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2602 Early Release Series

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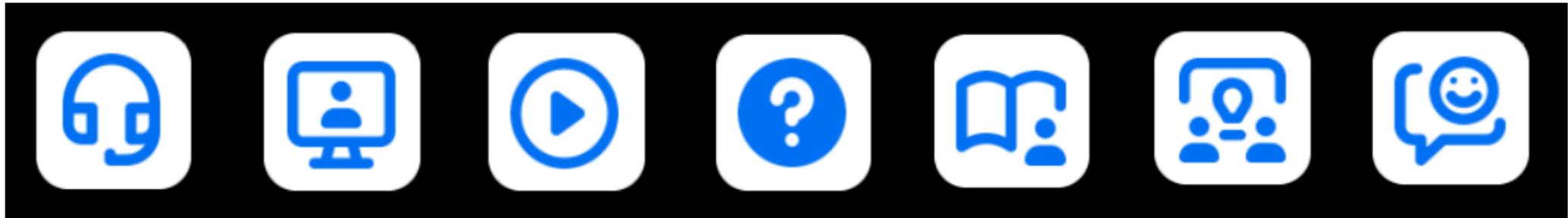
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 July Service Pack Release

July 28, 2023
 2308 Release content available

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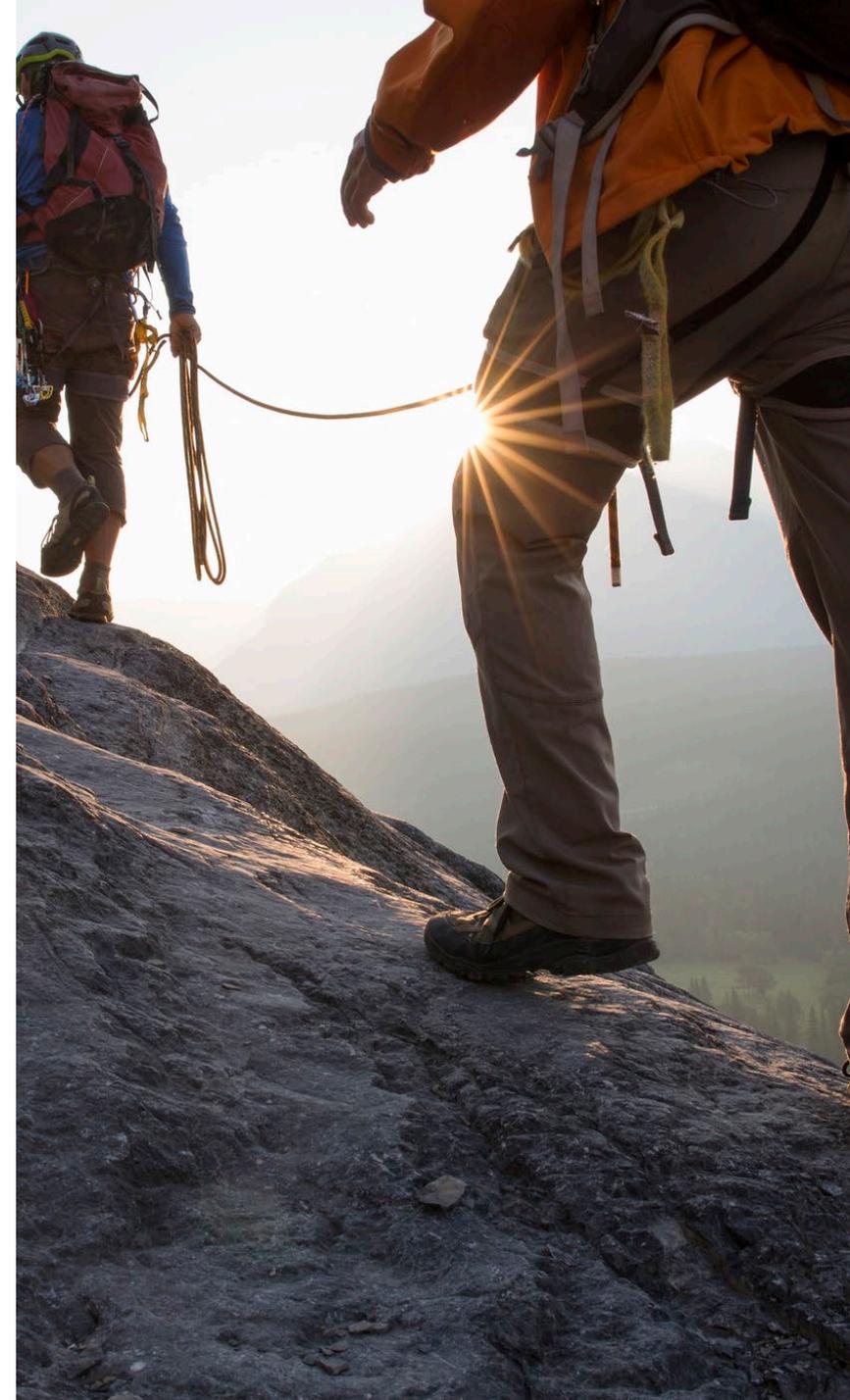
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SAP Ariba Source-to-Contract

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





Source-to-Contract Planned Key Features

SAP Ariba Sourcing Updates

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Support for Custom Offline Response in Multi-Round Bidding [SOURCE-2762](#)

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Planned Key Features

1 Support for Custom Offline Response in Multi-Round Bidding

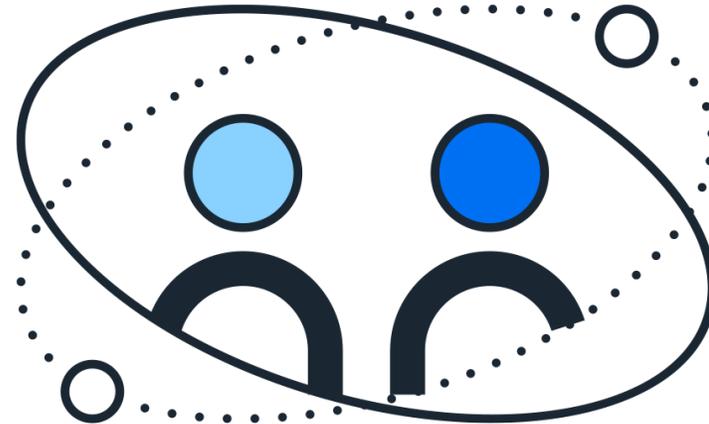
SOURCE-2762

This feature enables buyer users to use custom offline responses in multi-round bidding.

If users change the event content in any round, they are required to upload a new custom offline response sheet specific to that round's content.

The sheet is validated to ensure it contains only the content of that particular round.

Suppliers are required to download the new custom offline bid sheet for each round if there's a change in the event content.

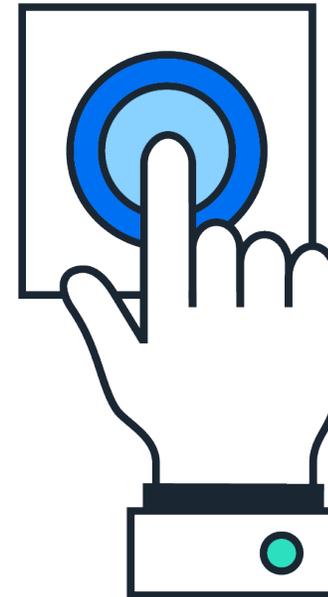


2 Enhancements to Manual Award Scenario in Guided Sourcing SOURCE-2594

Enhancements to the manual award scenario functionality in guided sourcing, are aimed at improving usability, efficiency, and the overall user experience.

Users used to have to scroll based on the number of suppliers to access them.

Now users can open the **Allocate Award** popup to specify award allocation details for suppliers more efficiently.

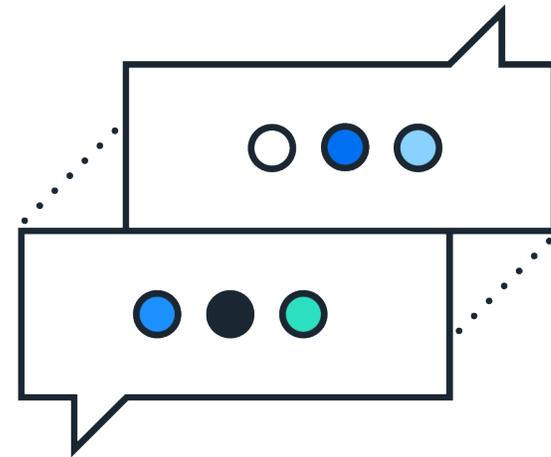


3 Ability to Remove Formatting of Text in Guided Sourcing Projects [SOURCE-2610](#)

Users now have the ability to remove formatting from text in guided sourcing events and full projects.

The following text editors now include the **Clear format** option to remove formatting from all text:

- Event Items tables
- Item detail pages
- Event Questions, requirements, and attachments tables
- Question detail pages
- Event and full project creation pages
- Event messages
- Task comments and descriptions
- Full project message boards
- Full project phases
- Full project folders



4 Project History Support for Messages and Conversations in Guided Sourcing Projects [SOURCE-2689](#)

This feature allows the **Project History** table for guided sourcing projects to log message and conversation message activities.

In the Project History table, the Details column displays all actions related to messages and conversation messages.

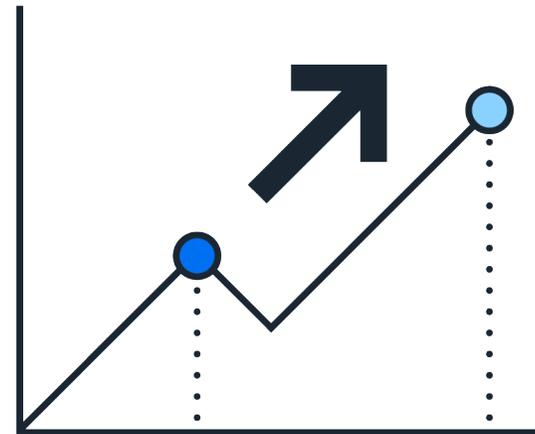


5 Ability to Create Optimization Scenario for Guided Sourcing Events Based on Score [SOURCE-2690](#)

You can now create optimization scenarios for guided sourcing events with the objective of awarding to suppliers with highest score.

When scoring is enabled for a sourcing, you can create optimization scenarios with the goal of maximizing the score. You can achieve this by choosing the Maximize score objective of the Create Scenario page.

The site parameter, 'ENABLE_SCENARIO_OPTIMIZATION_FOR_MAX_SCORE' is enabled by default to activate this feature.



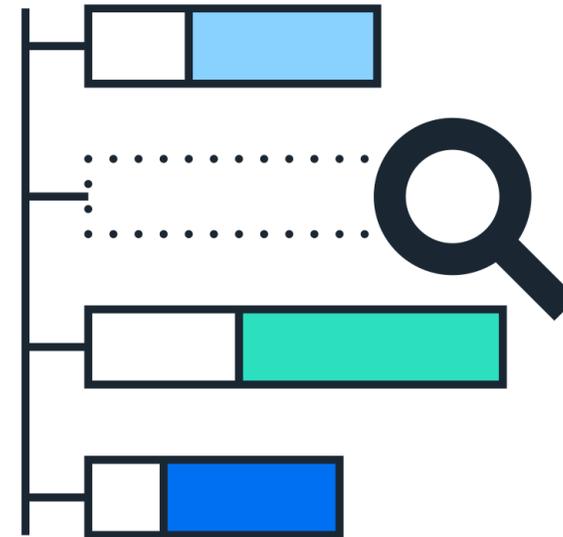
6 Additional Supported Initial Value Fields for Numerical Term Types

SOURCE-2776

This feature adds direct input support for **Initial Value** fields on numerical term types.

The following term types now allow you to directly update their Initial Value fields:

- Money
- Decimal
- Whole Number
- Boolean



7 Ability to Modify Sourcing Event Duration and Search for Sourcing Requests by Using Joule [SOURCE-2534](#)

You can now modify the duration of sourcing events and search for sourcing requests by using Joule, the AI copilot.

You can extend or reduce the time for RFP and RFI events that are in the open state using the Joule digital assistant.

To the left we see some use case examples.

Use Case	Description	Example Prompts
Extend event end time for a sourcing event without associated task	Updates and displays the new end time for the sourcing event.	Extend the event end time for the sourcing event with event ID Doc12345 by 2 hours (hours/minutes/days).
Extend event end date for a sourcing event without associated task	Updates and displays the new end date for the sourcing event.	Extend the event end date for the sourcing event with event ID Doc12345 to 25th November 2025, 4:30 AM IST.
Extend event end time for a sourcing event with associated task	Sends a timing change task for approval to the relevant approver. The approval task is added to the Tasks list for the event.	Extend the event end time for the sourcing event with event ID Doc66677 by 2 hours (hours/minutes/days).
Extend event end date for a sourcing event with associated task	Sends a timing change task for approval to the relevant approver. The approval task is added to the Tasks list for the event.	Extend the event end date for the sourcing event with event ID Doc66677 to 25th November 2025, 4:30 AM IST.

Lab Preview

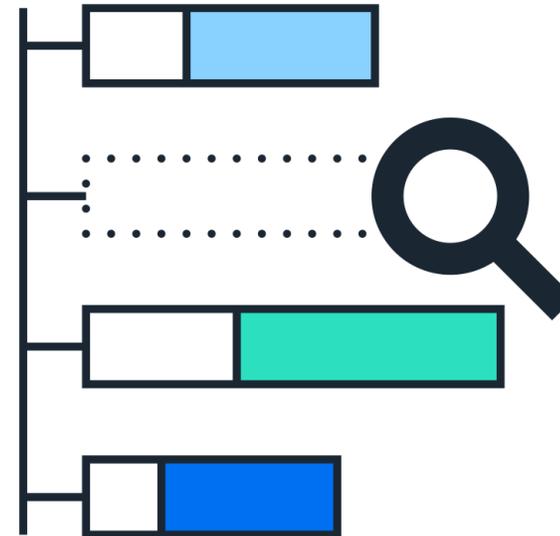
8 Item Reference Numbers for Guided Sourcing Events

SOURCE-2775

An **Item Reference Number** has been added. It's a unique number assigned to event content automatically.

The Item Reference Number column is added to the **Items**, **Questions**, **Requirements** and **Attachments** tables in guided sourcing events.

Now buyers and suppliers can collaborate using the unique, shared Item Reference Number.



SAP Ariba Contracts Updates

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Import Purchase Contracts to SAP Ariba Buying Solutions Using Web Services [ACC-267](#)

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Generating Contract Summary in SAP Ariba Contracts Using AI [SCONTR-1266](#)

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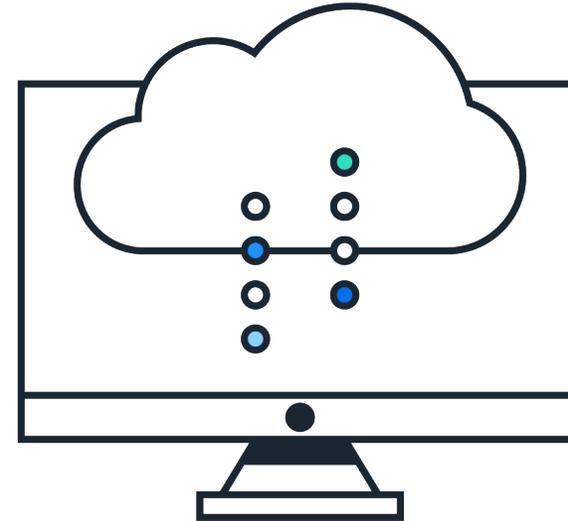
Exclude Ad Hoc Tasks During Baseline-to-Supplier Contract Data Transfer [SCONTR-1556](#)

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Planned Key Features**

1 Import Purchase Contracts to SAP Ariba Buying Solutions Using Web Services ACC-267

This feature enables buyers to import purchase contracts with line-item hierarchies from SAP S/4HANA into SAP Ariba buying solutions and automatically creating corresponding compliance contracts.

The import utilizes web services in SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway for spend management and SAP Business Network, which connects SAP S/4 HANA and SAP Ariba buying solutions.



2 Generating Contract Summary in SAP Ariba Contracts Using AI

SCONTR-1266

This feature automatically creates a contract summary when buyers or suppliers access the contract workspace in SAP Ariba Contracts. The summary provides key details from the contract's header information and is generated using **SAP AI Core** services.

A section displaying the generated contract summary has been added to the contract workspace.

Lab Preview

Executive Summary ↻

The contract titled "BaselineContract" is a standalone agreement identified by CW2049. It was created on September 29, 2025, and became effective on the same day. The contract is currently closed, indicating that it has reached the end of its lifecycle or has been terminated. There are no incomplete tasks associated with this contract, suggesting that all necessary actions have been completed.

The contract uses a blank template and is marked as a baseline contract, which implies it was intended to serve as a foundational document for negotiations with suppliers. The expiration term type is fixed, but the specific expiration date is not provided. There are no automatic renewals remaining, and the contract does not allow for any automatic renewals, indicating that once expired, it will not renew automatically.

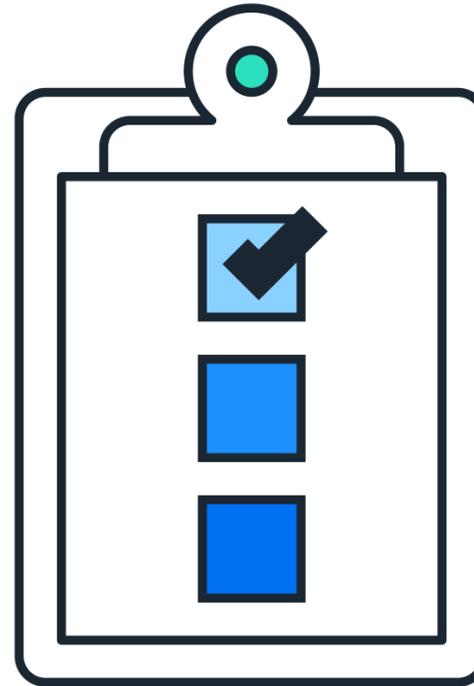
Given the closed status and the absence of remaining renewals, it is recommended to review the contract's outcomes and consider whether a new agreement should be initiated if ongoing business needs exist.

⚡ Created by AI. Verify results before using.

3 Exclude Ad Hoc Tasks During Baseline-to-Supplier Contract Data Transfer **SCONTR-1556**

This feature enables buyers to create a configuration to ensure that ad hoc tasks (project tasks not inherited from the template) are not included when copying data from a baseline contract to a supplier contract as part of the pre-award negotiation workflow.

Your site must have the pre-award negotiation functionality enabled.





Source-to-Contract Planned Key Features

SAP Ariba Category Management Updates

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Use of Core Data Management App for Currency Codes in SAP Ariba Category Management

[ARBCATA-454](#)

2

Ability to Create and Use Custom Fields for Initiatives in SAP Ariba Category Management

[ARBCATA-479](#)

3

Enhancements to the External Factors Analysis Tool

[ARBCATA-574](#)

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Enhancements to Email and In-App Notifications in SAP Ariba Category Management

[ARBCATA-576](#)

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Ability to Manage Tasks for Initiatives

[CATMAN-466](#)

SAP Ariba Category Management Updates

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Enhanced Cost Structure Analysis with Cost Models [ARBCATA-490](#)

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Enhancements to Risk Assessments in SAP Ariba Category Management [ARBCATA-513](#)

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Enhancements to Manage Category Profile and Monitor Strategy Execution Pages [ARBCATA-568](#)

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Ability to Use Custom Entities in Custom Tools of the Strategy and Plan Document [ARBCATA-539](#)

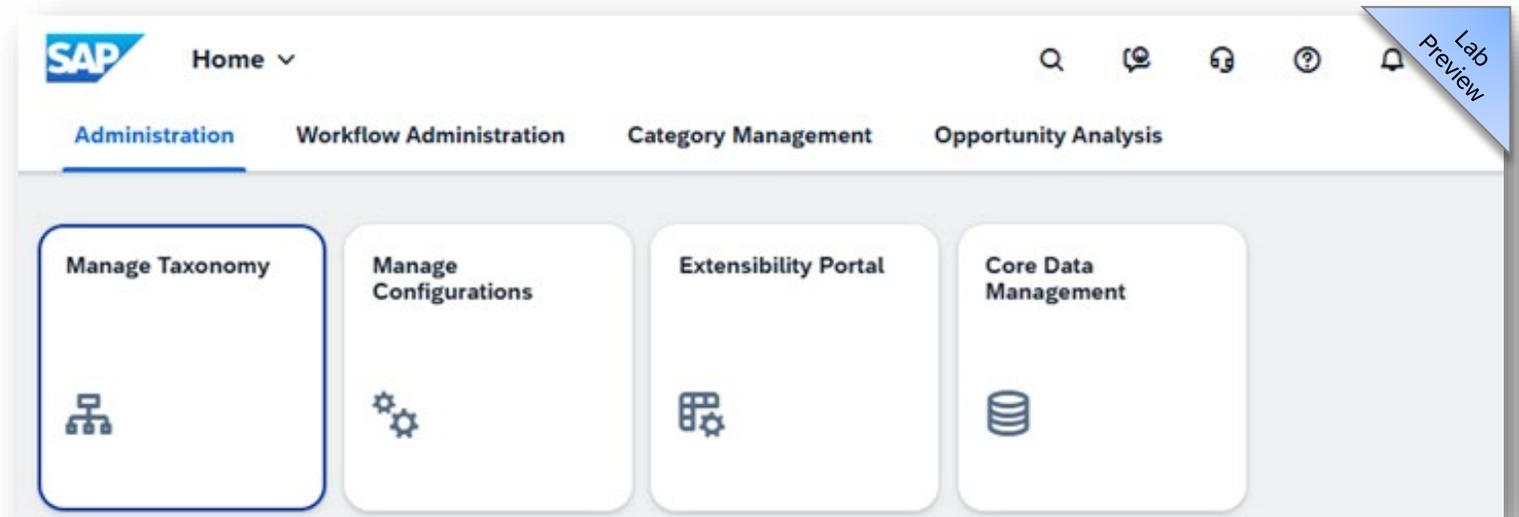
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1 Use of Core Data Management App for Currency Codes in SAP Ariba Category Management [ARBCATA-454](#)

With this feature, SAP Ariba Category Management can consume currency codes directly from the Core Data Management app.

With this change, there will be better alignment with enterprise-wide master data standards.

This integration also streamlines how currency values are applied across the solution, ensuring consistency in all areas that reference currency data.



2 Ability to Create and Use Custom Fields for Initiatives in SAP Ariba Category Management **ARBCATA-479**

A new app, Extensibility Portal, is now available on the SAP Ariba Category Management launchpad.

This feature enables the usage of the Extensibility Portal app to create custom fields specifically for the Initiatives tool in the Develop Strategy and Plan app.

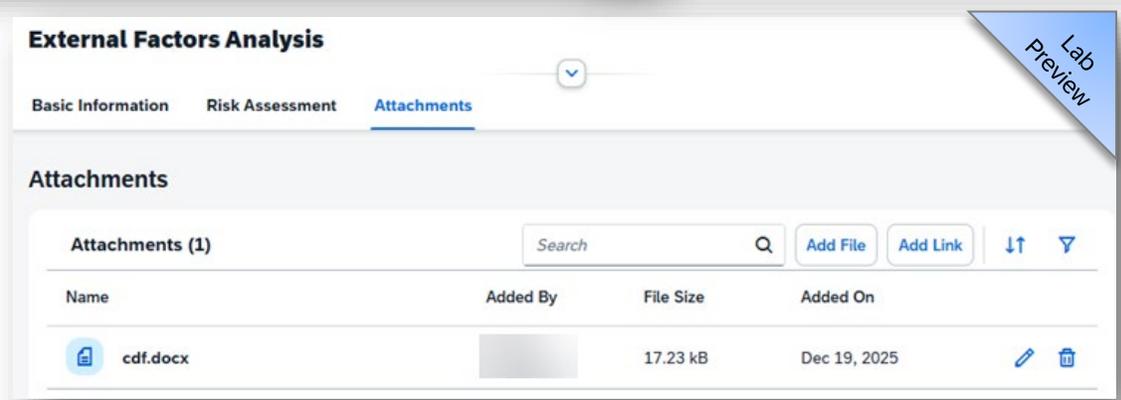
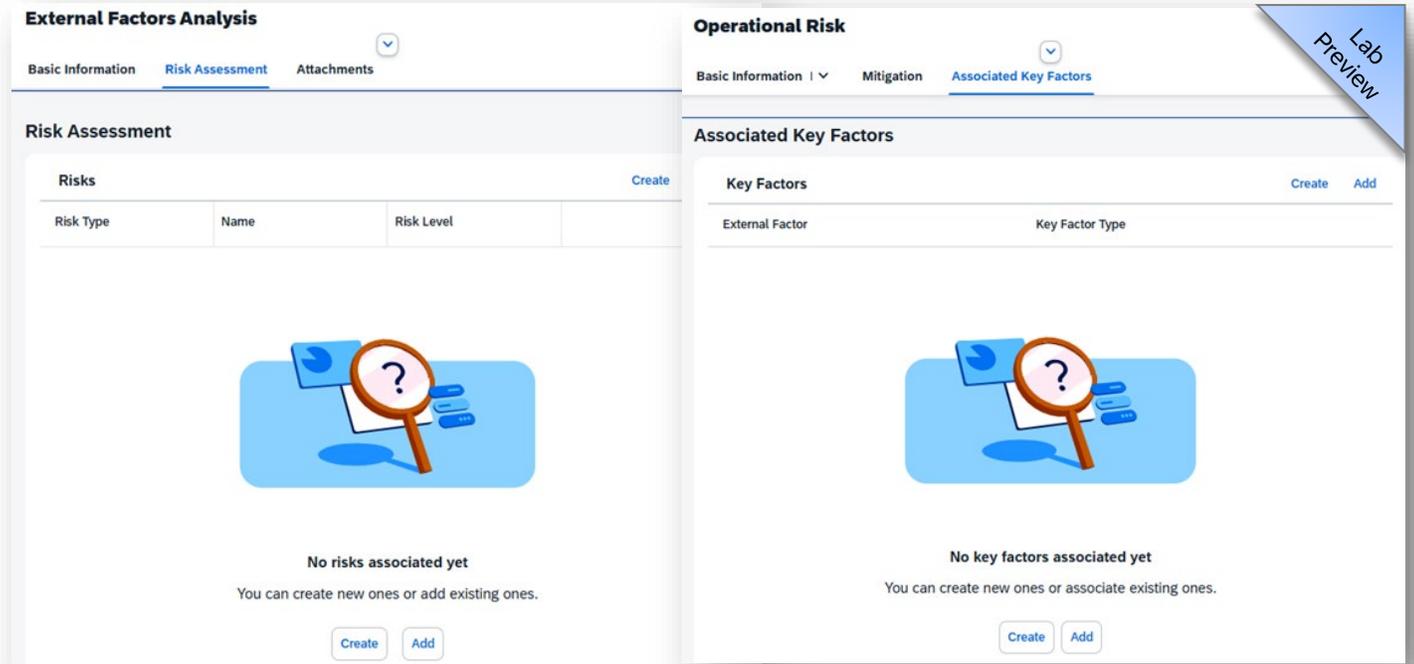
The screenshot displays the SAP Ariba Initiative tool interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for 'Initiative Progress', 'Initiative Details', 'Benefits', 'Investments', and 'Attachments'. The 'Initiative Progress' section shows the status as 'Not Selected' and the phase as 'Planned'. Below this, there is a section for 'Associated Guided Sourcing Project' with a 'Create Guided Sourcing Project' button. The 'Initiative Details' section is divided into three columns of fields: Name (Initiative), Description (-), Start Date (Aug 28, 2025), End Date (Aug 28, 2026), Baseline Spend / Currency (-), Primary Value Lever (-), Secondary Value Lever (-), Category (Bottles), Owner (redacted), Created By (-), Region (Global), and Assignee (-). A 'Custom Section' box on the right contains a 'Custom Field:' label.

3 Enhancements to the External Factors Analysis Tool

ARBCATA-574

This feature introduces several enhancements to improve how external factors and risks are managed in the External Factors Analysis tool.

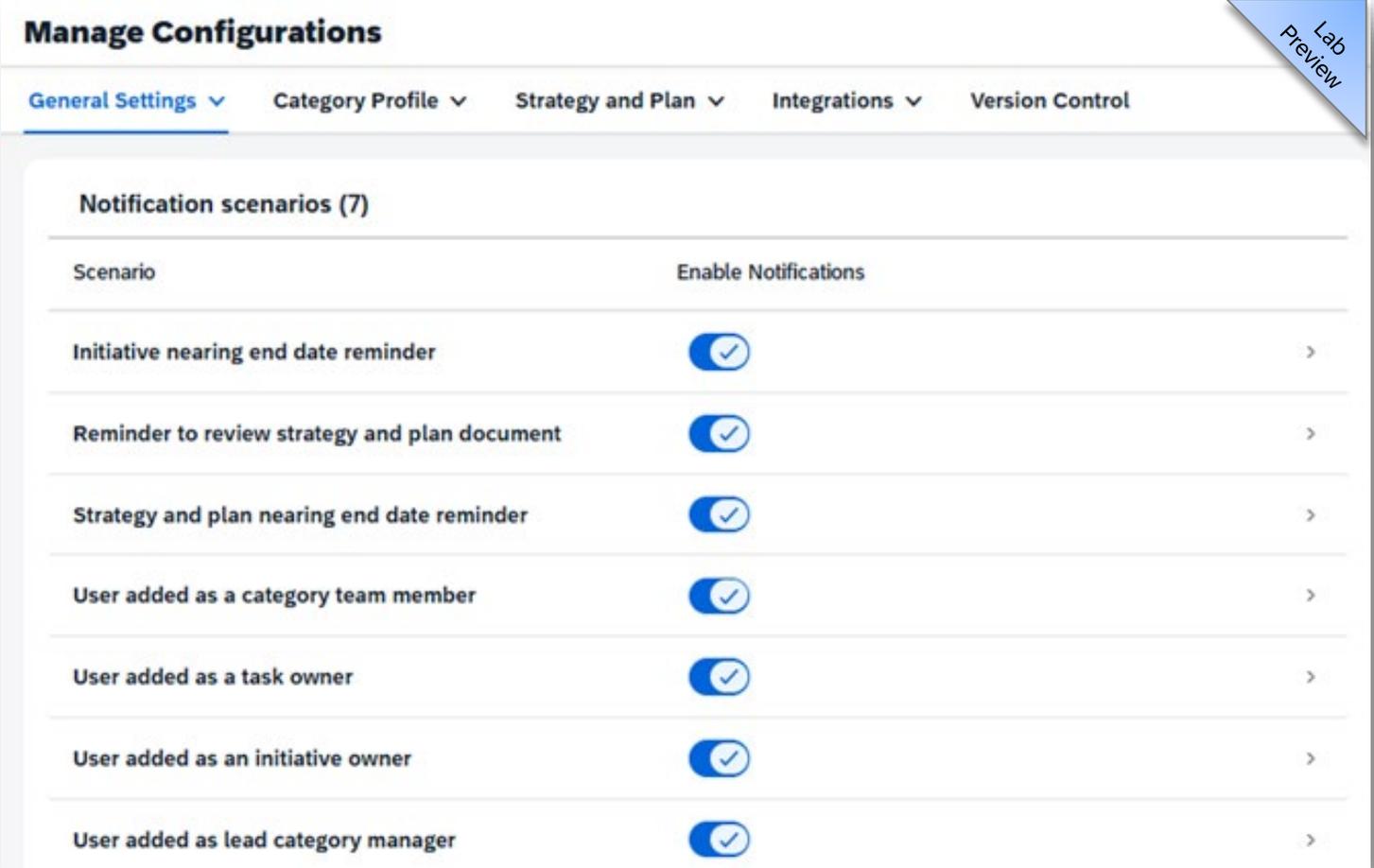
- Create risk assessments for external factors directly within the External Factors Analysis page.
- Add attachments (links or files) to external factors.
- Link existing external factors or create new ones from within the Risk Assessments page.
- Include external-factor–related data, such as risk assessment and attachment details, in the exported PDF.



4 Enhancements to Email and In-App Notifications in SAP Ariba Category Management **ARBCATA-576**

This feature introduces additional configurable email and in-app notifications for SAP Ariba Category Management.

- Initiative nearing end date reminder
- Strategy and plan nearing end date reminder
- User added as lead category manager



The screenshot displays the 'Manage Configurations' interface for SAP Ariba Category Management. The page title is 'Manage Configurations' and it includes a 'Lab Preview' badge in the top right corner. The navigation menu consists of 'General Settings', 'Category Profile', 'Strategy and Plan', 'Integrations', and 'Version Control'. The main content area is titled 'Notification scenarios (7)' and contains a table with the following data:

Scenario	Enable Notifications
Initiative nearing end date reminder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reminder to review strategy and plan document	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Strategy and plan nearing end date reminder	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
User added as a category team member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
User added as a task owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
User added as an initiative owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
User added as lead category manager	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

5 Ability to Manage Tasks for Initiatives CATMAN-466

This feature allows you to create and manage tasks directly in the **Initiatives** tool of SAP Ariba Category Management.

By associating tasks with initiatives, you gain better visibility into progress and completion status, reduce ambiguity, and support more consistent execution, transforming initiatives from high-level objectives into actionable plans with well-defined steps.

The screenshot displays the SAP Ariba Category Management interface. On the left, the 'Initiatives' tool is shown with a search bar and a table of initiatives. The main panel on the right is titled 'Initiative 1' and has tabs for 'Initiative Progress', 'Initiative Details', 'Benefits', 'Investments', 'Tasks', and 'Attachments'. The 'Tasks' tab is active, showing a table of tasks. A blue 'Lab Preview' banner is in the top right corner.

Name	Category	Start Date
Initiative 1	KG_Test	Nov 5, 2025
End Date: Mar 31, 2026		
Owner: [Redacted]		

Name	Owner	Type	Status
Task 2	[Redacted]	Internal Task	Not Started
End Date:			
Task 1	[Redacted]	Internal Task	Not Started
End Date:			

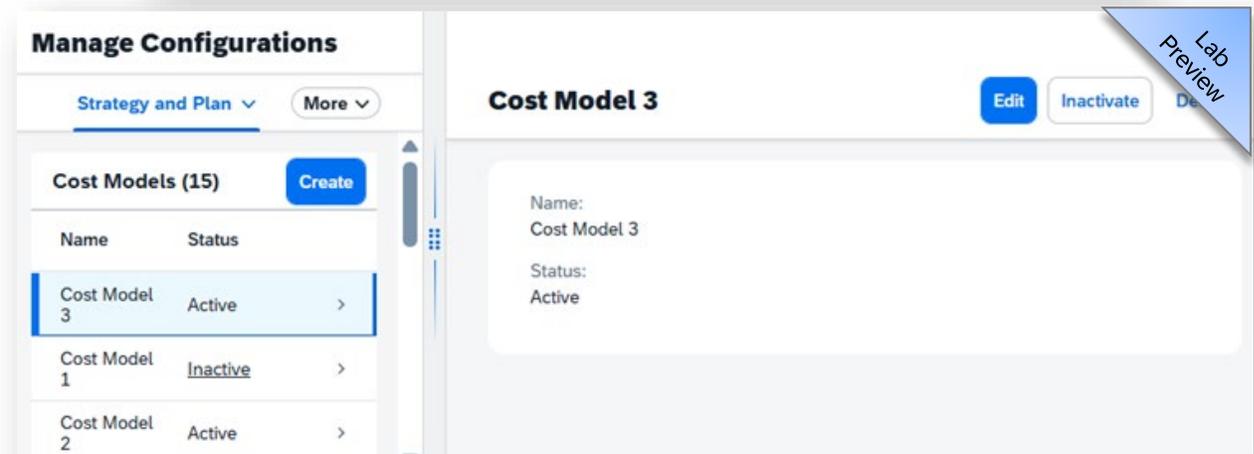
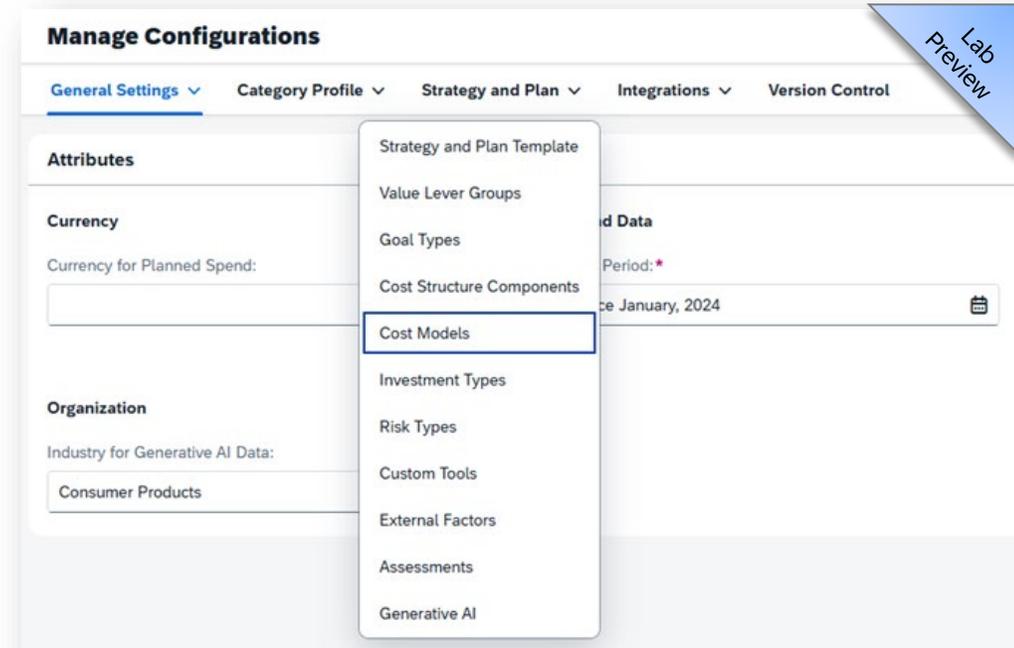
6 Enhanced Cost Structure Analysis with Cost Models

ARBCATA-490

Cost models represent the type of cost analysis applied to a cost structure, based on your organization's requirements.

You can now define and assign cost models to cost structure documents in SAP Ariba Category Management.

Category management administrators can manage cost models centrally, and category managers associate them with their cost structure documents.



7 Enhancements to Risk Assessments in SAP Ariba Category Management **ARBCATA-513**

This feature introduces the following user interface enhancements for risk assessments in SAP Ariba Category Management

- A standardized two-level risk structure that can be configured in the **Manage Configurations** app
- Enhanced filtering and visibility options in the risk assessment tool within the **Develop Strategy and Plan** app
- An overall risk trend chart in the risk assessment tool of the **Develop Strategy and Plan** app

The image displays three screenshots of the SAP Ariba Category Management interface. The top-left screenshot shows the 'Manage Configurations' app with a table of Risk Types. The top-right screenshot shows the 'Communication Breakdown' app with a 'Lab Preview' banner. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Risk Assessment' tool with a 'Risk Assessment Matrix' heatmap and a table of risks.

Manage Configurations - Risk Types (53)

Name	Source	Type	Status
A Optional Risk Type	Internal	Optional	Active
Capture	Internal	Optional	Active
Change in Taxation	Internal	Optional	Active
Communication Breakdown	Internal	Optional	Active
Compliance	Internal	Optional	Active
Contract Breach	Internal	Optional	Active

Communication Breakdown

Source: Internal
Type: Optional
Status: Active

Risk Categories (1)

Name: Status

Risk Assessment - Risk Level 45 / 100 Points

Risk Level: Risk Type: Risk Category: Status:

Risk Assessment Matrix

Probability of Occurrence	1	2	3	4	5
5	1 Risk	2 Risks	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk
4	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk
3	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk
2	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk
1	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk	1 Risk

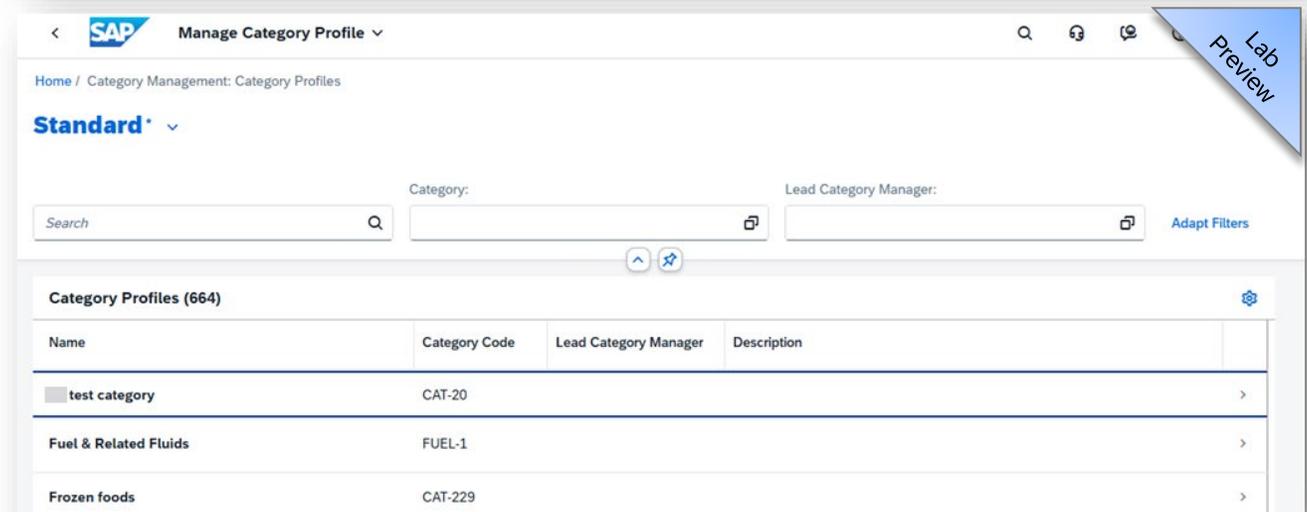
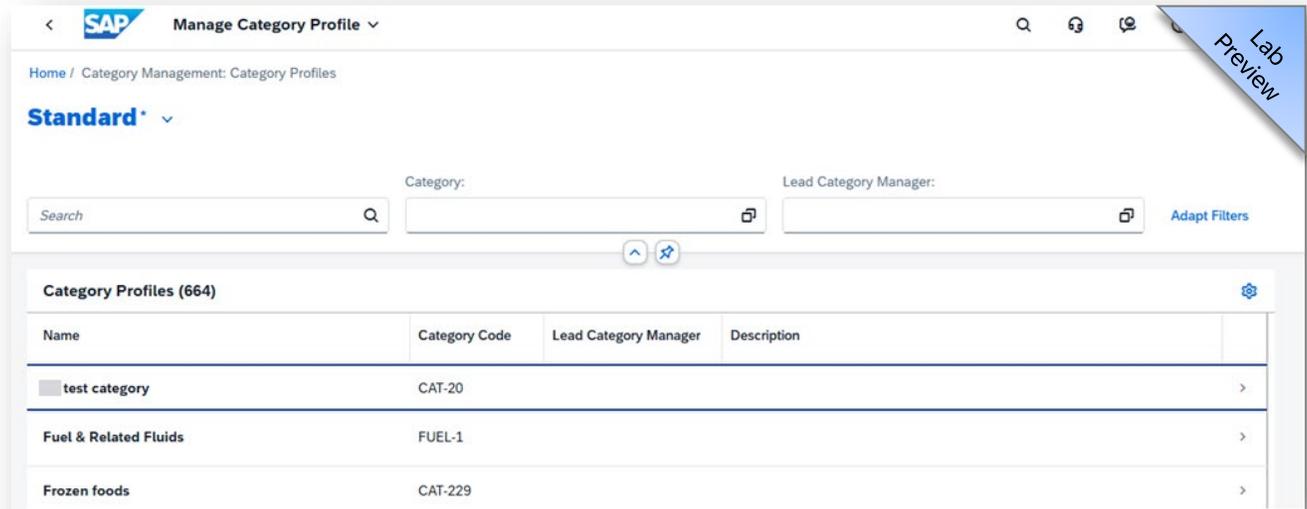
Risks (5)

Risk Type	Risk Category	Name	Key Factors	Priority	Impact	Probability of Occurrence	Risk Level	Status	Last Updated On
Compliance	Ad hoc	Olka		Minimal	3 Moderate	3 Possible	Medium	Assessed	Dec 1, 2025
Internal Culture	Poor Communication	Risk 6789		Medium	3 Moderate	4 Likely	Medium	Assessed	Jan 5, 2026
Operational Inefficiencies	Lack Of Training	Risk 123		High	2 Minor	3 Possible	Medium	Assessed	Jan 5, 2026

8 Enhancements to Manage Category Profile and Monitor Strategy Execution Pages **ARBCATA-568**

This feature introduces updates to the Manage Category Profile and Profile and Monitor Strategy Execution pages in SAP Ariba Category Management, also including additional filters.

- The Manage Category Profile page now shows a table listing category profiles, instead of directly displaying tools as cards.
- The Monitor Strategy Execution page now shows a table listing strategy and plan documents, rather than presenting tools as cards.



9 Ability to Use Custom Entities in Custom Tools of the Strategy and Plan Document [ARBCATA-539](#)

This feature brings about enhancements that enable you to gather organization-specific data effectively for specific business processes and reporting needs.

- Use the Extensibility Portal app to create custom entities and define custom fields for these entities in SAP Ariba Category Management.
- Configure the custom tool in the Manage Configurations app to include the custom entities created in the extensibility portal.
- Leverage the adapt UI functionality to add these entities and personalize the custom tool layout in the Develop Strategy and Plan app.

Custom Tool

Lab Preview

Name: *

Custom Tool

Description: *

Custom Tool Description

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Tool Configuration

Sections: *

Attachments x Custom Component x

Attachments

Custom Component

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Custom Entity

Attachments Section

Template Format:

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SAP Spend Control Tower Updates

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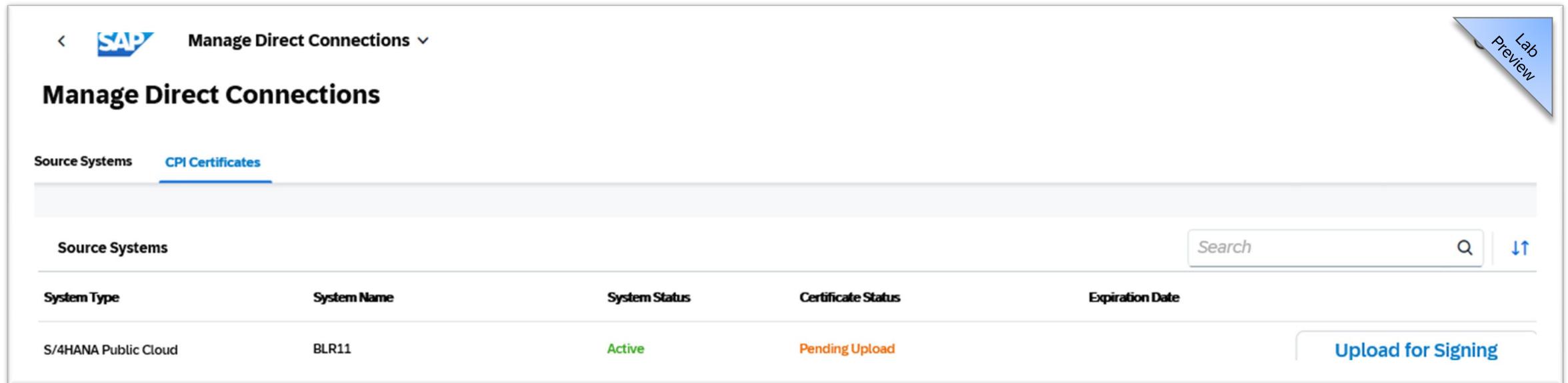
Get SAP-Signed Certificates for Direct Connections
[ARBTS-167](#)

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1 Get SAP-Signed Certificates for Direct Connections

ARBTS-167

Administrators with the **Direct Connections Manager** role can now upload certificate files and then download the SAP-signed certificates using the SAP Spend Control Tower user interface to establish direct connections with the SAP source systems that are active.



The screenshot displays the SAP interface for managing direct connections. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the SAP logo and the text "Manage Direct Connections". Below this, the main heading is "Manage Direct Connections". There are two tabs: "Source Systems" and "CPI Certificates", with "CPI Certificates" being the active tab. A "Lab Preview" badge is visible in the top right corner. Below the tabs, there is a search bar and a table of source systems. The table has five columns: "System Type", "System Name", "System Status", "Certificate Status", and "Expiration Date". One system is listed: "S/4HANA Public Cloud" with system name "BLR11", status "Active", and certificate status "Pending Upload". An "Upload for Signing" button is located to the right of the table.

System Type	System Name	System Status	Certificate Status	Expiration Date
S/4HANA Public Cloud	BLR11	Active	Pending Upload	

Roadmap & Resources



“What’s New” via SAP Help Portal



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