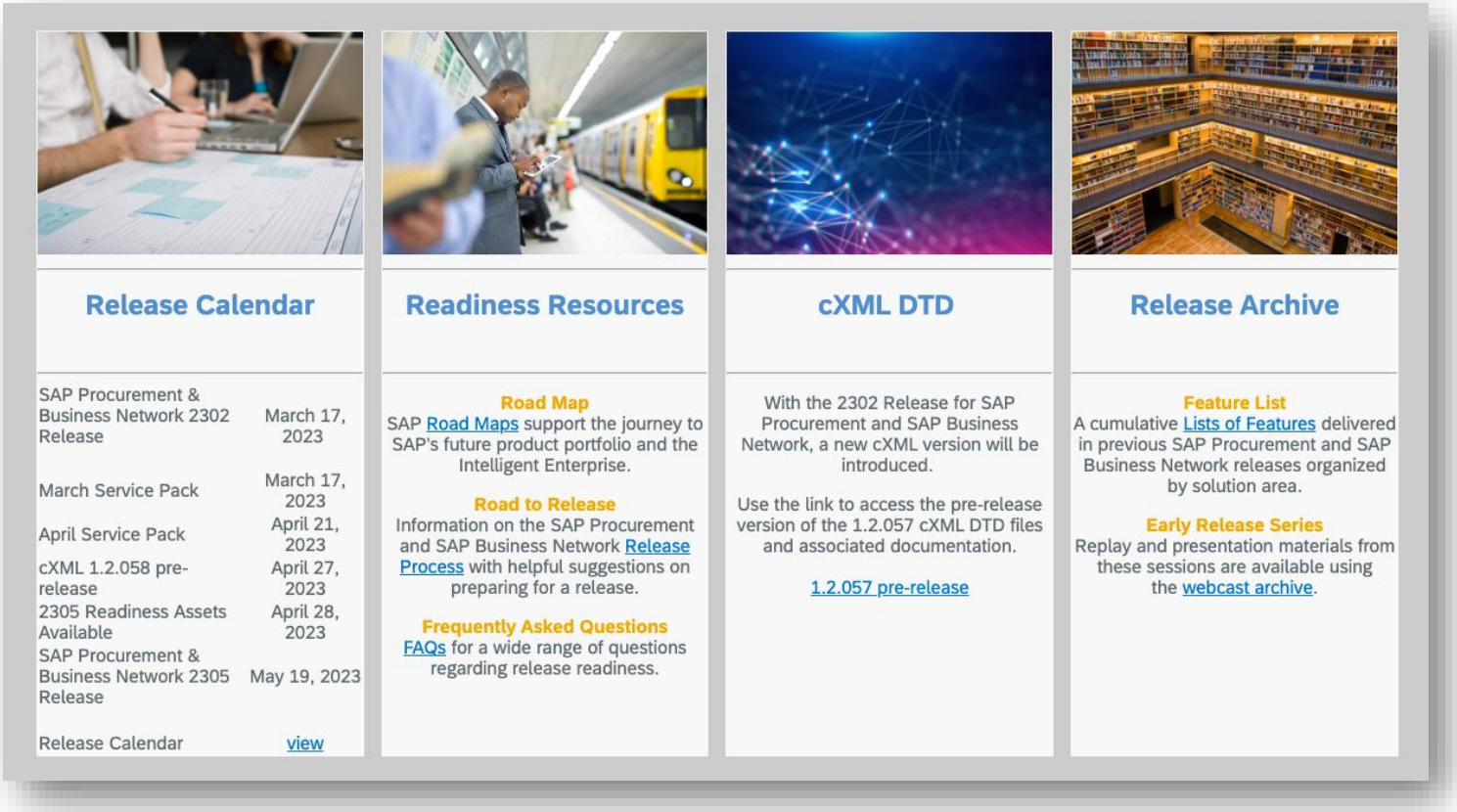

Release Calendar

SAP Procurement & Business Network 2302 Release	March 17, 2023
March Service Pack	March 17, 2023
April Service Pack	April 21, 2023
cXML 1.2.058 pre-release	April 27, 2023
2305 Readiness Assets Available	April 28, 2023
SAP Procurement & Business Network 2305 Release	May 19, 2023
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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 2302 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 1.2.057 cXML DTD files and associated documentation.

1.2.057 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.

Early Release Series
Replay and presentation materials from these sessions are available using the webcast archive.

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*For **SAP Ariba Central Invoice Management** features, please go to:
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“What’s New” via SAP Help Portal

View all recent feature release documentation here:

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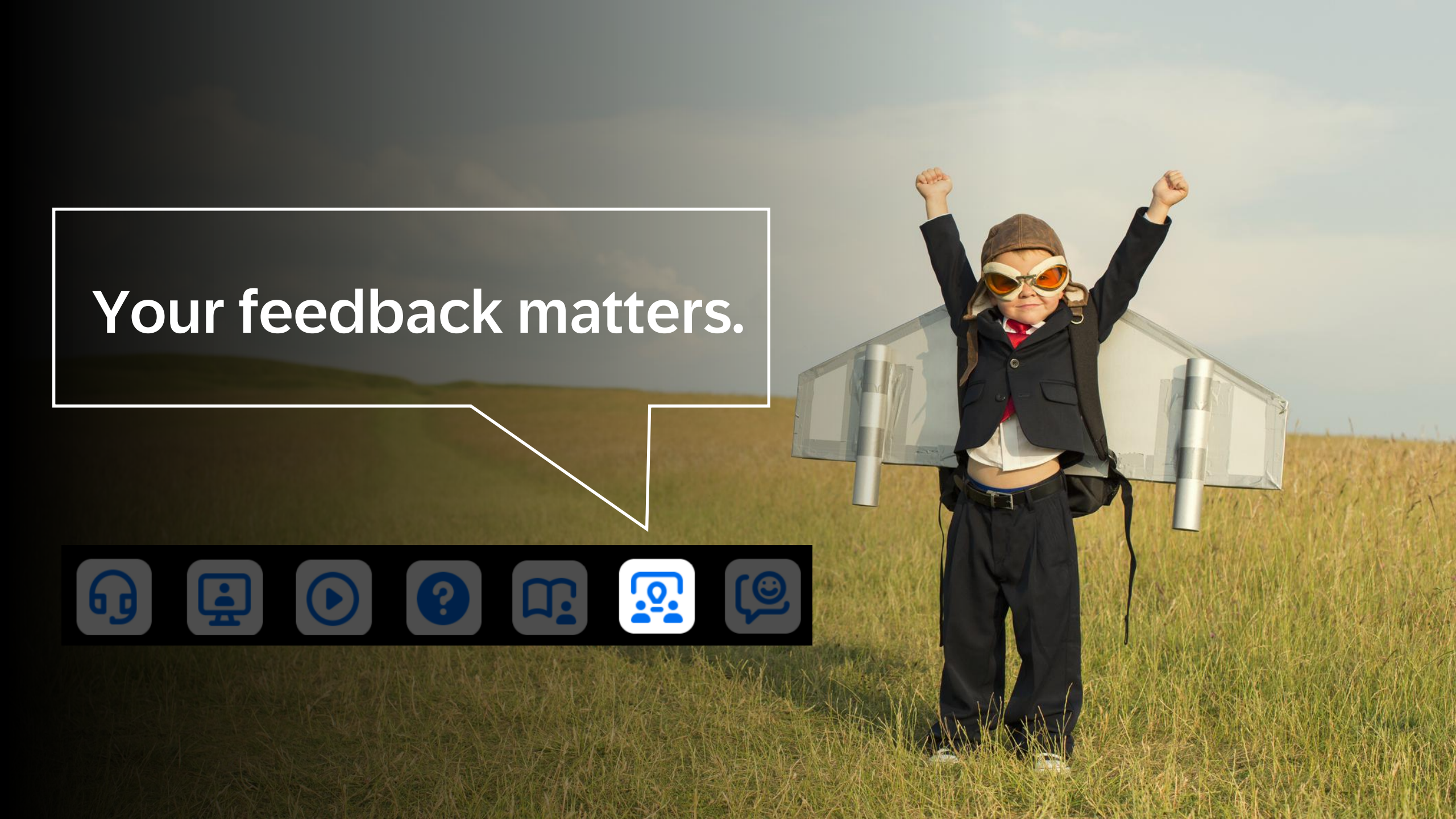

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