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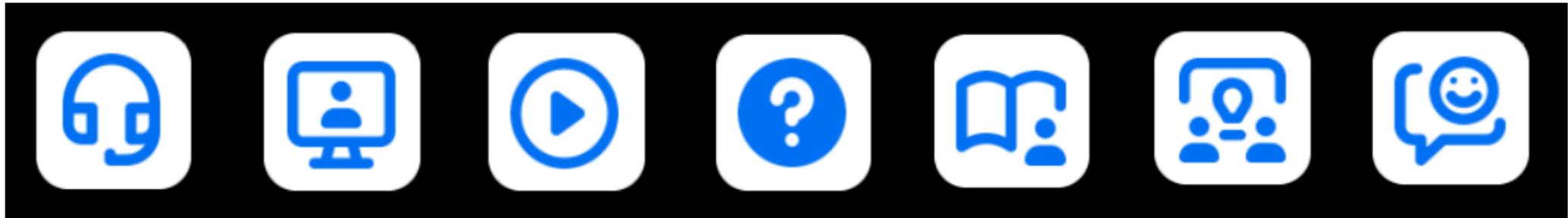
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A downloadable overview of planned features with links to additional feature content.
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The What's New Guide provides full details on each feature.

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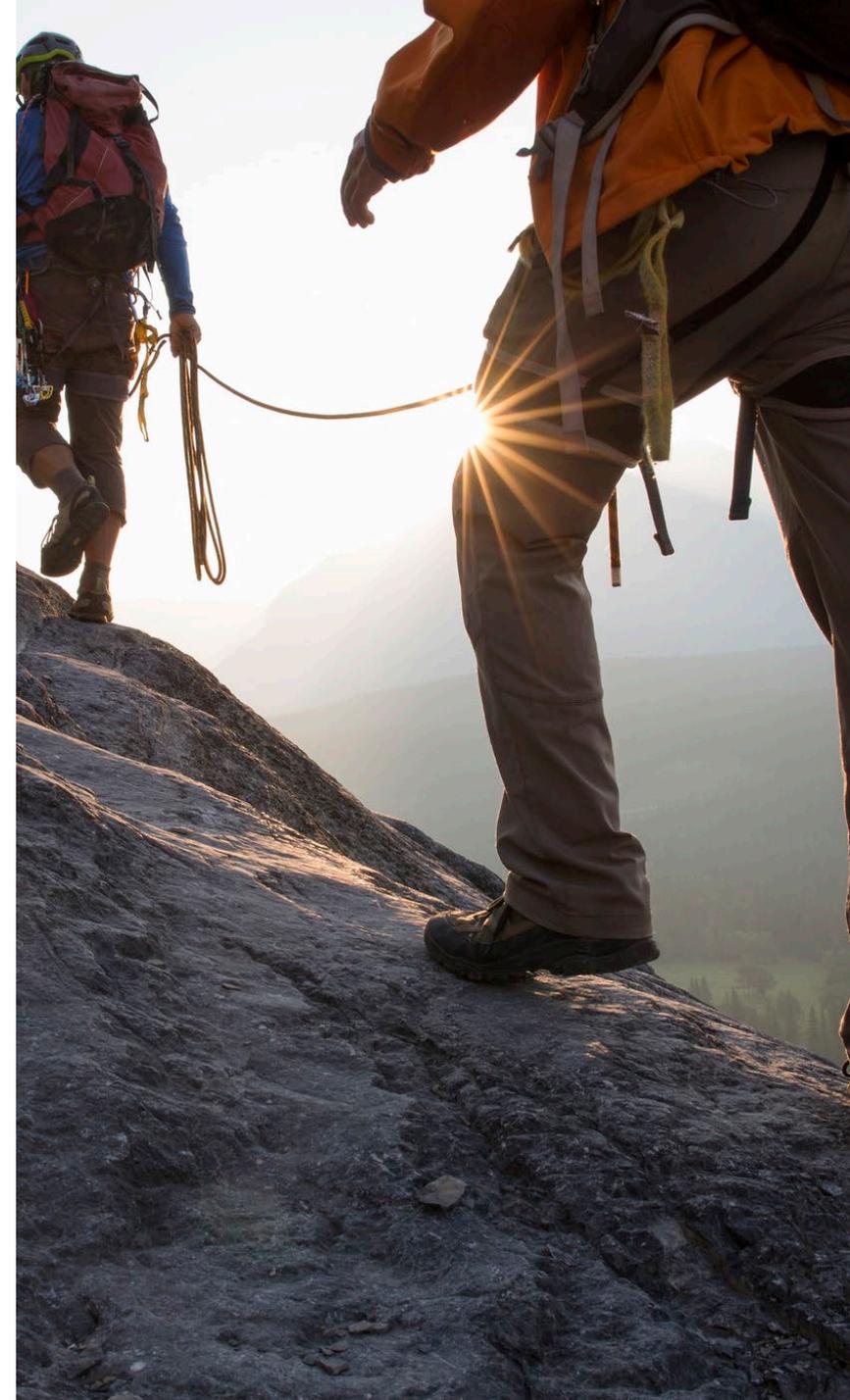
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Optimize cost, manage risk, and ensure the savings you negotiate are realized with SAP strategic sourcing solutions.

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1 Support for Custom Offline Response in Multi-Round Bidding **SOURCE-2762**

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6   **Additional Supported Initial Value Fields for Numerical Term Types SOURCE-2776**

7   **Ability to Modify Sourcing Event Duration and Search for Sourcing Requests by Using Joule SOURCE-2534**

8   **Item Reference Numbers for Guided Sourcing Events SOURCE-2775**

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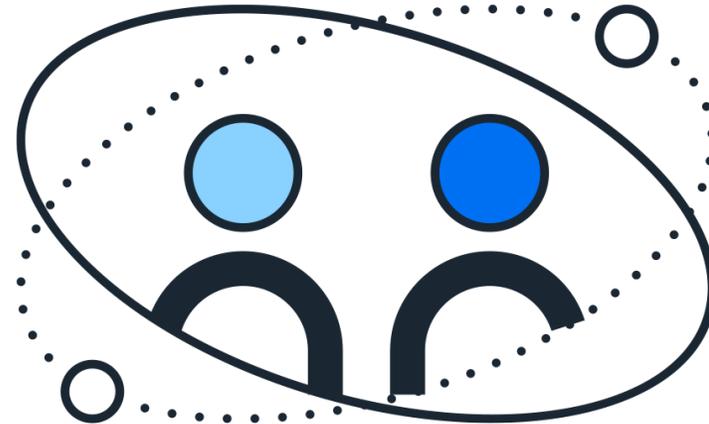
2 Enhancements to Manual Award Scenario in Guided Sourcing
SOURCE-2594

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.
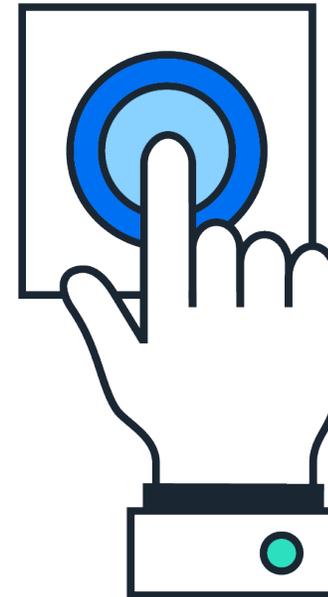
3 Ability to Remove Formatting of Text in Guided Sourcing Projects SOURCE-2610

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
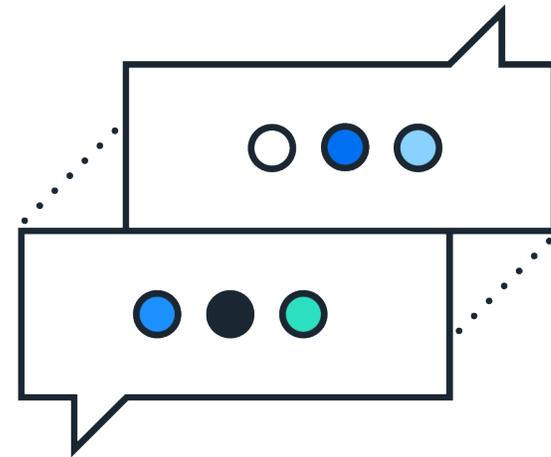
4 Project History Support for Messages and Conversations in Guided Sourcing Projects SOURCE-2689

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.
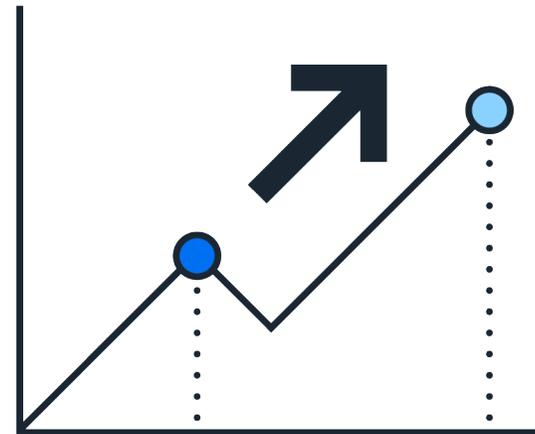
6 Additional Supported Initial Value Fields for Numerical Term Types
SOURCE-2776

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
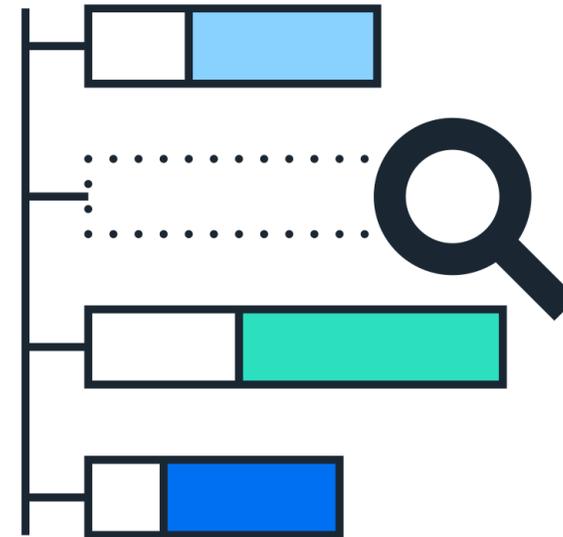
7 Ability to Modify Sourcing Event Duration and Search for Sourcing Requests by Using Joule SOURCE-2534

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.`

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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.
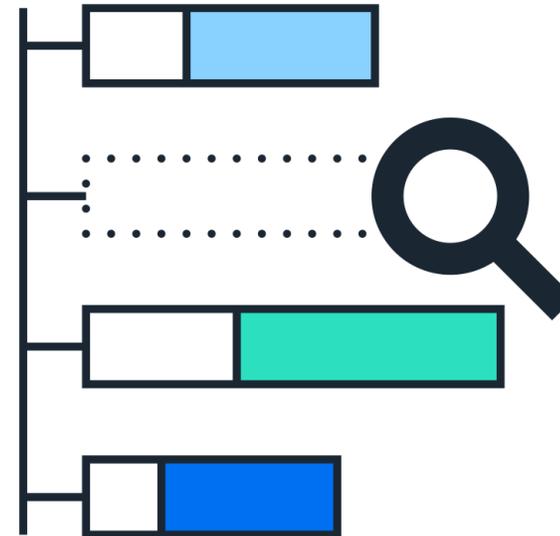
SAP Ariba Contracts Updates

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

2   **Generating Contract Summary in SAP Ariba Contracts Using AI** SCONTR-1266

3   **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.
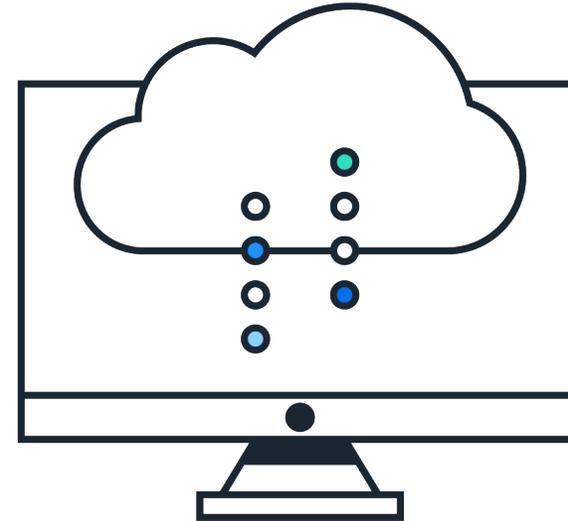
2 Generating Contract Summary in SAP Ariba Contracts Using AI
SCONTR-1266

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.

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.

SAP Ariba Category Management Updates

1 **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

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

5 **Ability to Manage Tasks for Initiatives** CATMAN-466

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6   **Enhanced Cost Structure Analysis with Cost Models ARBCATA-490**

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

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

9   **Ability to Use Custom Entities in Custom Tools of the Strategy and Plan Document ARBCATA-539**

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Planned Key Features

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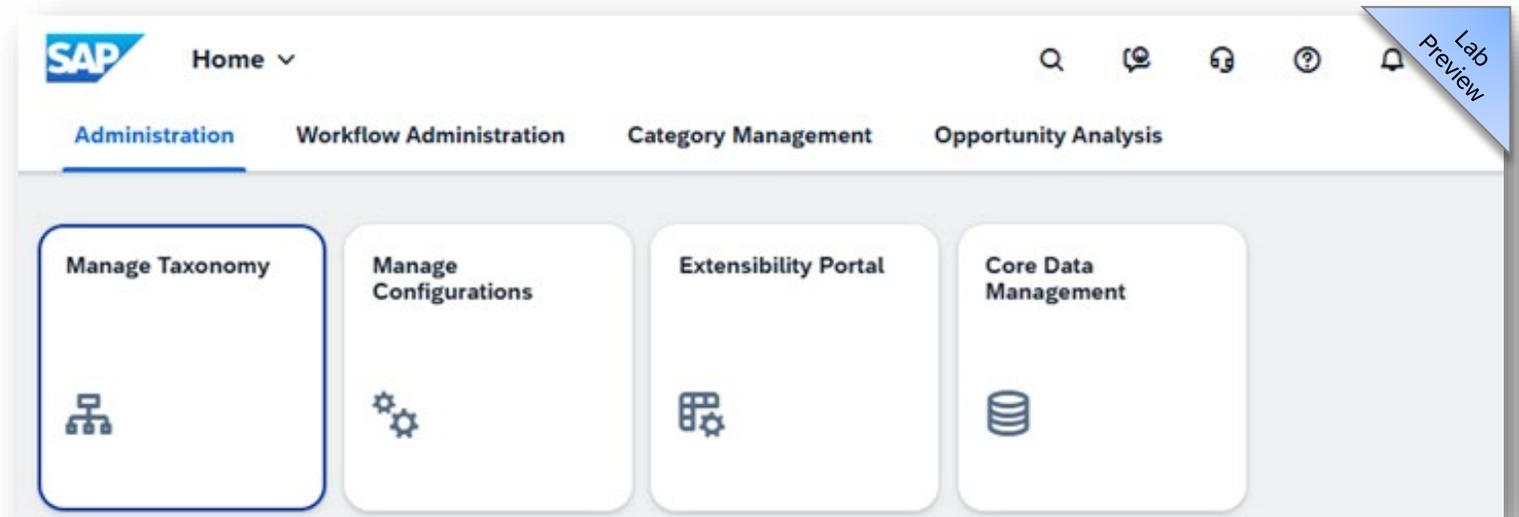
2 Ability to Create and Use Custom Fields for Initiatives in SAP Ariba Category Management ARBCATA-479

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.

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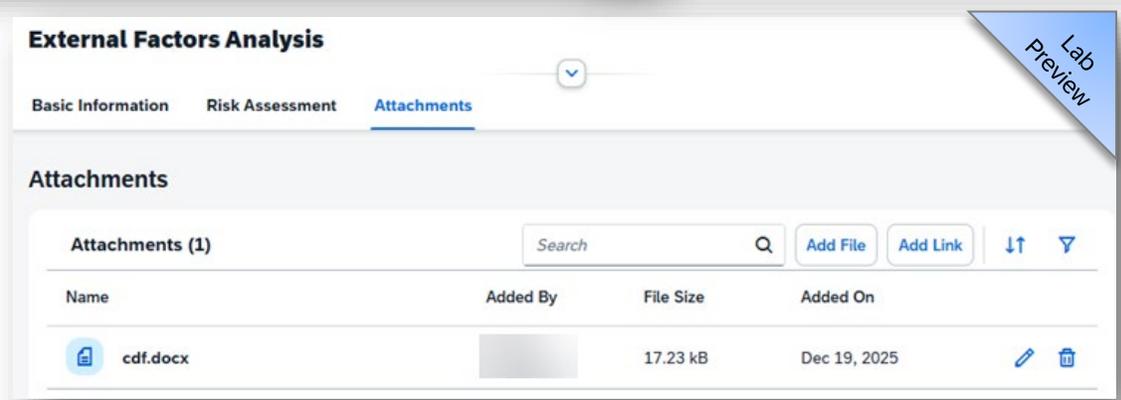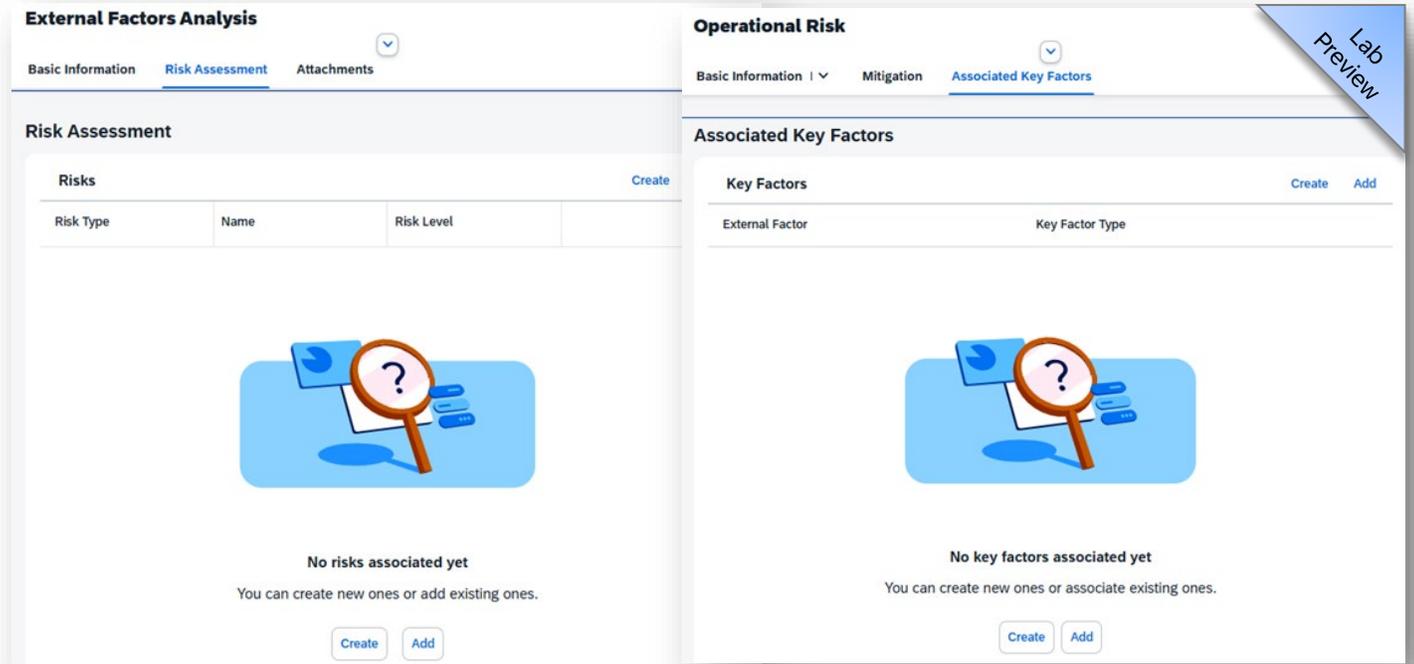
4 Enhancements to Email and In-App Notifications in SAP Ariba Category Management ARBCATA-576

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

Manage Configurations

| General Settings ⌄ | Category Profile ⌄ | Strategy and Plan ⌄ | Integrations ⌄ | Version Control |

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Notification scenarios (7)

Scenario	Enable Notifications
Initiative nearing end date reminder	✓
Reminder to review strategy and plan document	✓
Strategy and plan nearing end date reminder	✓
User added as a category team member	✓
User added as a task owner	✓
User added as an initiative owner	✓
User added as lead category manager	✓

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.

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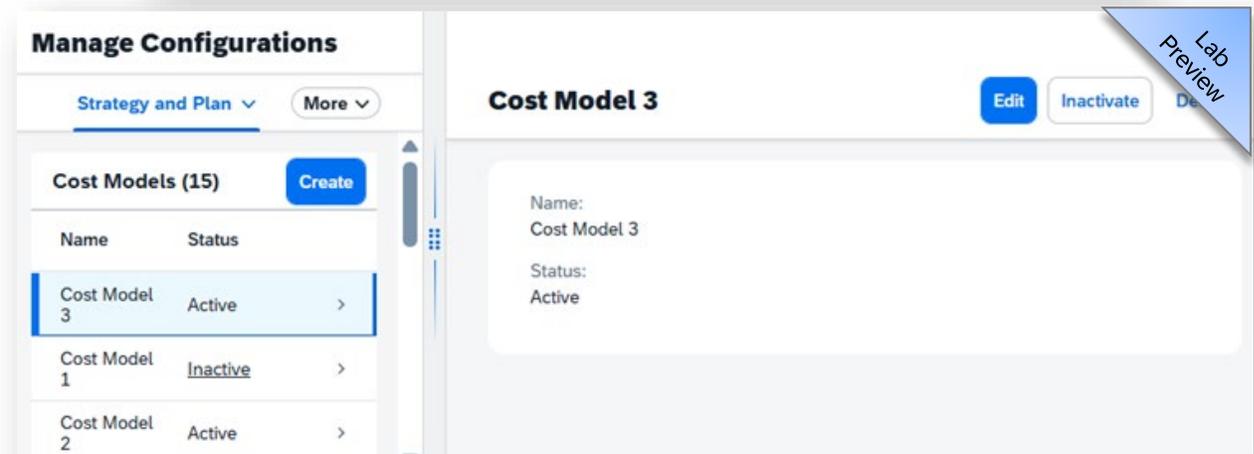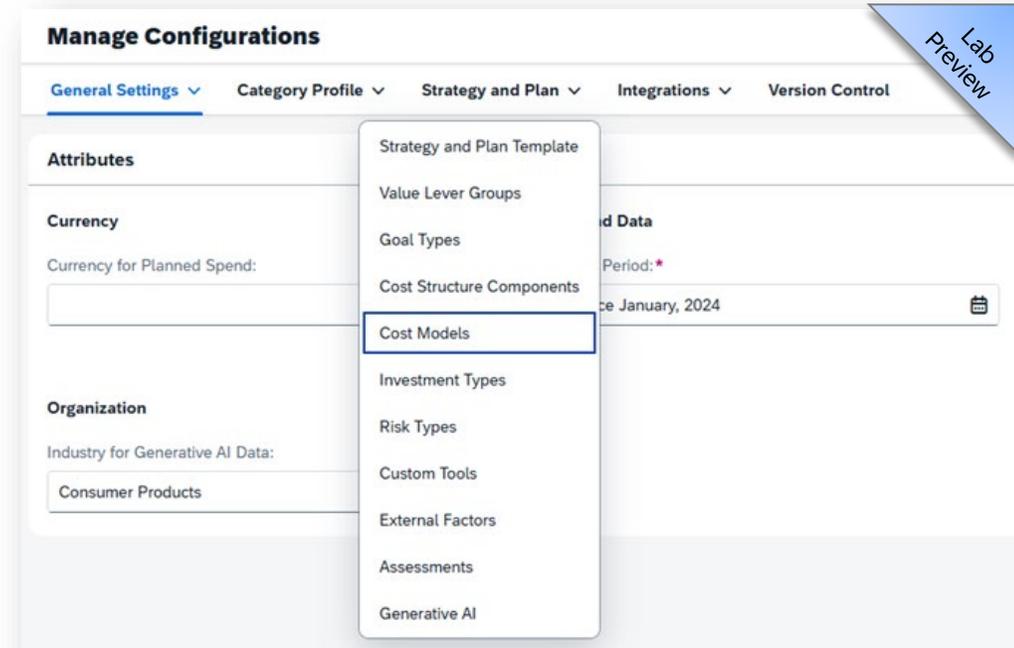
7 Enhancements to Risk Assessments in SAP Ariba Category Management ARBCATA-513

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

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.
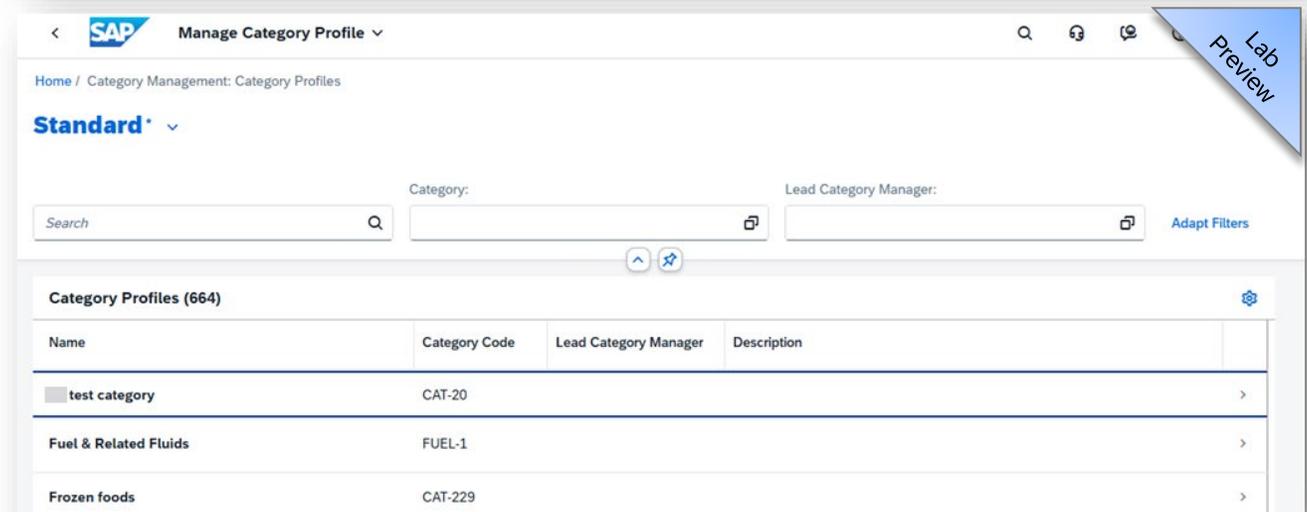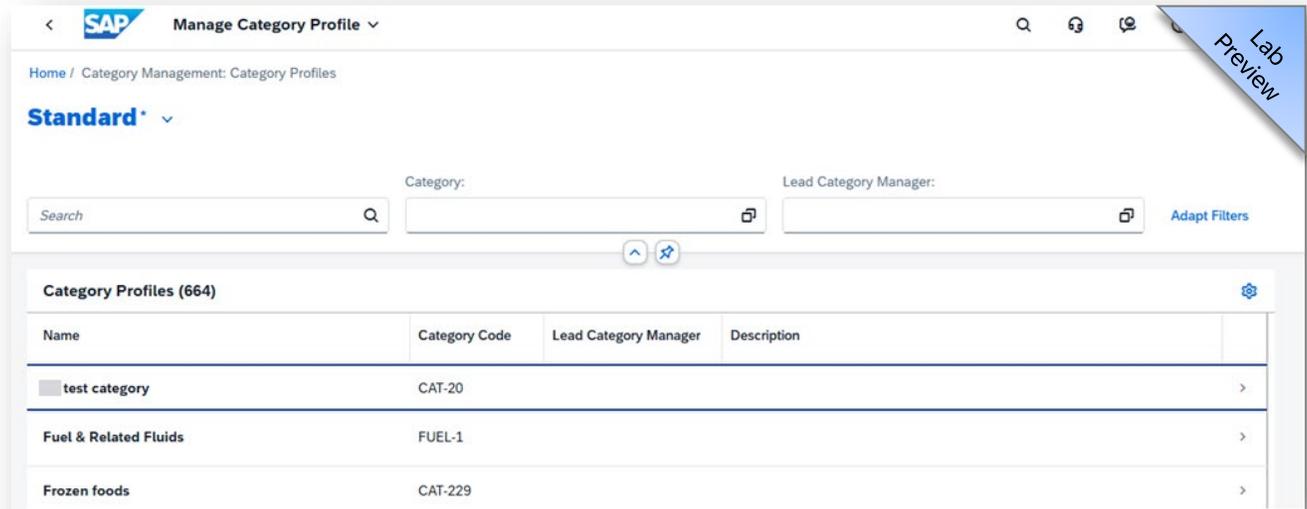
9 Ability to Use Custom Entities in Custom Tools of the Strategy and Plan Document ARBCATA-539

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.
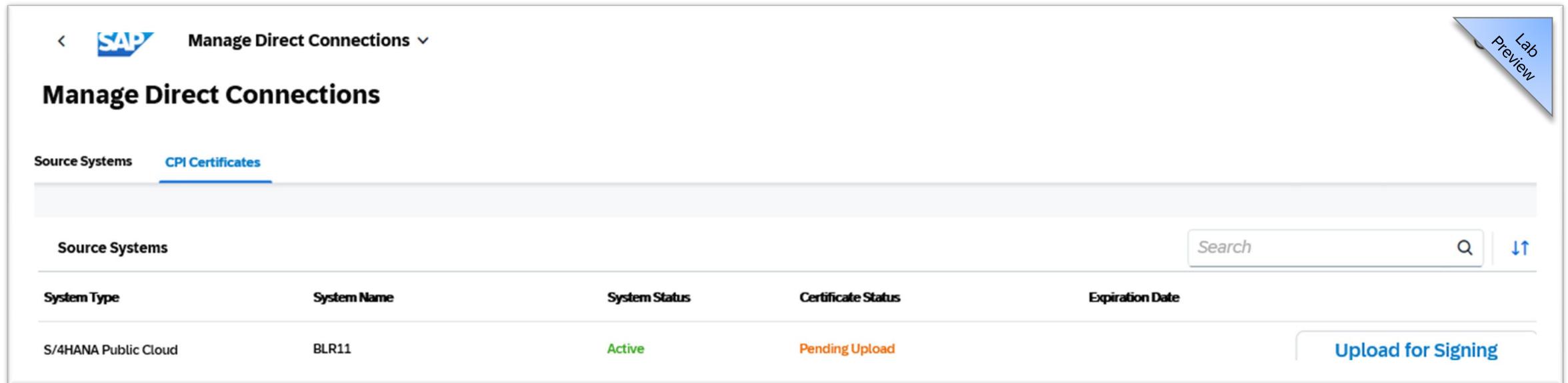
SAP Spend Control Tower Updates

1 **Get SAP-Signed Certificates for Direct Connections**
ARBTS-167

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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.

Roadmap & Resources

"What's New" via SAP Help Portal

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