S/4HANA Business Process Benefits

Sourcing and Procurement

As more SAP customers begin planning for a conversion from ECC to S/4HANA, the business case for doing so is still not clear to many. Broad generalizations using terms such as "digital core" and "intelligent enterprise" abound in the marketing literature, but many customers are still searching for the specific features that will benefit them after a move to S/4HANA.

At CONTAX, our goal is to help customers navigate thru the S/4HANA journey. Our white papers showcase some of the key business process benefits and reasons for migrating to S/4HANA.

A conversion to S/4HANA is a business transformation project, not just another technical upgrade. S/4HANA is the next generation business suite of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) that provides organizations with extraordinary functionality. It is a simpler data model that has eliminated unnecessary processes which in turn increases productivity and minimizes complexity.

This blog will focus on a few key improvements we have seen in S/4HANA in the Sourcing and Procurement area.

Key Benefits of S/4HANA in Sourcing and Procurement

➢ With HANA and Fiori, better out-of-the-box standard reporting

➢ Procurement Overview Page combines operational and analytical reports in one single page layout

➢ With Monitoring Fiori apps, it makes it easy to identify and navigate to sourcing and procurement issues and take immediate action

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> The ability to drill from a report into a transaction without the need to open a new window; therefore, users can focus on the important task and make timely decisions

S/4HANA Sourcing and Procurement can help a company address supply shortage. For example, a retail business may struggle to meet customer demands of a newly launched product, which is selling faster than the suppliers can replenish.

The first step is to identify vendors that have supplied the product in the past to possibly fill in the gap. Before S/4HANA, users had to go through many isolated displays of documents without the ability to perform a document search. With S/4HANA, the user can type in the material they are looking for in the search box and drill down into the results.

After identifying previous suppliers, user will confirm if they can meet the demand and review their historic performance. Before S/4HANA, users pulled out performance data from a separate data warehouse. With S/4HANA users can get real time supplier performance metrics directly from the Fiori dashboard.

Once the supplier has been selected and the transaction completed, the user can analyze their spending to ensure that they are still meeting their budget KPI's and objectives. Prior to S/4HANA, users would need to investigate outdated data in a separate data warehouse. With S/4HANA users can get real time spending metrics directly in their Fiori dashboard to ensure business objectives are met. The SAP S/4HANA Fiori app provides simple, easy to use alternatives for business users.

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