SAP Ariba Procure-to-Pay

2311 Feature Release

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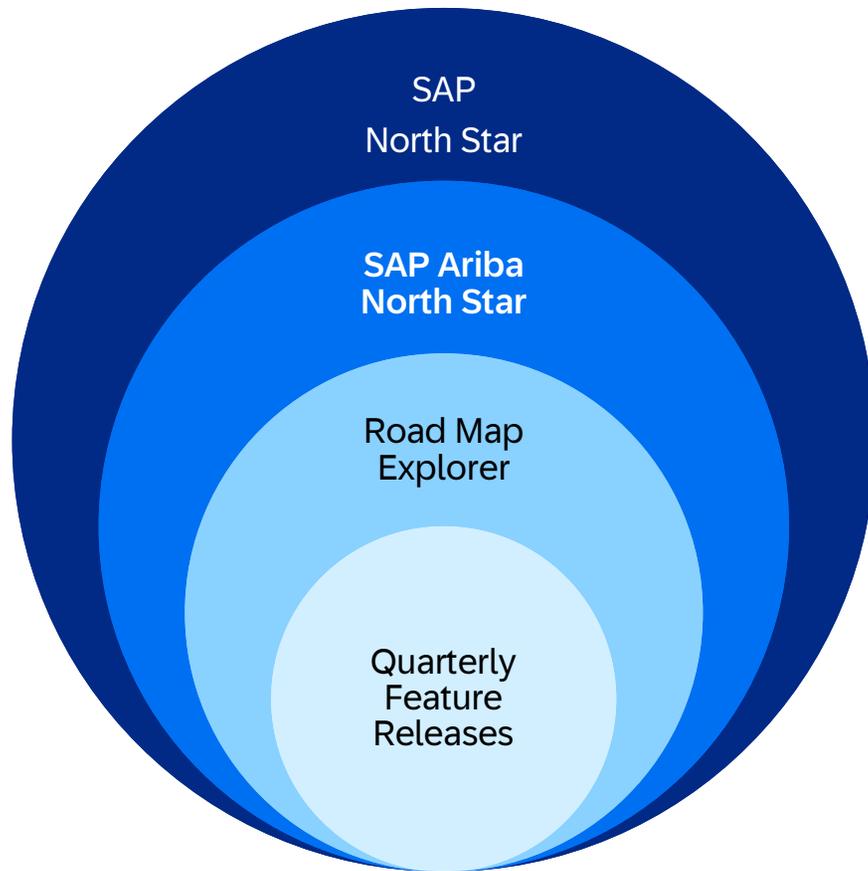
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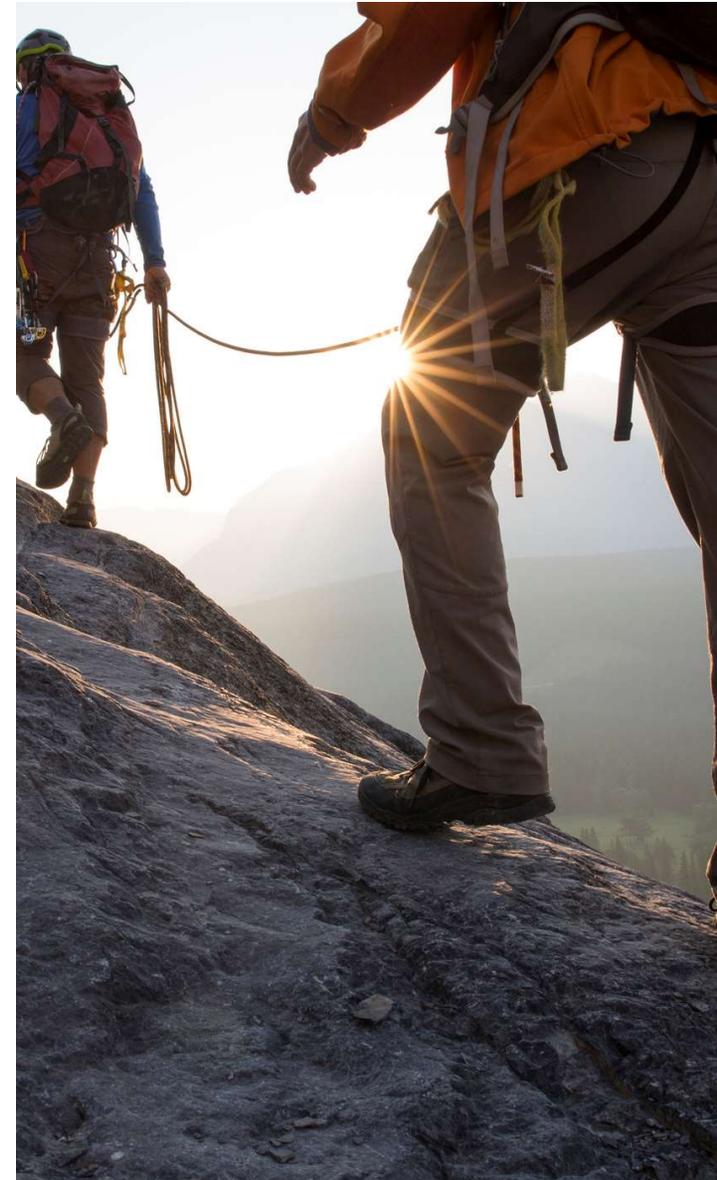
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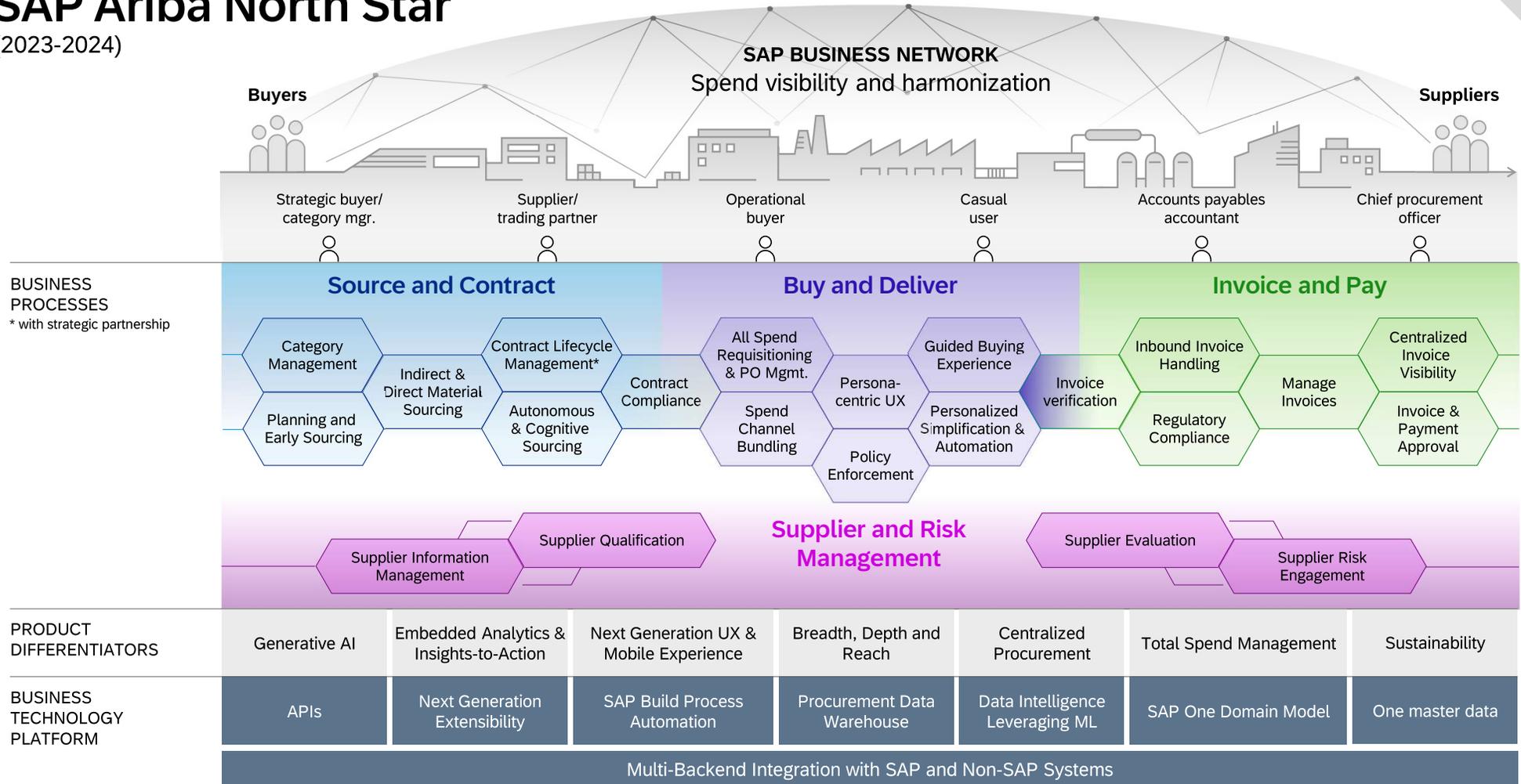**2023-2024**

SAP Ariba "North Star" definition

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.
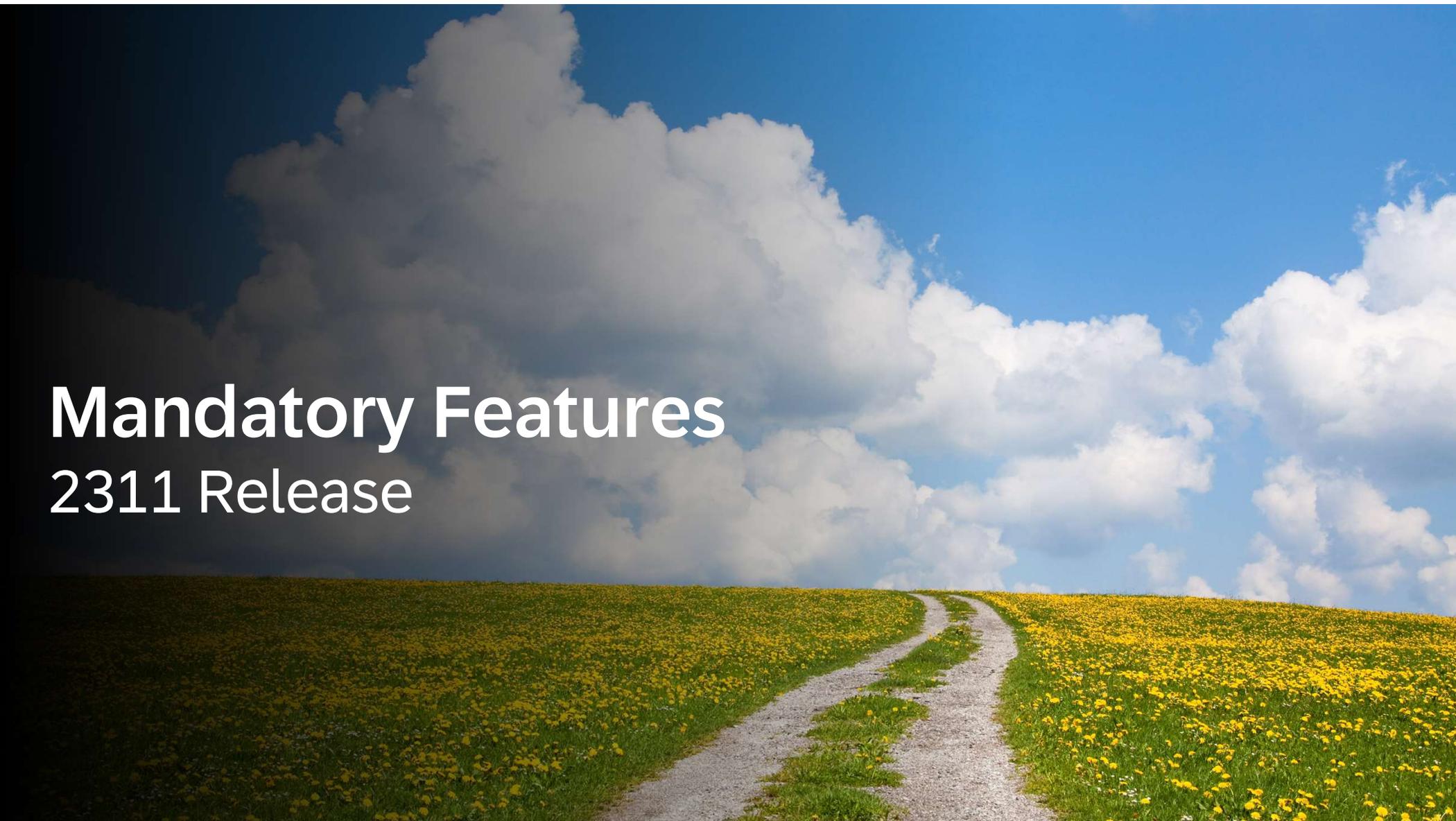
SAP Ariba North Star

(2023-2024)

SAP BUSINESS NETWORK
Spend visibility and harmonization

Buyers

Suppliers

| Strategic buyer/ category mgr. | Supplier/ trading partner | Operational buyer | Casual user | Accounts payables accountant | Chief procurement officer |

BUSINESS PROCESSES
* with strategic partnership

Source and Contract

- Category Management
- Indirect & Direct Material Sourcing
- Contract Lifecycle Management*
- Planning and Early Sourcing
- Autonomous & Cognitive Sourcing
- Contract Compliance

Buy and Deliver

- All Spend Requisitioning & PO Mgmt.
- Persona-centric UX
- Guided Buying Experience
- Spend Channel Bundling
- Policy Enforcement
- Personalized Simplification & Automation
- Invoice verification

Invoice and Pay

- Inbound Invoice Handling
- Manage Invoices
- Centralized Invoice Visibility
- Regulatory Compliance
- Invoice & Payment Approval

Supplier and Risk Management

- Supplier Information Management
- Supplier Qualification
- Supplier Evaluation
- Supplier Risk Engagement

PRODUCT DIFFERENTIATORS

| Generative AI | Embedded Analytics & Insights-to-Action | Next Generation UX & Mobile Experience | Breadth, Depth and Reach | Centralized Procurement | Total Spend Management | Sustainability |

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

| APIs | Next Generation Extensibility | SAP Build Process Automation | Procurement Data Warehouse | Data Intelligence Leveraging ML | SAP One Domain Model | One master data |

Multi-Backend Integration with SAP and Non-SAP Systems

Mandatory Features
2311 Release

Mandatory Features

Features becoming <u>mandatory with 2311 release:</u>

Actions Recommended

Decommissioning of Transaction Monitoring API
PLMSG-5143

Automatically On

Enforced Anti-Virus Scanning in SAP Ariba Solutions
PS-15406

Mandatory Browser Update

UPCOMING: **Mandatory** <u>**starting March 2, 2024**</u>

⚠️ Support for HTTP Security Headers in SAP Ariba Solutions [SI-65](SI-65)

SAP Ariba Applications and SAP Business Network will only support the following browser versions:

- Google Chrome (88 or above)
- Microsoft Edge (88 or above)
- Mozilla Firefox (87 or above)
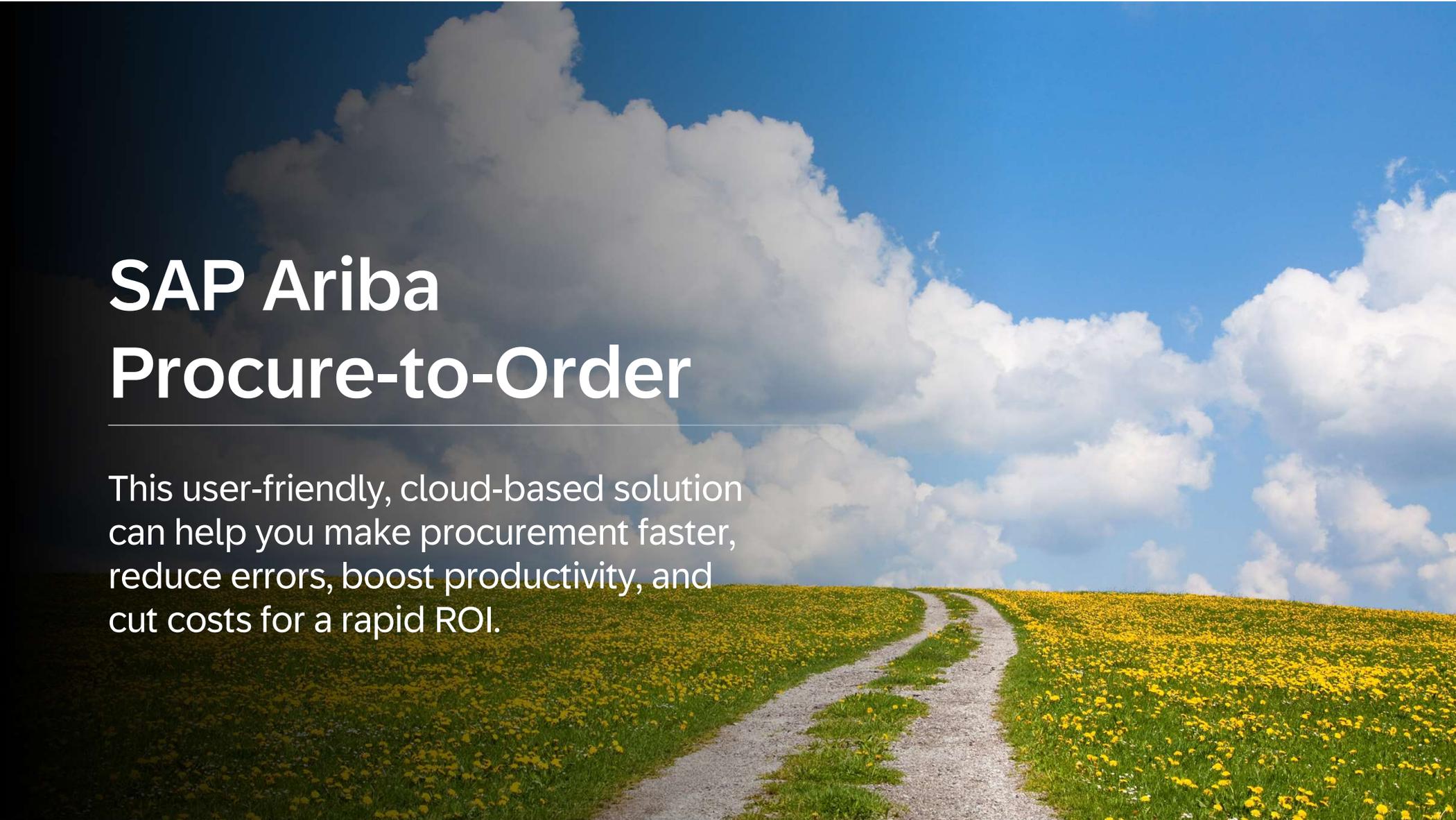- Apple Safari (15 or above)

Action Required:
To ensure compatibility and support with your SAP Ariba solutions, please upgrade to the latest supported browser version before March 2, 2024
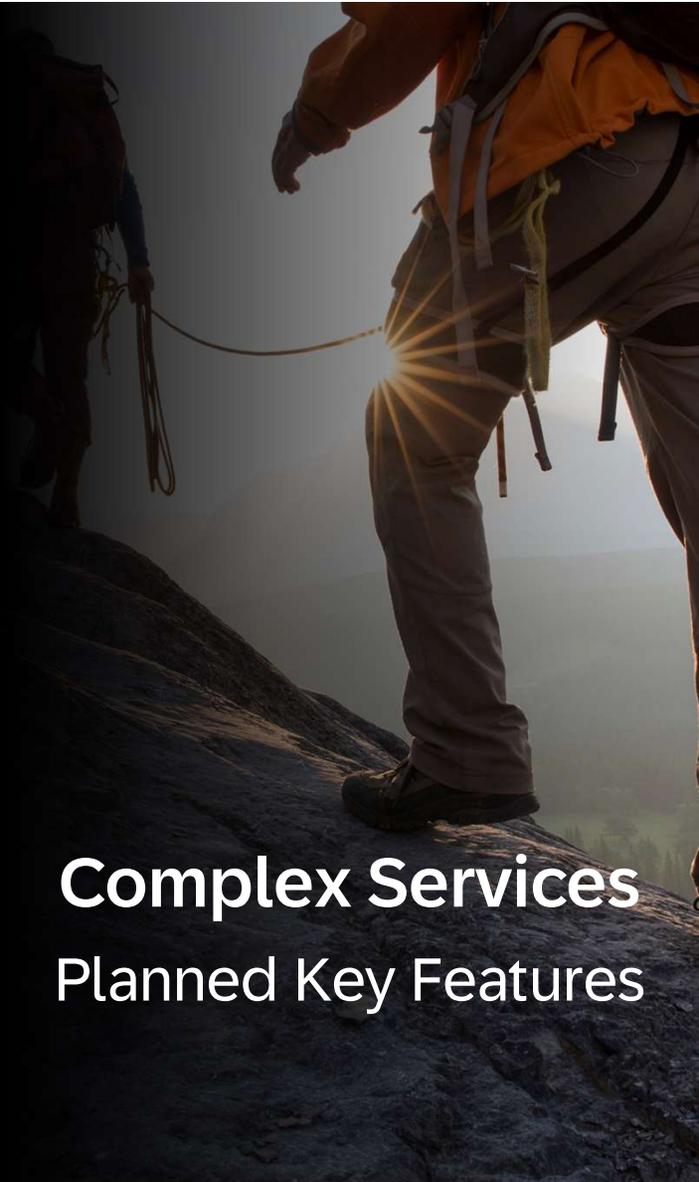
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This user-friendly, cloud-based solution can help you make procurement faster, reduce errors, boost productivity, and cut costs for a rapid ROI.

SAP Ariba Complex Services Updates

1 Usability Enhancement for Creation of Standing Orders for Limit Items in Guided Buying [ACSS-1241]

Complex Services

Planned Key Features

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Usability Enhancement for Creation of Standing Orders for Limit Items in Guided Buying [ACSS-1241]

- For buyer sites that create standing orders for limit items (item category B) in guided buying, the standing orders checkbox in the request can be configured to be deselected by default for catalog items.

- This feature requires the guided buying capability.

- Enable the DISPLAY_DESELECTED_CHECKBOX_STANDING_ORDERS parameter in guided buying. The parameter determines whether the checkbox for standing orders is deselected, by default, when adding limit items (item category B) from the catalog. If set to true, the checkbox is deselected and the item is procured as a non-limit item. If set to false (default), the checkbox is selected and additional fields related to standing orders are displayed.

Mobile Application Updates

1   Option to Hide Non-Catalog Shopping Categories in SAP Ariba Procurement Mobile App [BMA-5091]

2   Adding Non-Catalog Items to Requisitions in SAP Ariba Shopping Mobile App [SAS-55]

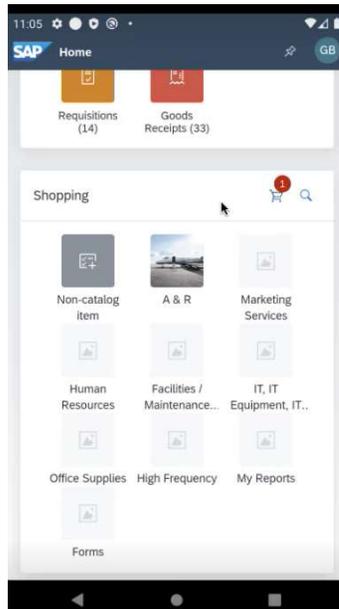**3**   Adding Attachments to Requisitions at Header Level in SAP Ariba Shopping Mobile App [SAS-59]

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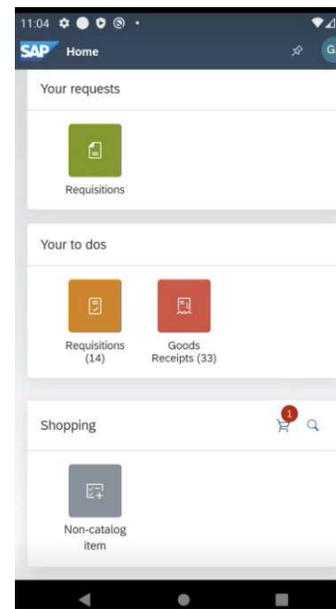
Planned Key Features

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Option to Hide Non-Catalog Shopping Categories in SAP Ariba Procurement Mobile App [BMA-5091]

- The non-catalog shopping categories in the SAP Ariba Procurement mobile app can now be hidden for a better user experience:

Parameter disabled

Parameter enabled

- Prerequisites:
  - Download the lates version of the SAP Ariba Procurement mobile app
 - Enable parameter "Application.Mobile.PreventDisplayOfShoppingCategories"

2 Adding Non-Catalog Items to Requisitions in SAP Ariba Shopping Mobile App [SAS-55]

- With this feature, users can add non-catalog items to their requisition and submit a purchase requisition that has a non-catalog item as a line item.

- The user can add the non-catalog item to the cart by creating a new purchase requisition or adding it to an already existing purchase requisition.
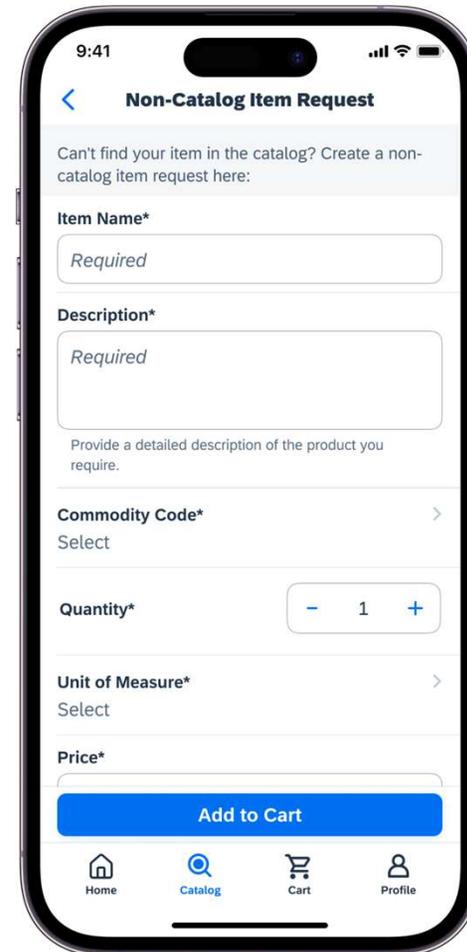
3 Adding Attachments to Requisitions at Header Level in SAP Ariba Shopping Mobile App [SAS-59]

- With this feature users can add attachments to their requisitions at the header level.

- 25 file types and a total of 100MB per requisition

- Upload, download and delete attachments is possible in Composing status, before it is submitted
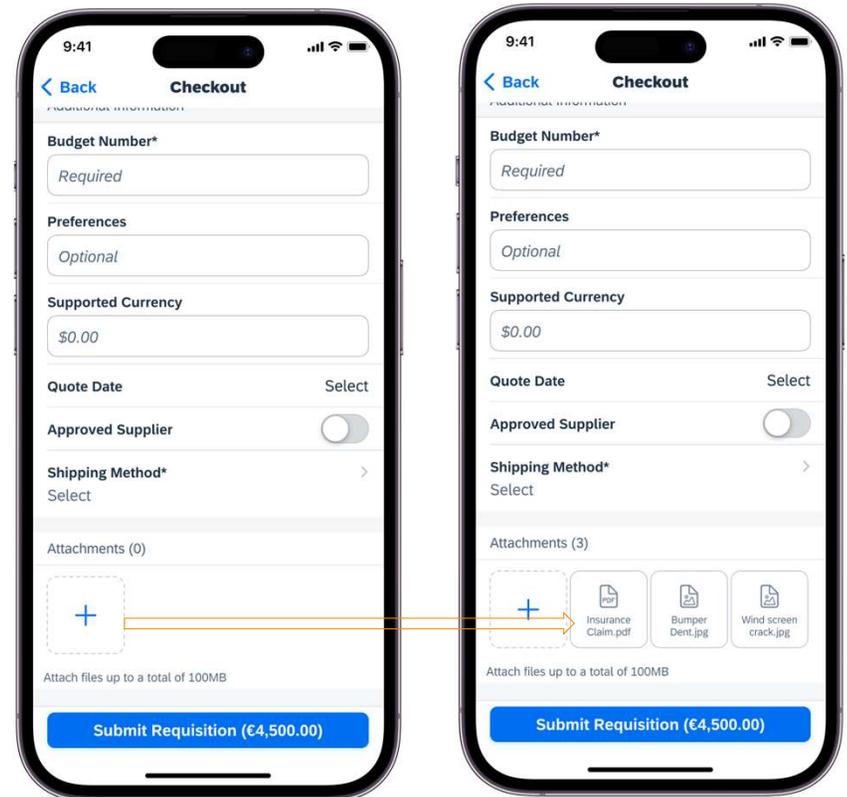
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Planned Key Features

Core Procurement Updates

1   Support for Resending Multiple Purchase Orders and Receipts [CP-19875]

2   Using SAP Ariba Standard Functionality to Send the Date Received Field to External Systems [CP-23579]

1 Support for Resending Multiple Purchase Orders and Receipts
[CP-19875]

Purchase orders and Receipts may be stuck in Ordering or Cancelling state due to various reasons while sending them from the SAP Ariba solution to SAP ERP or SAP Business Network.

- Buyers can now initiate resending multiple purchase orders and receipts that appear stuck in the SAP Ariba solution.

- These issues were previously managed by SAP Ariba support involving root cause analysis followed by the associated fix. With this feature customers can now initiate the resend directly.

- Prior to sending make sure the purchase orders or receipts do indeed not exist on the Network.

1 Support for Resending Multiple Purchase Orders and Receipts [CP-19875]

- Use the **Manage -> Resend Approvable**

- Purchase Orders or Receipts that are longer than a configurable amount of time in the status Ordering or Cancelling are being displayed and can be resend.

2 Using SAP Ariba Standard Functionality to Send the Date Received Field to External Systems [CP-23579]

This allows to send the receiving date of line items in a purchase requisition (the Date Received field) to SAP ERP and other external systems using the receipt export file.

- The details of the receipt, such as the date of generation of the receipt (EventDate) or the date on which the receipt was fully approved (ApprovedDate), are sent to SAP ERP or other external systems regularly using the receipt export file.

- No need to contact SAP Ariba Support anymore to request customization

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Planned Key Features

Guided Buying Updates

1   New Settings Option in Guided Buying [GB-19085]

2   Synchronized Status Changes for Guided Buying Requests Edited in SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud in the 2NV and 3EN Integration Scenarios [GB-21591], [GB-24956]

3   Support for Adding Groups to Requisition Approval Flows in Guided Buying [GB-24299]

4   SAP Companion Enabled for All Guided Buying Users [GB-24309]

5   Require Administrators to Configure Secure URLs [GB-24620]

1 New Settings Option in Guided Buying [GB-19085]

This feature organizes user profile settings into a new option in the user menu: **App settings**. The App settings option contains the same options that were previously available, but is now a more consistent cross-product experience.

- When you select App settings, all the profile options display, as shown:
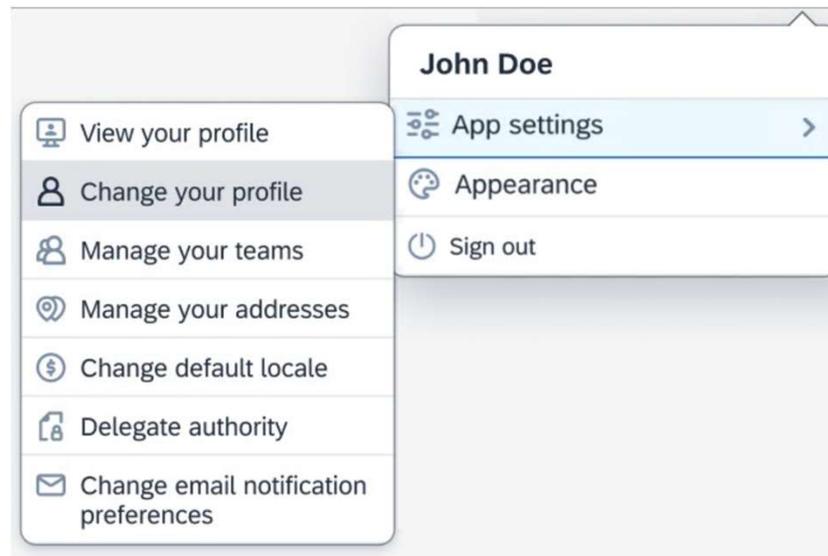
2 Synchronized Status Changes for Guided Buying Requests Edited in SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud in the 2NV and 3EN Integration Scenarios [GB-21591], [GB-24956]

In the guided buying capability with SAP Ariba Buying (2NV) integration scenario and the guided buying for Central Procurement with SAP Ariba Buying (3EN) integration scenario, this feature enables buyers to:

- View the updated status changes in guided buying for requests that are rejected in SAP S/4HANA [GB-24956] or SAP S/4HANA Cloud [GB-21591].

After a request is sent from guided buying to SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud, it goes through status changes such as partially approved, approved, partially rejected, rejected, and so on.

- The request can be edited further in SAP S/4HANA or SAP S/4HANA Cloud after it has been rejected.
- When it's edited, the status of the request changes and this change is synchronized and displayed in guided buying.

3 Support for Adding Groups to Requisition Approval Flows in Guided Buying [GB-24299]

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
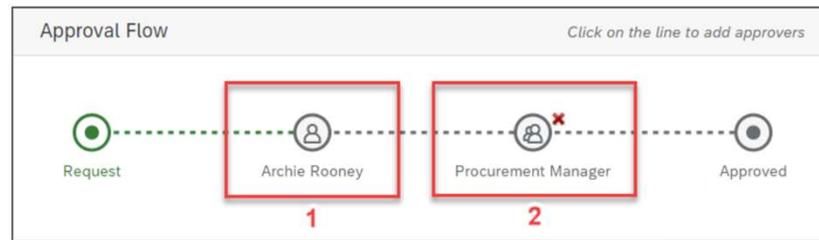
1 = Individual User, 2 = Group

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

3 Support for Adding Groups to Requisition Approval Flows in Guided Buying [GB-24299]

This feature is optional in this release. In the future, SAP Ariba plans to turn it on for all customers.

- When this feature becomes mandatory SAP Ariba will remove the exiting parameter named ENABLE_SHOW_APPROVER_GROUP_MEMBERS, which determines whether guided buying displays the individual members in groups.

- Then, the visibility of group members will be determined solely by group definitions in SAP Ariba Procurement solutions.

- Restriction: Groups can be added to purchase requisitions only, not to other document types, such as forms or invoices.

4 SAP Companion Enabled for All Guided Buying Users [GB-24309]

The SAP Companion help and learning platform is now **turned on** for all guided buying users.

- It comes with standard help content and tutorials.

- To modify help topics and add new content an SAP Enable Now license is needed.

- SAP Companion adds a question mark icon (?) to the right-hand header of the guided buying window.
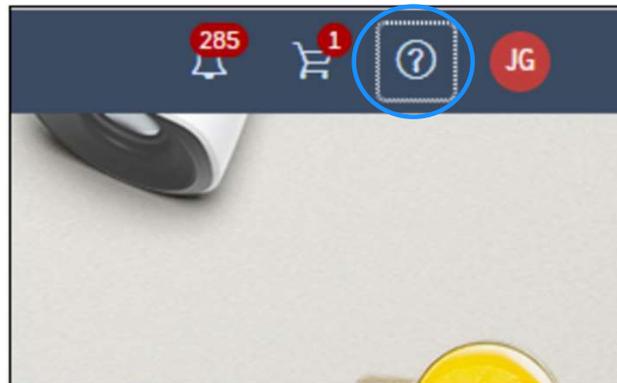
4 SAP Companion Enabled for All Guided Buying Users [GB-24309]

- When you click it, the SAP Companion panel slides in from the right.

- Help topics on the right connect to individual UI elements in the guided buying page.

- Users can click the mortarboard cap on the far right to start guided buying tutorials.
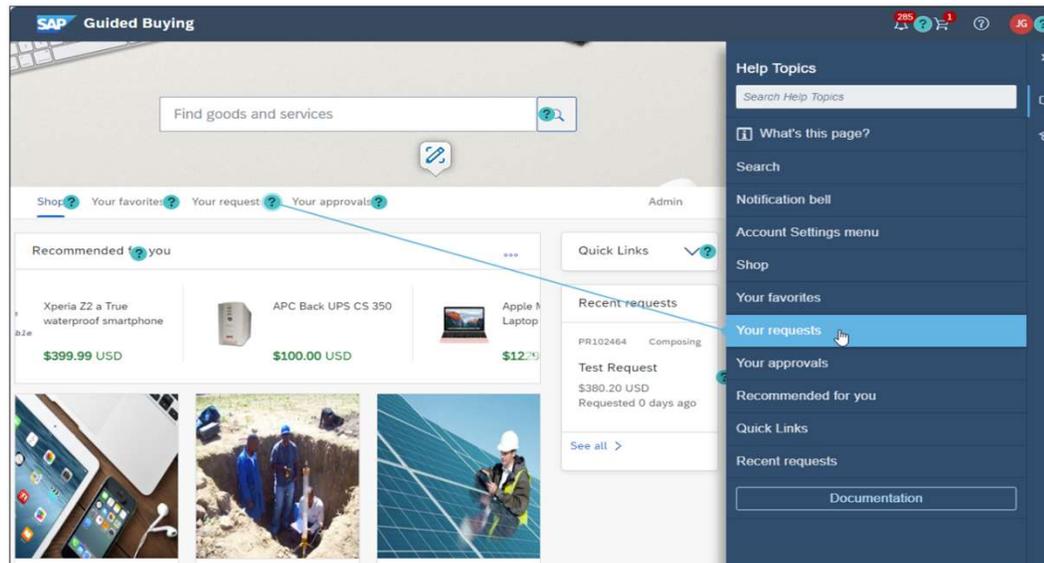
5 Require Administrators to Configure Secure URLs [GB-24620]

To ensure that connections are more secure, guided buying no longer accepts "http" URLs configured by administrators.

- All new URLs added to the configuration must start with "https", which is a secure version of the HTTP protocol.

- When administrators change the configuration, guided buying checks for non-secure URLs.

- It checks URLs entered by administrators in:
  - The targetUrl and imageUrl attributes in landing page Excel and JSON files.
  - The Target Url fields within External Site tiles when editing landing pages in the landing page designer.
  - The Link field in announcement tiles.

5 Require Administrators to Configure Secure URLs [GB-24620]

- When administrators open the landing page designer, guided buying detects any non-secure URLs in External Site tiles and displays errors in affected tilesAll new URLs added to the configuration must start with "https", which is a secure version of the HTTP protocol.

- Administrators must edit those tiles to use secure URLs before they can save them.

- Guided Buying detects any non-secure values in targetUrl and imageURL attributes in Excel or JSON files

Invoicing
Planned Key Features

SAP Ariba Central Invoice Management Updates

1   Receipt of invoices from SAP Business Network [CIM-543]

2   Legal networks integration [CIM 400], [CIM-215]

3   Qualtrics PX Integration [CIM-44]

4   Fiori Horizon as default user interface theme [CIM-681]

1 Receipt of invoices from SAP Business Network [CIM-543]

- This feature can be configured by the customer

- SAP Business Network allows the direct electronic exchange of invoices between suppliers and customers including validations.

- This integration allows to receive invoices directly from SAP Business Network and to trigger the invoice processing in SAP Central Invoice Management, inbound processing module.

Benefits:

- Receival of electronic invoices

- Increase automation of invoice processing

- Reduce manual efforts for accountants

2 Legal networks integration [CIM 400], [CIM-215]

- This feature can be configured by the customer
- Receive invoices from Peppol into SAP Ariba Central Invoice Management, inbound processing module through an integration with SAP Document and Reporting Compliance service.
- Supported receiver country: Germany and Norway

Benefits:

- Compliant invoice receipt according to legal requirements of specific tax authorities.
- Reduced effort of invoice processing through e-invoicing

3 Qualtrics PX Integration [CIM-44]

- This feature will be automatically turned on – Low touch
- SAP Ariba Central Invoice Management user are now able to give direct feedback to the product. This feedback allows SAP to improve the product

Benefits:

- Direct feedback channel to SAP
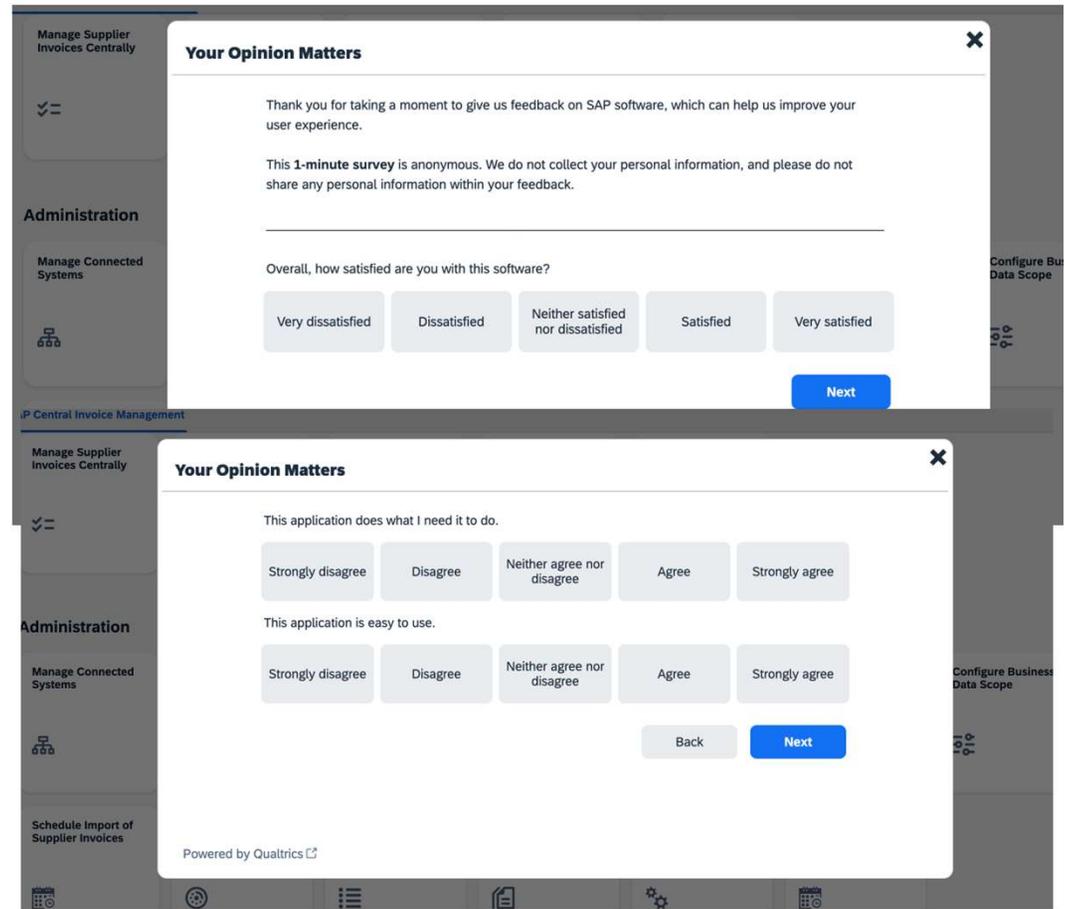
4 Fiori Horizon as default user interface theme [CIM-681]

- This feature can be configured by the customer – Low touch

- Horizon is the new default theme for SAP Central Invoice Management. Users using the current default theme (Quartz) will be switched to Horizon theme automatically. For users who have selected another theme, their settings will be retained.

Benefits:

- New Horizon theme will be automatically applied to new customers and users using the current default theme (Quartz).
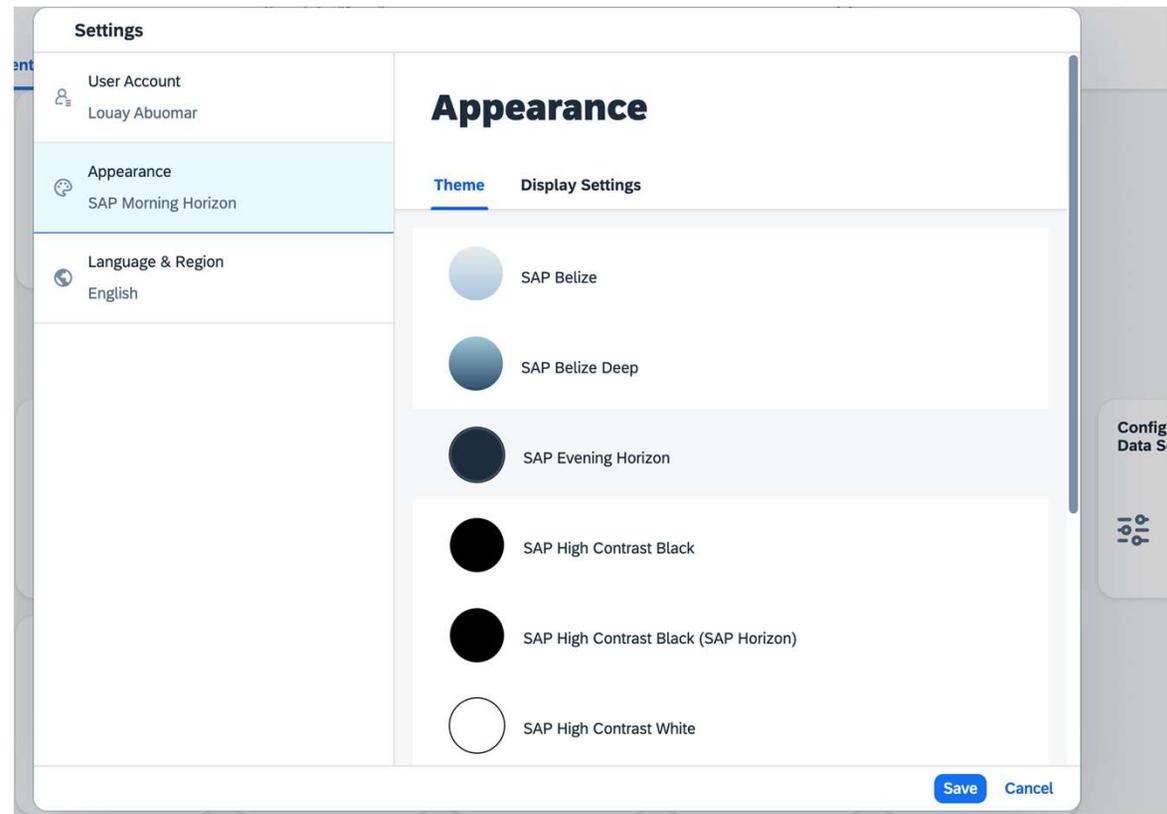
Roadmap & Resources

SAP Road Map Explorer

Road Map is subject to change without notice.

https://roadmaps.sap.com/welcome

Release Readiness Assets

Navigation Tips

To view innovations:

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

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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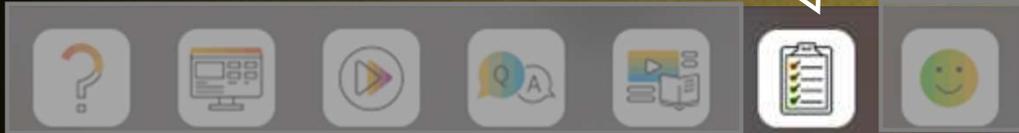
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