

# eProcurement

Achieve Improved Control Over Spend, Achieve Transparency and Boost Efficiency with eProcurement

In the current business conditions, the need for procurement agility is more than ever before. To help your business adapt, your procurement team has to focus on ensuring a smooth flow of supplies that are delivered on time, with the right quality. They need to work more effectively, while continuing to reduce costs and risk. That means moving beyond traditional applications to more advanced solutions that gives you visibility and transparency into spend / contracts and boosts efficiency across procurement processes.

# MeRLIN ePROCUREMENT FEATURES

MeRLIN eProcurement solution offers comprehensive functionalities and features to streamline the entire purchase lifecycle from requisition and catalog management to purchase order management and receiving.

The easy-to-use interface enhances buying experiences of your employees allowing them to make compliant purchases from preferred suppliers quickly. The platform maximizes user adoption and helps standardize all your purchase processes using configurable workflows and gives you better control to eliminate maverick or unapproved purchases.



## MeRLIN eProcurement Benefits

Reduce procurement cycles Reduce manual errors, improve supplier collaboration & turnaround times with configurable workflows & templates and end-to-end automation.

# Enhance compliance and control spend

Configure workflows for approvals based on type of purchase requisition, cost center, department, etc to streamline purchase processes.

#### Ensure budget control

Get real-time visibility to budget utilization for project or buyer so that you can plan and control your spend better.

#### Improve supplier collaboration

Ensure seamless collaboration with your suppliers through MeRLIN supplier portal and collaborator.

## Ease of use

Modern and simple user interface to offer better buying experiences and enhance user adoption.

#### Seamless integrations

Ensure seamless data flow by integrating with ERP or financial accounting system.

## Requisitions



Create requisitions easily using existing templates or create a requisition from scratch and save them as templates for future use.



Suggest alternate items / services while approving requisitions.



Manage approvals from anywhere and anytime using MeRLIN mobile application.

# **Catalog Management**



Find what you need fast from managed catalogues using the powerful search feature.

Check available budget while raising a requisition, send for approval and track status.

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Configure workflows, alerts, templates, etc streamline requests and approval processes.

Convert requisitions to Purchase Orders where approved contracts exist.

Search for currently active price(s) of items/parts or search for the price of similar parts or items in the catalog.

Configure business rules for approvals with the option

to have multi-level approvals.

### **Purchase Order Management**

- Manage Purchase Orders View, Edit, Review, Re-order, Approve or Cancel. Raise Spot POs for suppliers and Items with active contracts and emergency POs for items that do not have contracts.
  - Approve POs on-the-go from mobile app and publish them to suppliers.

#### Supply Management

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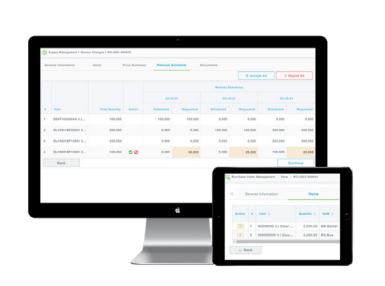
Communicate easily with your suppliers through the supplier portal and real-time Collaborator. Deliver POs, exchange invoices, notify payments via the portal or send real-time messages for clarifications to suppliers via the Collaborator.



Expedite Orders by proposing changes to Supplier release schedules to accelerate order delivery.



Receive Advance Shipment Notifications (ASNs) with relevant shipment information



### **Receiving and Invoice & Payment Management.**



Receive invoices for the goods and services supplied by the supplier.



Notify suppliers about payments made against the invoices and get acknowledgement.

Evaluate Supplies based on configurable parameters and collect Supplier Performance Scorecard.

# **Contract Lifecycle Management**



Create a centralized contract repository and use it to track all milestones.



Negotiate contractual documents online and obtain Electronic Signatures.

Track and monitor actual spend against a contract through contract burn-down chart.

# **Reports & Analytics**



Perform spend and savings analysis across categories, suppliers and regions with real-time drill-down analytics to identify savings opportunities.

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Get actionable insights from numerous standard reports like Spend Analysis, PO Analytics, OTIF Analysis, PO schedule vs shipped report, Supply in Full On-Time (SIFOT) Report , Share of Business and more

## WHY MeRLIN?

MeRLIN is a complete Strategic Sourcing Solution offering seamless integration between Sourcing, Procurement, Supplier Relationship Management and Analytics empowering procurement organizations to achieve maximum value.

It enables digital transformation of your procurement function, progressing from supporting cost control to driving strategic sourcing initiatives. It provides a platform to clearly understand spend, identify sourcing needs, successfully define and execute sourcing strategies using data driven insights, manage suppliers, RFx and eAuctions, and simplify decision-making using clear actionable analytics. MeRLIN is modular, flexible, configurable and easy to deploy and can integrate well with your existing ERPs and other systems to ensure seamless dataflow.

# **KEY FUNCTIONAL COMPONENTS OF MeRLIN ARE:**

Category Management	Supplier Management	Strategic Sourcing <ul> <li>Consolidate</li> </ul>	Contract Management	Requisition Management	eProcurement	Receiving
<ul> <li>Define Category Portfolio Segmentation</li> <li>Perform Category Analysis</li> <li>Define &amp; Execute Category Strategy</li> <li>Define Buying Channel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Define Supplier Portfolio Segmentation</li> <li>Certify and Develop new Suppliers</li> <li>On-board new Supplier &amp; Manage Supplier Data</li> <li>Manage Supplier Performance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demand</li> <li>Develop &amp; Execute Sourcing Strategy</li> <li>Negotiate &amp; Select Supplier Identify</li> <li>Create Awards and Manage them</li> <li>Enable Item &amp; Supplier Master Catalog</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Manage T&amp;Cs and Contract Templates</li> <li>Author Contracts</li> <li>Manage Contract Compliance</li> <li>Close Out Contracts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Create Requisitions</li> <li>Review, Budget Control &amp; Approve</li> <li>Modify &amp; Cancel Requisitions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Create &amp; Approve Purchase Order</li> <li>Manage Purchase Order Life Cycle</li> <li>Modify &amp; Cancel Purchase Order</li> <li>Expedite Order</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Receive Advance Shipment Notification</li> <li>Accept, Review &amp; Reject Receipt</li> <li>Resolve Exceptions</li> <li>Receive Invoices &amp; Credit Notes</li> </ul>

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