



SAP Ariba Source-to-Contract

2608 Early Release Series

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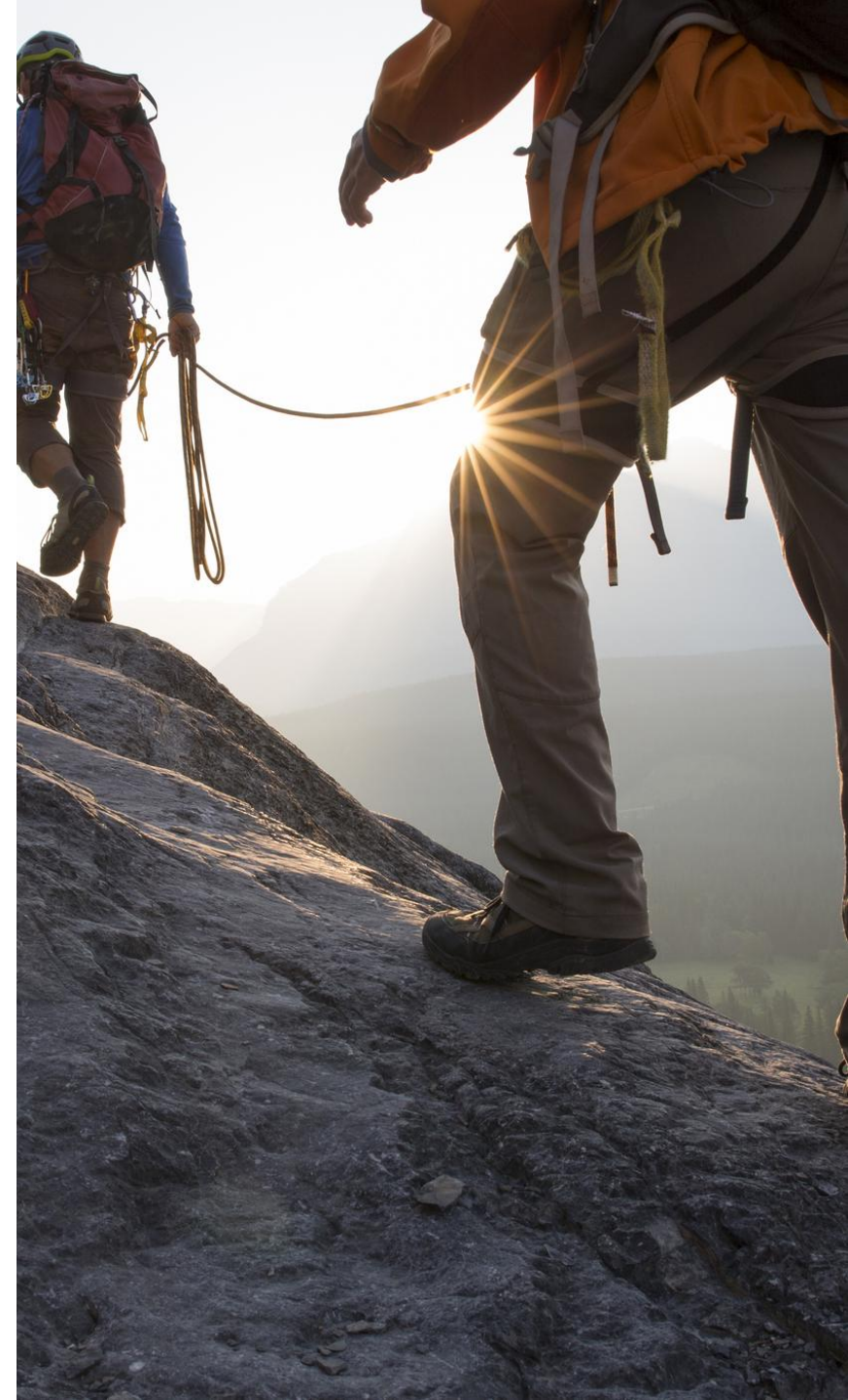
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SAP Ariba Source-to-Contract

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





Sourcing Planned Key Features

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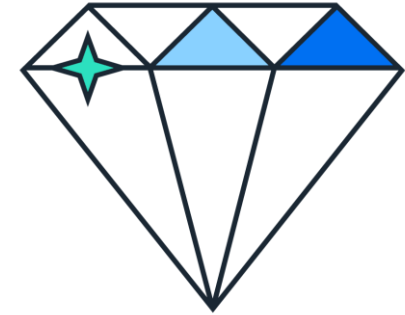
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1 AI Agent in Guided Sourcing for Bid Analysis [SOURCE-2672](#)

The bid analysis AI agent, enables you to give instructions to Joule in natural language to analyze bids received from multiple suppliers for a sourcing event.

The bid analysis agent helps you to easily and thoroughly evaluate submitted bids for sourcing events. You can run the bid analysis agent after an RFP is created and bids are received.



The agent provides the following analysis:

Bid Analysis Context	Summary	Evaluation Insights	Recommended Next Steps	<i>Further Analysis (Topics to ask Joule)</i>
Details the objective used to perform the bid analysis and arrive at the award recommendations.	Lists the recommended supplier to be awarded + underlying rationale	Highlights key evaluation factors—including compliance and cost, competitive positioning and negotiation leverage, and risk and process considerations.	Provides recommendations on award, and leverage for negotiations.	- Recommendation Details - Executive Summary - Event Details - Supplier Comparison - Risk Matrix - Notes and Flags

2 AI Agent in Guided Sourcing for Negotiation [SOURCE-2680](#)

This feature introduces the AI agent that suggests strategies for negotiating with suppliers after they've bid to the event.

Following the bid analysis, the negotiation strategy agent assists in determining the most effective approach for further negotiation with suppliers. The agent focuses on price, payment terms, and delivery times and provides the following negotiation strategies:

Strategy Overview: *The agent shows the following metrics:*

- Best Alternative to a Negotiated Agreement (BATNA) score that indicates the potential for negotiation with a supplier. A high score suggests there's a strong likelihood of reducing the price.
- The negotiation stance, which could be Moderate, Aggressive, or Considerate.
- The counteroffer price that can be used in the subsequent communication rounds.
- The potential savings that can be achieved through negotiation.

Supplier Selection: For each selected supplier, the agent shows the rank, negotiation score, bid value, and ZOPA score. Certain suppliers can be excluded, if they do not meet the qualification criteria.

Recommended Next Steps: The agent suggests the next steps such as prioritizing negotiating with the recommended supplier, the negotiation stance to adopt based on the BATNA score, the alternative suppliers, and the precautions to take before finalizing the agreement.

3 Ability to Hide Buyer Users Name in Event Message Board

SOURCE-2802

Introducing self-service parameters that can be configured to hide event owner, message sender, and message recipient's names in the message board from suppliers.

Configure the following parameters to Yes to enable hiding buyers users name in the Message Board as seen by suppliers:

Application.AQS.RFX.Privacy.HideOwnerName

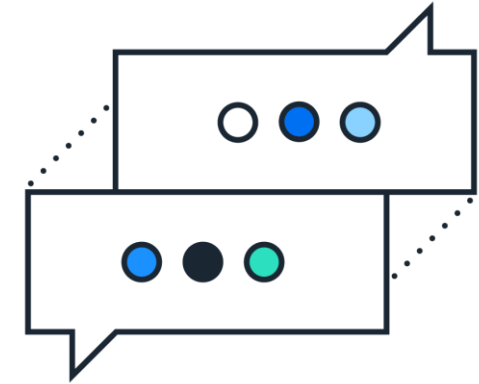
- Hides the event owner's name in the message board.

Application.AQS.RFX.Privacy.HideMessageSenderName

- Hides buyer sender's name in the message board list and message detail view.

Application.AQS.RFX.Privacy.HideMessageRecipientsName

- Hides buyer recipient names in the message board.



4 Enhancement to Multi-round Events in Guided Sourcing

SOURCE-2805

Now you can add various interface updates and functional enhancements to the multi-round event process for buyer users.



Ability to monitor
Current Round only

- There is now a **Display** dropdown menu on the event monitor page which enables you to select between monitoring supplier participation and item coverage for all event rounds or just the **Current Round**. Selecting the **Current Round** option updates the **Supplier participation** and **Total item coverage** charts for the current round.

Sending event
reminders to suppliers
of previous & current
round

- *Previously*, if a supplier had participated in a previous round but had not participated in the current round they were invited to, they would not receive email reminders prompting them to participate in the current round of the event.
- *Now*, reminders will be sent to current round participants who haven't participated in the current round.

Use bids from past
round as new ceiling
values

- While creating a new round, you can now click the new **Use previous round bids as ceiling values for the new round** checkbox option.
- This option applies only to items where the "Use Initial Value As" rule is configured as either "Ceiling" or "Ceiling and default".

Filter suppliers, items, &
event content for mass
inclusion/exclusion in
new rounds

- While creating a new round, there are now **Manage Suppliers**, **Manage Items**, and **Manage Content** buttons.
- These buttons allow you to filter the suppliers, items, and content (questions, requirements, and attachments) of the current event round and then **Include** or **Exclude** the filtered results for the new round.

Manually activate team
grading tasks

- From the event template, you can now **Allow manual activation of team grading task**.
- This option is only available when the event has multi-round bidding enabled.
- When this is set to **Yes**, users can manually submit team grading tasks for each event round.

5 Enhanced Supplier Search in Guided Sourcing Events

SOURCE-2809

Introducing new supplier search filters to guided sourcing instances integrated with SAP Ariba Supplier Lifecycle and Performance. The filters, **Purchasing Organizations** and **Company Codes**, are available on the **Invite suppliers** page.

Additionally, the **Search by any term** field now supports searches using **ERP ID**, **SM Vendor ID**, and **MDG ID**.

The **Purchasing Organizations** and **Company Codes** fields will display values from the external system configured for the guided sourcing event. If no external system is configured, these fields will show values from all business systems.



Note: Awarded supplier data can synchronize back to the ERP only if an external system is configured for the guided sourcing event. If no external system is selected and suppliers are added across multiple systems, ERP synchronization will not occur.

6 Enhanced Status Synchronization Between SAP Ariba Sourcing Events and SAP Business Network Discovery Postings [SOURCE-2812](#)

Enhanced status synchronization between sourcing events, both in guided sourcing and classic SAP Ariba Sourcing, and SAP Business Network Discovery postings for public-sector events.

When the status of a sourcing event changes to **Pending Selection**, the status of the associated SAP Business Network Discovery posting is updated to **Pending Award**.

During the **Pending Award** stage, suppliers cannot respond to the SAP Business Network Discovery posting.



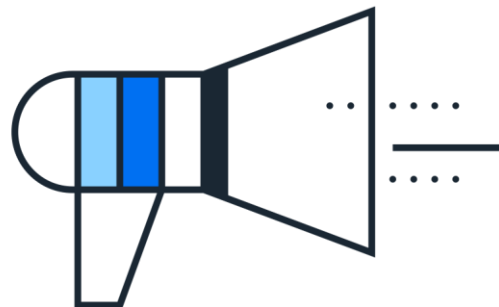
7 Enhancements in UK Central Digital Platform Release 10 Notices

PSS-381

This feature adds support for non-dynamic notices in UK Central Digital Platform Release 10, upgrading notices from Release 8 to Release 10, and cancelling lots in corrigendum notices for Planned Procurement (UK3) and Tender notices (UK4).

Previously, only dynamic notices were supported in UK Central Digital Platform Release 10. Now, Release 10 also includes support for non-dynamic notices and allows users to upgrade the existing Release 8 notices to Release 10. When Release 8 is disabled in the system the notices must individually be updated to Release 10.

Users can now opt to cancel lots in the corrigendum's of UK3 and Tender notices UK4, and select the lots that they want to cancel.

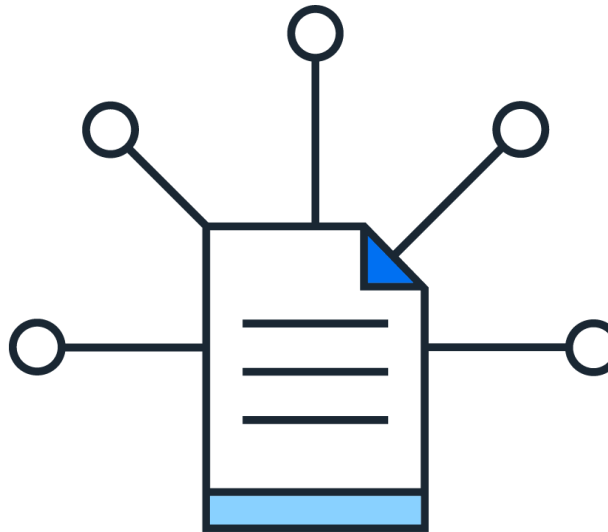




Support for Quick Sourcing for Requisitions with Service Items

ACSS-378

Now, you can initiate sourcing requests directly from a purchase requisition containing service items to explore various supplier options in SAP Ariba Sourcing and get the best purchase deals before you submit the requisition for approval.



SAP Ariba Sourcing Integration Updates

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Integration Support for Replicating Purchase Requisition with Lean Services [NGPROCINT-522](#)

2

Integration Support for Purchase Order Creation with Lean Services [NGPROCINT-524](#)

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Supporting Lean Services Integration between SAP S/4HANA and SAP Ariba using SAP Integration Suite [NGPROCINT-349](#)

Sourcing Integration
Planned Key Features

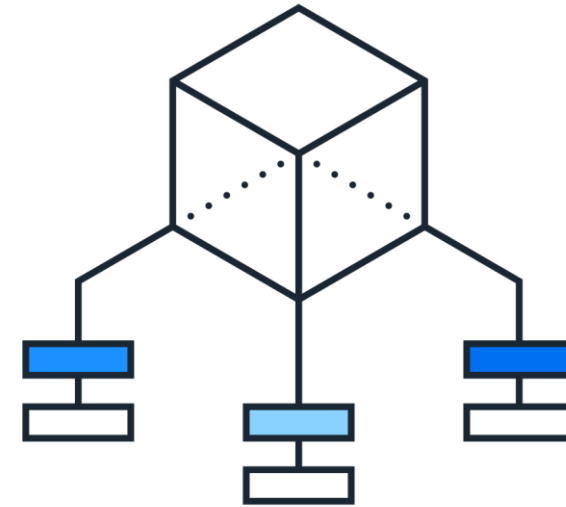
1 Integration Support for Replicating Purchase Requisition with Lean Services [NGPROCINT-522](#)

This feature enables buyers creating purchase requisition containing lean services (with or without item hierarchy) using the Manage Purchase Requisition Fiori application to replicate them from SAP S/4HANA to SAP Ariba Sourcing using SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway for spend management and SAP Business Network add-on.

New document types are created for this scenario that you can use to track your transactions in the Transaction Tracker.

Source document type: PurchaseRequisitionExport

Target document type: QuoteRequest



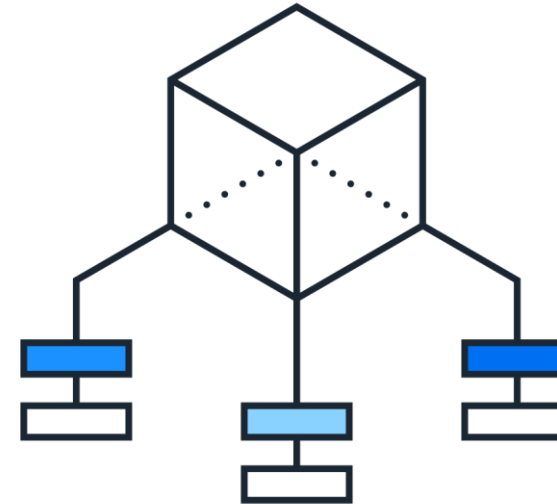
The following are *not supported*:

- × Comments and attachments.
- × Custom fields.
- × Advanced Pricing conditions at header and item levels.
- × MMSRV transactions.

2 Integration Support for Purchase Order Creation with Lean Services [NGPROCINT-524](#)

This feature enables creation of purchase order with lean services in SAP S/4HANA when suppliers are awarded in SAP Ariba Sourcing.

The feature utilizes the existing integration of SAP S/4HANA with SAP Ariba Sourcing using SAP Integration Suite, managed gateway for spend management and SAP Business Network add-on and requires no additional configuration.



General Prerequisites

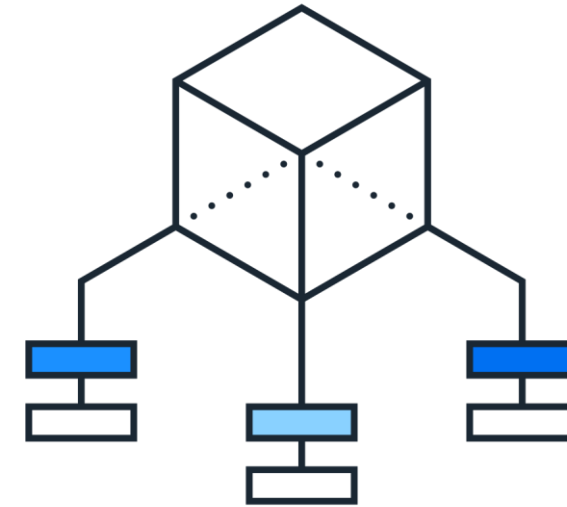
You've installed the latest add-on service pack. For SAP S/4HANA, you need the ARBCI1 10S (SP 27) component.

3 Supporting Lean Services Integration between SAP S/4HANA and SAP Ariba using SAP Integration Suite [NGPROCINT-349](#)

The managed gateway add-on now enables you to seamlessly receive and process contracts containing lean services and services with item hierarchy from SAP Ariba Sourcing in your SAP S/4HANA system.

When suppliers are awarded contracts with these service types in SAP Ariba Sourcing, the managed gateway creates the corresponding contracts in SAP S/4HANA.

Note: The feature isn't supported for Scheduling Agreement and Purchase Order created in SAP Ariba Sourcing.



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Contracts

Planned Key Features

SAP Ariba Contracts Updates

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- 4 Enhancements in Creation of Contract Details Notice (UK7) [PSS-380](#)

1 Item Currency as the Primary Criterion for Contract Auto-selection [ACC-342](#)

This feature enables line item currency as the primary criterion for automatically selecting release order contracts or shopping carts when adding line items to purchase requisitions (PRs).

When you create or modify a purchase requisition, the system considers currency as a primary criterion and automatically selects contracts that match the line item currency. If multiple contracts exist in the same currency, the system applies best price logic to select the optimal contract. If no contract exists in the matching currency, the system doesn't automatically select a contract, and contracts in other currencies are excluded from automatic selection. This approach:

- Ensures contract compliance.
- Reduces manual selection effort by eliminating contracts in different currencies from automatic selection.
- Ensures currency alignment between requisitions and contracts.
- Maintains consistent currency handling across your procurement processes.
- Minimizes currency conversion issues and exchange rate risks.



Applies to new PRs & modified PRs created after feature is enabled.

Does not affect PRs that have already been ordered.

2 Enhanced Display of Line-Item Hierarchy in Contracts [ACC-337](#)

This feature displays contract line items in a hierarchical tree structure, making it easy to identify parent-child relationships and understand the contract layout.

The hierarchy mirrors the structure defined in SAP S/4HANA, improving readability and alignment with purchase contracts.

Previously, line items were shown in a flat list, with hierarchy information stored but not visible.

With the hierarchical view, you can:

- View contracts as structured in SAP S/4HANA.
- Distinguish parent and child line items.
- Understand item relationships and groupings.
- Review contracts more accurately for compliance.



- *The hierarchical UI display is available only for the purchase contracts imported from SAP S/4HANA. Native Ariba contracts do not support this hierarchy functionality.*
- *The hierarchy display is read-only.*
- *You can view the structure, but cannot create or edit hierarchies in contracts.*
- *You can make any structural changes only in SAP S/4HANA.*

3 Support for Lean Services in SAP Ariba Contracts Integration with SAP S/4HANA Cloud Private Edition [SCONTR-1542](#)

This feature enables SAP Ariba Contracts and SAP S/4HANA Cloud Private Edition to replicate non-hierarchical service line items (lean services) through SAP Integration Suite, Managed Gateway for Spend Management, and the SAP Business Network add-on.

Previously, contracts containing lean service items could not be replicated due to routing limitations.

You can now configure a connection between SAP Ariba Contracts and SAP S/4HANA Cloud Private Edition to support both contract creation and update flows for lean service data replication.

Changes to the User Interface

A new field, **Connection Type**, is added to the **Create External System** user interface.

Connection Type

Specifies the preferred connection method for the external system configuration. The supported values are:

- **Public (WebService)**
- **Private (WebService)**
- **Private (CIG-AddOn)**

This field is available only when you select the external system type as **S4HANA**.

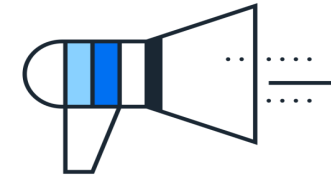
4 Enhancements in Creation of Contract Details Notice (UK7)

PSS-380

This feature enables you to create a Contract Details Notice (UK7) as a child of a Transparency notice (UK5) or as a standalone notice directly from event awards. (*Previously, UK7 notices could only be created as child notices of a Contract award notice (UK6) notice.*)

Now, both UK5 and UK6 can be parent notices and UK7 can also be published standalone. This supports below-threshold procurements where contract notices do not exist.

- When a UK7 notice is a child notice of a UK5 or UK6 notice, its data is sourced from the contracts in the parent notice. When it is created as a standalone notice, its data is sourced from the event's award details.
- When a UK7 is a child notice, the prior notice is its parent notice (UK6 or UK5), whereas when it is a standalone notice, the system searches the event for any published notice. If any notices are found, it sets the earliest one as the prior notice.



These notices are associated with the **UK Procurement Act of 2023** are designed to make public sector buying open and clear across the entire process. They track everything from early planning and market talks to contract awards and ongoing performance.

This helps suppliers see future work early and holds buyers accountable at every step.

The **UK Procurement Act of 2023 applies to public sector contracting authorities, public undertakings, and private utilities conducting regulated procurement across England, Wales, and Northern Ireland.** It covers organizations spending public money on goods, services, and works, taking effect for procurements started on or after February 24, 2025.

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