



# SAP Ariba Source-to-Contract

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# Session Materials

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# Resources

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[Procurement Release Summary](#) and [Business Network Release Summary](#)

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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

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# Agenda

1. The North Star Vision
2. Mandatory Features
3. 2405 Key Features
4. Road Map & Resources
5. Webcast Feedback Survey



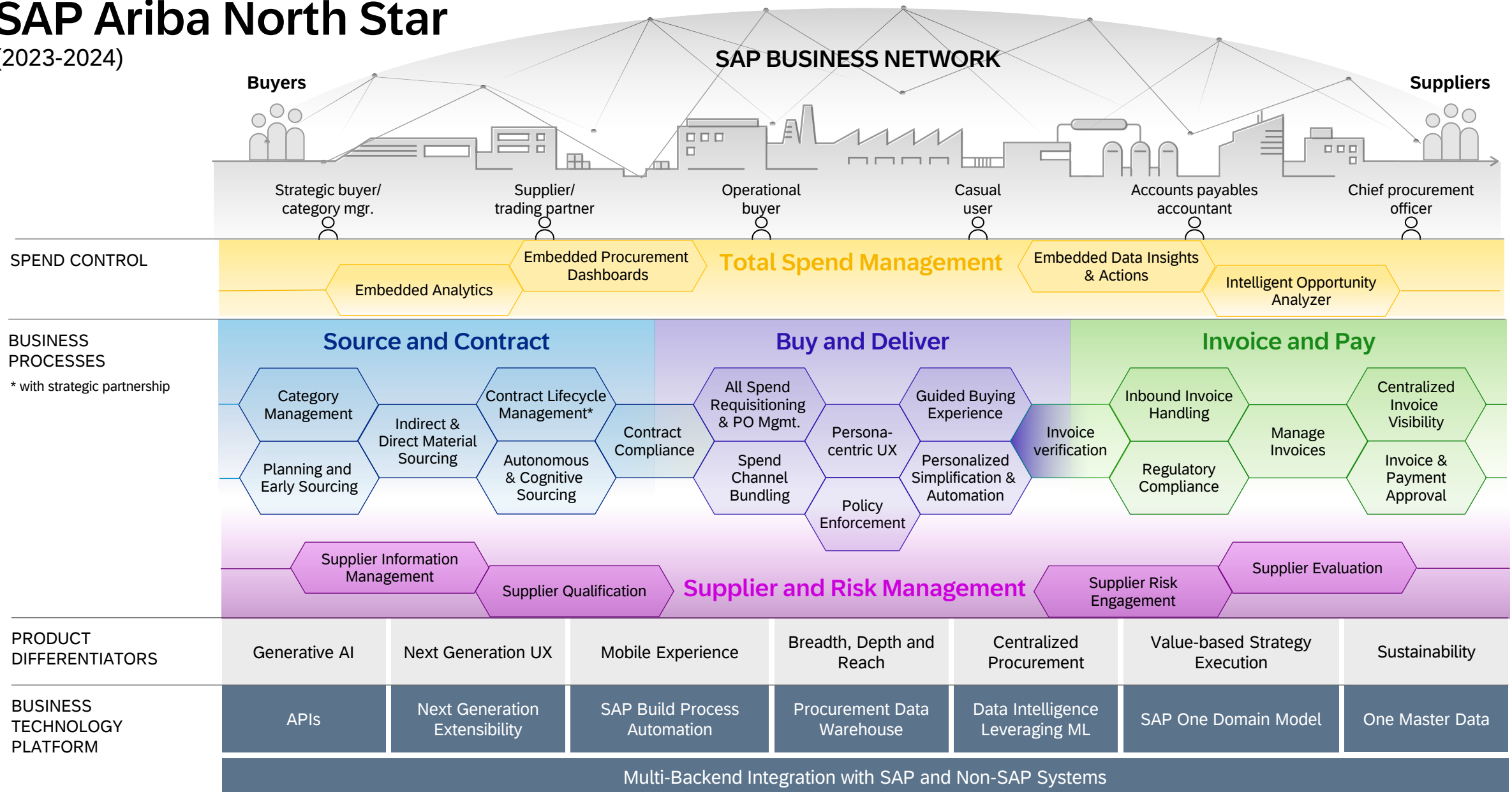
# SAP Ariba North Star

2023-2024

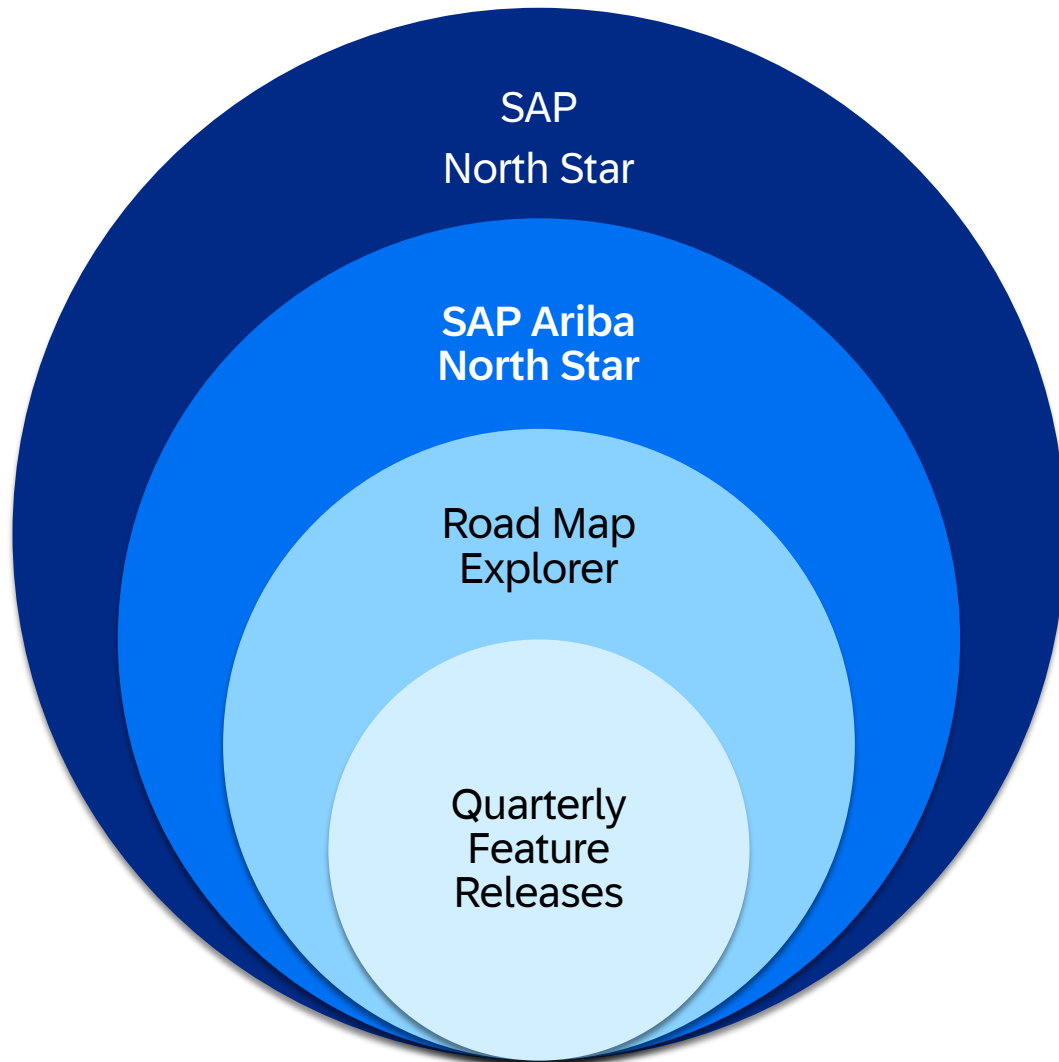


# SAP Ariba North Star

(2023-2024)



# SAP Ariba “North Star” context



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.

A gravel path winds through a field of yellow dandelions under a blue sky with white clouds. The path starts in the foreground and curves towards the horizon. The field is filled with vibrant yellow flowers and green grass. The sky is a deep blue with large, fluffy white clouds. The overall scene is bright and cheerful.

**NO Mandatory Features**  
in 2405 Release



# Mandatory Features

## 2408 Release



# Features becoming mandatory with 2408 release:

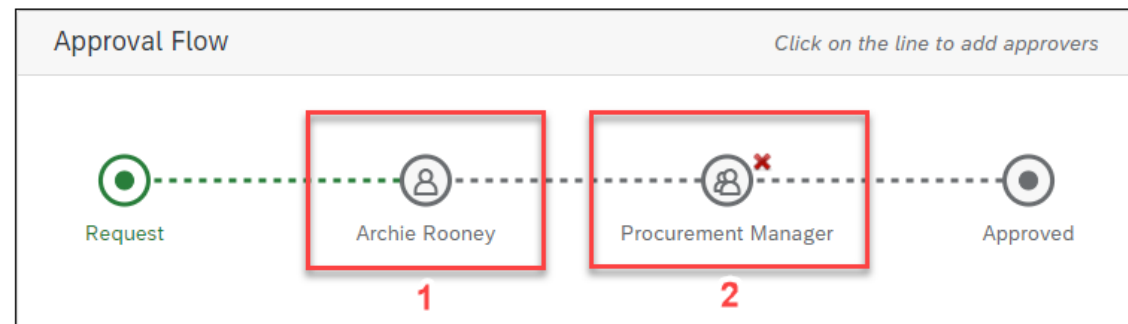


Support for adding groups to requisition approval flows in guided buying [[GB-24299](#)]

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 (see screenshot below)
  - 1=Individual User; 2=Group
- **Prerequisites:** Administrators define user groups in SAP Ariba Procurement solutions
- **Restrictions:** Groups can be added to purchase requisitions only, not to other document type such as forms or invoices.
- **GA date:** 2311
- **Influence Request Delivery** (over 60 votes)

Mandatory Features



## Features becoming mandatory with 2408 release:



Faster user interface response through optimized validation [[GB-24841](#)]

**Guided Buying now speeds user interface response by validating only necessary requisition fields.**

- It validates only those fields that are used in the Expression sheet in your validation policy, and only when users open a saved requisition for editing or click **Submit** in the **Checkout** page
- **Initial GA date:** 2402
- This feature is **automatically on through** the following parameter:
  - PARAM\_ENABLE\_REQUISITION\_CONDITIONAL\_EXECUTION

Mandatory Features



## Mandatory Features

### Features becoming mandatory with 2408 release:



#### Decommission Document Approval API Version 1 [PLAF-6918]

The Document Approval API Version 1 (V1) is decommissioned as of the Q3 2024 release. Version 2 is the active version of this API. You must update your client application to use the active version.

- Version 1 of this API was **deprecated in August, 2021**, when Version 2 became available. After this date, SAP Ariba continued supporting existing client applications that called Version 1.
- If you continue to use Version 1 after it is decommissioned you may see unexpected results and your client application will stop functioning.
- **Action required:** update API Calls to the Document Approval API **Version 2**

## Features becoming mandatory with 2408 release:



Rate limits for external approval API for sourcing and supplier management version 2 [[SS-54380](#)]

Rate limits will be enforced on the External Approval API for Sourcing and Supplier Management version 2 (v2) so that the requests made using the API do not exceed the defined limit.

- The following rate limits will apply:
  - 20 requests per second
  - 400 requests per minute
  - 12000 requests per hour
  - 40000 requests per day
- **Initial GA date:** 2405
- **Action required:**
  - Please communicate these changes to your administrators and IT teams in your organization
  - Verify that rate limits are not exceeded as per the above limitations

Mandatory Features

## Features becoming mandatory with 2408 release:



### Disable reply-to header field [[SS-50729](#)]

**This feature disables Reply-To fields in the email message sent by SAP Ariba**

- Some buyer and supplier mail systems and spam filters may block email messages based on the address in the Reply-To field
- This enables buyer and suppliers to receive previously blocked email sent from SAP Ariba
- **Initial GA date:** 2311
- With 2408, the Intelligent Configuration Manager (ICM) parameter Include Reply-To header in email notifications (`Application.ACM.Email.EnableReplyToHeader`) will no longer be available and the software will perform as if this parameter is set to **No**.

Mandatory Features

# 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 Create Survey Events in Guided Sourcing Projects  
[\[SS-48642\]](#)

2

SAP Ariba Sourcing Integration with SAP Sustainability  
Footprint Management [\[SSR-6576\]](#)

3

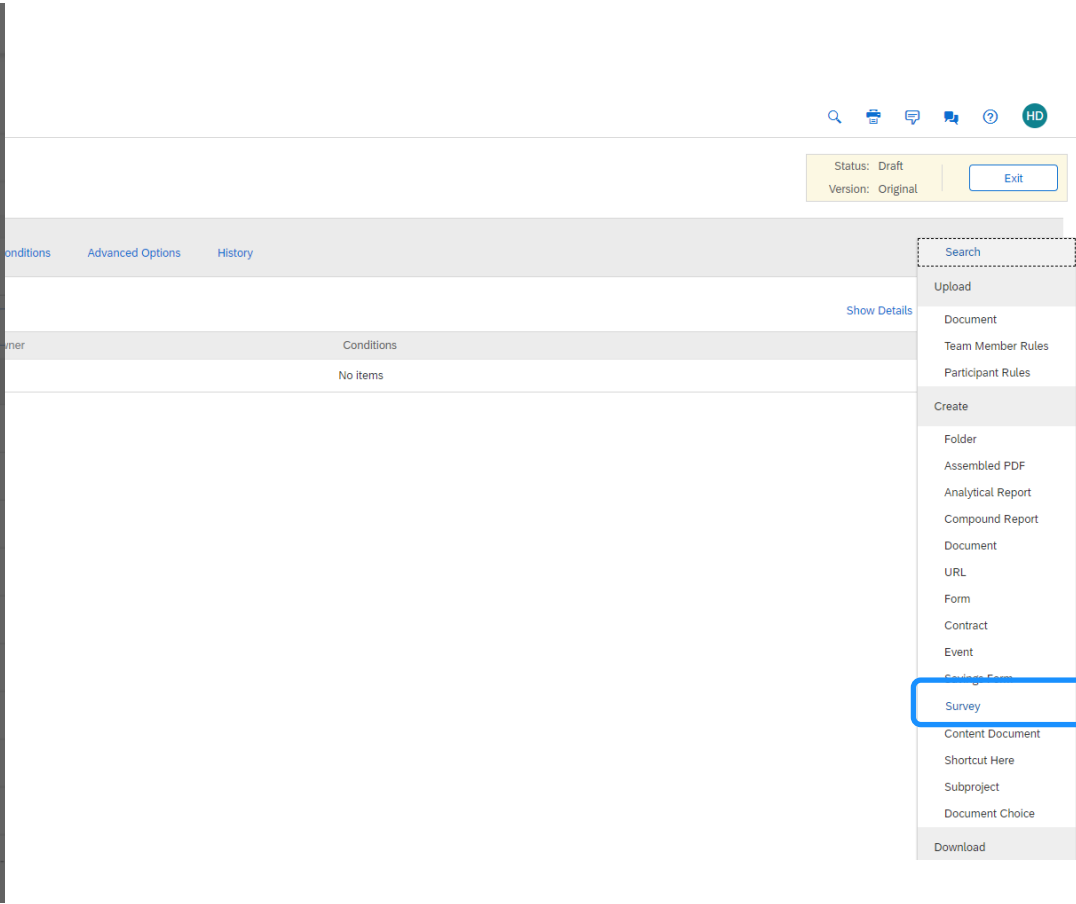
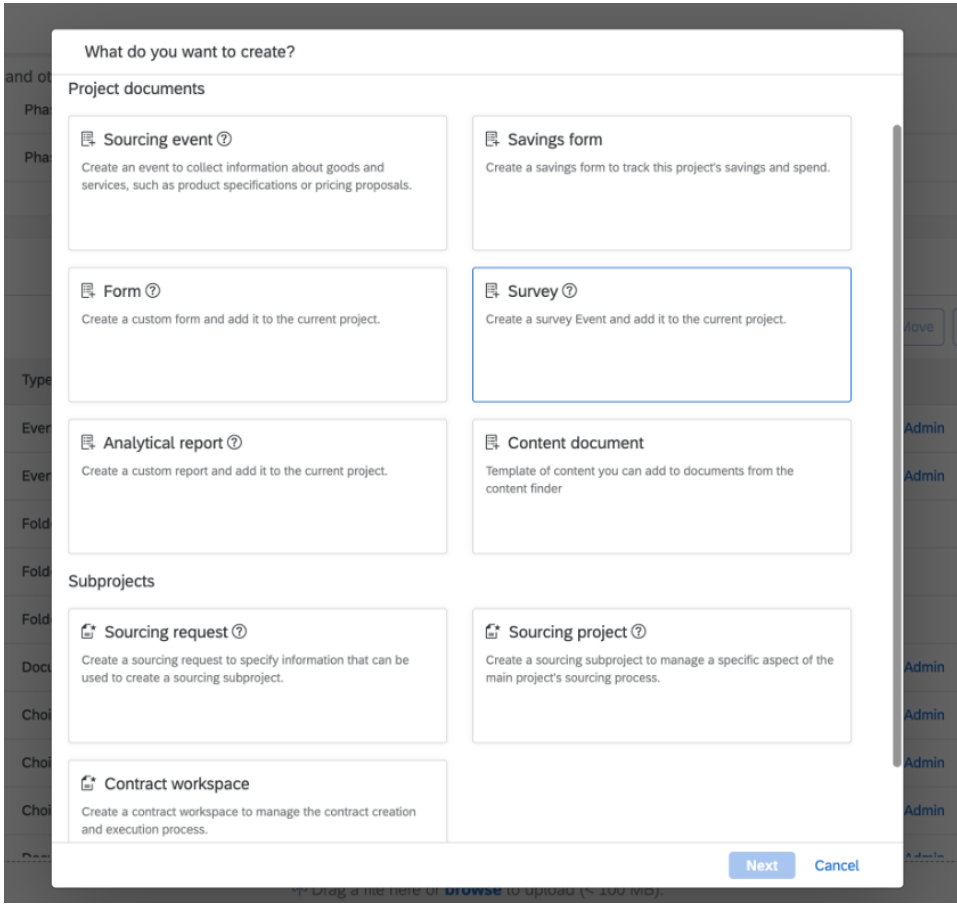
Ability to Save Filtering Options for Supplier Search in  
Guided Sourcing [\[SS-48351\]](#)

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



# 1

## Ability to Create Survey Events in Guided Sourcing Projects [SS-48642]



# 2

# SAP Ariba Sourcing Integration with SAP Sustainability Footprint Management [SSR-6576]

Lab Preview

The image displays two overlapping SAP Ariba web interfaces. The background interface is the 'Manage Sourcing Projects' page for 'CarbonFootprint TL'. It features a 'Procurement Projects (2)' table with columns for Project and Name, and an 'Items' section with a 'Sourcing Project Items' table. The foreground interface is the 'Item' page for 'Test project Item', showing 'Sustainability Data' with 'Carbon Footprint' details (GHG Protocol, CO2 Emissions in kg) and 'Shipping Instructions (4)'. It also includes sections for 'Payment Terms', 'Incoterms', 'Carbon Footprint' parameters (Accounting Standard: GHG Protocol, Boundary Condition: Cradle to Grave, Calculation Unit: 1 PC), and a 'Carbon Footprint' table with columns for Plant, CO2e per Calculation Unit, Share of Primary Emissions, Source of Emission Factor, Country/Region, and Validity dates. The 'Carbon Footprint' table contains one entry with a value of 5,000 KG and 0,0000 %.

# 3

# Ability to Save Filtering Options for Supplier Search in Guided Sourcing [SS-48351]

Lab Preview

The screenshot shows the SAP Strategic Procurement 'Invite supplier' interface. The main area displays a table of 180 suppliers with columns for Supplier name, Vendor ID, Contact name, Business email address, and Country. The filter sidebar on the left includes sections for Primary Supplier Manager, Certificate Type, and Certificate Status. A 'Save preference' button is highlighted with a blue box in the filter sidebar. The 'Search' button is also highlighted with a blue box. The top navigation bar shows 'SAP Strategic Procurement' and 'Strategic Sourcing'. The top right corner has buttons for 'Invite', 'Invite and stay', and 'Cancel'. The top left corner has a search bar with the text 'Search by any item'.

Supplier name	Vendor ID	Contact name	Business email address	Country
ABC Devices	S1002932	Sonia Gupta	abc.d.services@abcd.com	United states
American Devices	S1000327	John Davis	john.davis@ac.io	United states
Baron Device Unlimited	S1002932	Ruyao Hwang, Robert Michelle, Janet Lee + 10 more	ruyao.h@baronchem.com	United states
Blue Ocean Devices	S2034923	Mary Jones	mary.j@carolina.com	United states
Central Device Plans	S0932812	Jin Okamoto, Tyla Harper, Ruben Rowley + 4 more	okamoto1@gmail.com	United states
Construct Inc.	S8847239	John Devicers	john.chemours@constru...	United states
Dash Device Quotes	S8328441	Ayla Adams	ayla.adams@dashc.com	United states
Dependable Device Inc.	S7173132	Maria R. Cox	mariacox@depchem.com	United states
Dimension Device Agency Invited for 1 item	S0423441	Chandra Kumar, Shruti Padhi, Megh Sharma + 3 more	chan00@gmail.com	United states
Genesis Devices	S5563293	Lindsay Hogg	lindsay2@genesis.io	United states

# SAP Ariba Category Management Updates

- 1 Ability to maintain Tools independent of the Strategy and Plan Documents [[CAT-4560](#)]
- 2 Support for Two-Level Cost Structure Components [[CAT-4633](#)]
- 3 Enhancements to Mapping Between the Initiative and Associated Guided Sourcing Project Fields [[CAT-5798](#)]

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

# 1 Ability to Maintain Tools Independent of the Strategy and Plan Documents [CAT-4560]

SAP Develop Strategy and Plan Search In: "Apps"

## Develop Strategy and Plan

Strategy and Plan Toolkit

### Category Analysis Tools

**Chart: Cost Structure**

Cost structure is a graphical representation of a category's cost components and cost distribution.

**Chart: Market Dynamics**

Market Dynamics refers to the forces that help analyze the competitive environment in the marketplace.

**2. Market Analysis**

Market Dynamics

Replace Content  
Clear Content

**Select Document**

Search Go Hide Filters

Category: CPU\_hardware Region: Global Created By:  

**Market Dynamics Documents (1)**

Name	Category	Region	Created By	Last Updated	Associated Strategies	
Market-research	Currently in Use	CPU_hardware	America	Anand Athankavil	Apr 10, 2024	Reduce_cost

Close

# 2

## Support for Two-Level Cost Structure Components [CAT-4633]

Select Cost Structure Components

Cost Structure Components (7)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name	Description
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Product Development and Innovation	Cost involved in R&D
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QA	Cost involved in quality testing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Utilities	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Currency Fluctuations	Cost due to changes in currency exchange rate
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	USD Fluctuations	Cost involved in rate of change of USD value
<input type="checkbox"/>	Material	Material is important to a cost structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Processing	Processing power is important to a cost structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Logistics	Logistics are important to a cost structure
<input type="checkbox"/>	Overhead	Overhead is important to a cost structure

Selected Items (5)

QA Utilities Currency Fluctuations USD Fluctuations 1 More

OK Cancel

Manage Configurations

Search In: 'Apps'

General Settings Category Profile Strategy and Plan Taxonomy Integrations Version Control

Cost Structure Components

Name	Status	Source	Description
Product Development and Innovation	Active	Internal	
Innovation	Active	Internal	
Paper and Paperboard	Active	Internal	
Currency Fluctuation	Inactive	Internal	
Utilities	Active	Internal	
Government Regulation and Tariffs	Active	Internal	
Labor	Active	Internal	Labor is important to a cost structure
Material	Active	Internal	Material is important to a cost structure
Processing	Active	Internal	Processing power is important to a cost structure
Logistics	Active	Internal	Logistics are important to a cost structure
Overhead	Active	Internal	Overhead is important to a cost structure
Glasses	Inactive	Internal	
Printing and Labeling	Inactive	Internal	
Acid resistant plastic bottles	Active	Internal	

Innovation  
CSC-6

Name: Innovation  
Parent Component: Product Development and Innovation  
Source: Internal  
Component Code: CSC-6  
Description: -

# 3 Enhancements to Mapping Between the Initiative and Associated Guided Sourcing Project Fields [CAT-5798]

The screenshot displays the SAP Manage Configurations interface for Sustainability goals. On the left, a list of 103 Goal Types is shown, including 'Consistency Goal' and various 'e2e-configuration' entries. The main area shows the configuration for the 'Reduce carbon emissions' goal, with one KPI and one measure. A modal dialog titled 'Select Goal' is open, prompting the user to link the goal to a sourcing project. The dialog includes a checkbox for 'Don't link goals to the sourcing project' and a 'Related Goal' dropdown. On the right, the 'Reduce carbon emissions' KPI configuration is shown, with a dropdown menu for 'Type' highlighted in red, listing options: '%', 'UoM', 'Currency', and 'Other'.

Name *	KPI	Status
Consistency Goal	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1710984625	1	Active
New GT for CAT-6464	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1711250204	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1711338686	1	Active
Copy of Diversity Spend	2	Active
e2e-configuration-1711246771	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1711243709	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1711073892	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1711246277	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1711336564	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1708824558	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1708969472	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1708832258	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1709861525	1	Active
Test Newer goal	3	Inactive
e2e-configuration-1709002303	1	Active
e2e-configuration-1711080662	1	Active

Name *	Measure	Status
Reduce carbon emissions	1	Active

**Select Goal**

Link the Goal to the Sourcing Project

Select a goal to link it to the sourcing project. The goal's baseline spend, currency, and negotiated benefit will be incorporated in the sourcing project.

Don't link goals to the sourcing project.

Related Goal:

OK Cancel

Type	Unit	Description	Status
Select a			Active
%	USD	US Dollar	Active
UoM			
Currency			
Other			



## SAP Ariba Platform Planned Key Features

### SAP Ariba Platform Features

1

Ability for customers to upgrade their Oauth secrets to their current higher encryption standard by regenerating the secrets [OPEC-13961](#)

2

Restricted Delegatee Authorization in SAP Ariba Site Administration [PLAF-1506](#)

3

Decommission Document Approval API version 1 [PLAF-6918](#)

4

New Self-Service Parameters for SAML Configuration in Intelligent Configuration Manager [PLAF-6984](#)

5

Enhancements to the Audit Log and Purge Requests in Intelligent Configuration Manager [PLICM-5181](#)





## SAP Ariba Platform Planned Key Features

### SAP Ariba Platform Features

6

Enhancements to the Asynchronous Audit Search API  
[PLMSG-9698](#)

7

Decommissioning of Legacy Audit Logging in SAP Ariba  
Cloud solutions [PLMSG-9690](#)

8

Standardization of Terms related to Sign-in in SAP Ariba  
Solutions [PLUI-2771](#)

# 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', 'Disclaimer', and a user profile icon. Below the navigation bar, there's a search bar with 'SAP Ariba Proc...' and '16 Road Map Items'. There are also 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, descriptions, and icons for 'Add' (+) and 'Favorite' (☆). For example, in Q1 2022, there are cards for 'Guided Buying' (Amazon Business available as a Spot Buy marketplace) and 'Purchase Order Processing' (Support of inventory reservations between S/4HANA Cloud and SAP...). In Q2 2023, there are cards for 'Guided Buying' (Mobile - user interface and experience improvements) and 'Services Requisitioning and Service Orders' (Integration of PRs with service line items).



Navigation Tips

To view innovations:

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

Road Map is subject to change without notice.

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# Release Readiness Assets



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