



Service Description Document for:

SAP Ariba Direct Materials Sourcing Add-On

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SAP Ariba Direct Materials Sourcing Add-On

Add-On Description

The SAP Ariba direct materials sourcing add-on is an add-on to SAP Ariba Sourcing and comprises a set of features that enable users to source direct materials related to Bill of Materials (BOMs), collect and track material prices over a specified period, and calculate and track rollup costs for BOMs.

Technology Features

- BOM management: Users can manage product BOMs, assign plants or contract manufacturers, determine the level at which pricing should be obtained, determine the split across alternative parts, and calculate BOM rollup costs.
- Pricing database: A new pricing database provides a central storehouse for material pricing, both the estimated and quoted prices collected in sourcing events. The pricing database tracks prices over a buyer-defined period of time and calculates a weighted average cost based on buyer-determined supplier splits on the items.
- Item 360: A new view shows items across the many pricing events and across approved manufacturers.
- Simple RFx: This new event type provides a quick and efficient event-building process and includes new price-by-time functionality.
- SAP ECC BOM: Direct integration with SAP ECC allows those systems to send BOMs to this solution.
- Manufacturer part numbers (MPN): Support for additional material master information and MPNs.
- Purchase info record (PIR): After accepting pricing from material quoting events, this solution can send pricing back to the ERP to create PIRs for each accepted supplier.

Onboarding

The SAP software is made available to the customer from the point of contract signature as a Software-as-a-Service.

The SAP Onboarding Resource Center provides a one-stop-shop for onboarding information, with step-by-step guides, assets and webcast sessions to ensure a smooth and seamless onboarding experience.

Full use of the service is enabled through an implementation project. NTT DATA Business Solutions (NDBS) are able to deliver the implementation project through our listing for SAP Cloud Support Services (Implementation), also on G-Cloud.

General Implementation Approach

NDBS offer implementation and advisory consulting services for the implementation and onboarding of the SAP software, available through our Lot 3 listing – NDBS Cloud Support Services (Implementation). These services cover:

- Application skills for implementation, configuration, testing support.
- Value Added services for: change management, training and training strategy, data migration.
- Technical skills for development of applications, enhancements, and integrations to the SAP platform

Customers achieve fast and cost-efficient deployment of SAP products and innovations through a consistent and proven methodology, SAP Activate for SAP Ariba.

Deliverables by Workstream

SAP Ariba

Deliverables by Workstream						Deliverables
						◆ Quality gates
	DISCOVER	PREPARE	EXPLORE	REALIZE	DEPLOY	RUN
Project Management		Getting Started & Onboarding	Execution and Monitoring of Project			
		Project Initiation & Governance	Sprint Planning and Execution			
		Project Standards, Plans & Kick-off				
Customer Team Enablement		Customer Team Self-Enablement				
Technical Architecture & Infrastructure		Supporting Tools for Implementation		Initial Access for SAP Ariba Production System	System Go-Live	Technical Monitoring and Management
		Initial Access to SAP Cloud ALM, WalkMe & SAP Ariba				Release and Update Cycles
Application Design and Configuration	Application Value and Scoping	Fit-to-Standard Workshops Preparation	Fit-to-standard Workshops, Documentation & Validation	Solution Configuration & Walkthrough		Release and Update Cycles
		Transition Planning	Delta Design Workshops and Documentation	Request Configuration Design Freeze		Continuous Improvement
Extensibility			User Access, Permissions and Security Planning and Design	Identify and Access Management Configuration in the Test System		Identify Innovation and Growth Opportunities
Integration			Extension Planning and Design	Extension Development & Configuration		
Testing				Integration Configuration in Test and Production Systems		
Data Management			Test Planning	Test Preparation & Execution		
		Customer Team Self-Enablement	Data Load Preparation	Data Migration in Test Tenant	Production Cutover	Ongoing System Operations
				Cutover Preparation	System Go-Live	Identify Innovation and Growth Opportunities
Operations & Support				Support Operations and Handover Plan	Operation Readiness	Post Go-Live Hypercare Support
				Operations Implementation	Handover to Support Organization	Incident and Problem Management
						Ongoing System Operations
Solution Adoption						Release and Update Cycles
Analytics						

The implementation approach encompasses the management of the key workstreams (left axis) throughout the 6 phases of implementation (top axis). Key activities during implementation include:

Discover Phase Activities:

The purpose of the Discover phase is to understand the functionality of the SAP Ariba solutions in scope and how they can bring benefits to the business. The phase ends with the software contract being signed.

- User enablement via the trial system.
- Solution scoping via the SAP digital discovery assessment tool.
- Value discovery.

Prepare Phase Activities:

The purpose of the Prepare phase is to perform the initial planning and preparation for the project. In this phase, the project is started, plans are finalised, project team is assigned, and work is under way to start the project optimally.

- Define project goals, a high-level scope, and a project plan.
- Identify and quantify business value objectives.
- Best practices installation
- Establish project standards, organisation and governance.
- Define and secure approval for the implementation/upgrade strategy.
- Define roles and responsibilities for the project team.
- Validate the project objectives.
- Establish project management, tracking, and reporting mechanisms for value delivery.
- Begin self-enablement.
- Develop enablement strategy.
- Receive and access the initial systems.
- Kick off the project.

Explore Phase Activities:

The purpose of the Explore phase is to perform a fit-to-standard analysis to validate the solution functionality included in the project scope and to confirm that the business requirements can be satisfied. Identified delta configuration values are added to the backlog for use in the next phase.

- Fit-to-standard workshop.
- Configuration definition.
- Integration prerequisites confirmation.
- Solution extension preparation.
- Data load preparation.
- Finalise and prioritise the project backlog and release/sprint planning.
- Collect organisation and supplier information, analyse learning needs, and develop a learning deployment strategy.
- Phase closure.

Realise Phase Activities:

The purpose of the Realise phase is to use a series of iterations to incrementally build and test an integrated business and system environment that is based on the business scenarios and process requirements identified in the previous phase. During this phase, data is loaded, adoption activities occur, and operations are planned.

- Plan and execute on sprint plan
- Implement the solution in the test environment in time-boxed iterations (sprints).
- Conduct overall end-to-end testing of the solution.
- Set up production environment.
- Prepare for data migration and data archiving.
- Finalise organisational and supplier training materials and documentation
- Conduct project team and key user training.
- Finalise end user training materials and documentation.
- Track and report on value delivery.

Deploy Phase Activities:

The purpose of the Deploy phase is to set up the production system(s), conduct cutover, confirm customer organisation readiness, and to switch business operations to the new system(s).

- Finalise the solution and business processes for production go-live
- Production cutover
- Resolve all crucial open issues
- Conduct system tests
- Proceed with cutover activities including data migration and organisational change management (OCM).
- Track and report on value delivery.
- Develop post-go live support plan.

Run Phase Activities:

The purpose of the Run phase is to further optimise and automate the operability of the solution. Operability is the ability to maintain IT systems in a functioning and operating condition, guaranteeing system availability and required performance levels to support the execution of the enterprise's business operations.

- Ongoing system operations
- Continuous change management
- Continuous learning
- Continuous improvement
- Release cycles

Our approach embeds the following principles:

- START with BEST PRACTICES - with the solution delivered through proven, re-useable knowledge assets and pre-built content, including process flows, pre-configuration, test scripts, data migration assets, and end-user documentation and help.
- VALIDATE the SOLUTION - validation to best practices and fit-gap analysis.
- MODULAR and AGILE – SAP provides the ability to deliver the solution incrementally, ensuring to value and focus on key business benefits.
- PRE-ASSEMBLY and CLOUD READY – Pre-built Best Practices enable customers to accelerate implementation whilst leveraging the flexibility and speed of the cloud.
- QUALITY BUILT-IN – A stage gate approach with embedded quality milestones delivers early identification and management of risk, with a “total quality” approach to implementation.
- A FOCUS on ADOPTION – Utilisation of Best Practices as an accelerator allows the project to focus less on the technical aspects of the solution, and more on the data and adoption aspects that are critical to success.

Implementation projects for all products and services are tailored to the customer, and delivered in line with client needs and requirements.

Service Levels and Support

For productive system the service level for availability is 99.7%. For non-productive systems (development, test) the service level for availability is 99.5%.

Software Support is provided by SAP Enterprise Support. Additional cost options are available for enhanced support from SAP and details are available on request.

NDBS can also provide additional application and technical managed service support for the application which enhances the SAP Enterprise Support with additional support for the application and the technical elements of the application. This can include ‘how do I?’ and ‘break-fix’ type support.

Maintenance Windows

For Public Cloud, there is a weekly maintenance window (Saturday 22:00 UTC) for 4 hours. In addition, there are up to 4 major upgrade windows per year (Saturday 19:00 UTC) for 8 hours.

Major upgrades happen quarterly — in February, May, August and November.

Between the quarterly major upgrades, SAP delivers monthly service packs.

Offboarding, and Access to Data

When offboarding, for the Public Cloud solution SAP provides tools to download the data from the service. It is the customer responsibility to download the data prior to contract termination. Additional cost options can provide enhanced support from NDBS to support the customer in the offboard and data extraction elements up to the contract termination.

Business Continuity

SAP Ariba implements a comprehensive backup strategy for data recovery. Regular automated backups of customer data are scheduled, with log files backed up every 15 minutes. Data is stored in an encrypted format and retained for 14 days. In the event of data loss, recovery is possible using the most recent backup, ensuring a maximum data loss of 15 minutes. Additionally, production backups are made to disk, with a multi-tiered backup process that includes full, differential, and incremental backups. Backups are monitored for failures, and annual restoration validations are conducted to ensure usability.

After Sales Support

SAP provides Enterprise Support for the duration of the subscription (software support). NDBS can enhance the Enterprise Support, by providing highly flexible Application and Technical Managed Services for the buying organisation. As these can be tailored for individual customer requirements, NDBS can provide specific detail on application.