

PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management



Oracle's PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management creates, maintains, and enforces better Supplier contracts. It is a key component of Oracle PeopleSoft's Supplier Relationship Management (SRM) system, the integrated Procurement suite that dramatically reduces supply management costs.

KEY FEATURES

- Electronic document repository
- Document authoring and lifecycle management
- Document and clause import utilities
- Contract clause library
- Contract compliance and management
- Supplier document collaboration via Interaction Hub
- Digital signatures
- Track and manage full contract life cycle
- Document configurator
- Configurator selection wizard
- Executive summary document with Contract highlights
- Version control and lifecycle status
- Automated compliance checking
- Integrated monitoring notifications
- Native integration with Microsoft Word
- Contract syndication to third-party systems

KEY BENEFITS

- Standardize the contract process
- Reduce time-to-contract time
- Drive contract compliance

Create and Enforce Better Supplier Contracts

Supplier contract management has become even more overwhelming in the face of new business challenges such as globalization, outsourcing, and increased regulatory pressure. Today, most companies record some financial details about their contracts in their purchasing system, but many still store the actual contract document offline (that is, in filing cabinets) with no connection to the execution and compliance activity. Authoring remains a manual process lacking efficient controls. Terms negotiations can be cumbersome and time consuming, and incomplete adoption and lackluster enforcement prevents even the best-negotiated contracts from realizing expected savings. With PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management, procurement and legal professionals can quickly author contracts that comply with corporate standards and enforce compliance to ensure that negotiated savings reach the bottom line. PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management enables customers to standardize contract processes, reduce time-to-contract times, and drive contract compliance.

Standardize Contract Processes

Create high quality Supplier contracts faster and reduce risk using enterprisewide standards, policies that govern their use, and tools to allow flexible administration.

Centralized Terms Library Ensures Consistent Contract Standards Across the Entire Organization

PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management delivers a centralized clause library that enables buying organizations to create and maintain standard contract terms, clauses, and deliverables. Once created, these contract components can be implemented globally and reused throughout the organization. The result is best practices and standard terms being used consistently throughout the enterprise.

User-Defined Fields Provide Flexibility and Configurability

Supplier Contract Management delivers a series of user-defined fields that are searchable within document management and Secure Enterprise Search (SES) capabilities. These metadata values may be prompts that are stored, used for workflow processing, and used as search criteria by administrators in main pages. For each document type, specific user-defined fields can be selected from the overall setup. User-defined fields provide added flexibility and configurability to meet the unique requirements of individual organizations and their document types.

Comprehensive Contract Policies Establish Control and Reduce Risk

The need for tighter controls over contract terms is underscored by corporate governance regulations. Companies can be exposed to contractual risk and monetary penalties if negotiated terms vary from corporate standards. Using PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management, organizations can define policies that mandate the use of specific clauses and require special approval for any deviation. Administrators define standard clause usage, interdependencies between clauses, and approved alternatives. Policies can use other data in the ERP system to drive contract language. For example, if a contract contains lines with items marked as “hazardous materials” in the Item Master, a rule can be established to automatically include the appropriate hazmat handling language in the contract. This results in the creation of quality documents and the reduced need for expensive legal or administrative intervention during the authoring process.

RELATED PRODUCTS

The following products support Oracle PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management:

- PeopleSoft eProcurement
- PeopleSoft Strategic Sourcing
- PeopleSoft Purchasing

RELATED SERVICES

The following services support Oracle PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management

- Update Subscription Services
- Product Support Services
- Professional Services

Expert-Based Authoring Produces Compliant Contracts

PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management uses customer-created contract configurator and interactive wizard questions to produce expert-based authored contracts that are standards compliant. Contract configurator automatically adds required clauses based on key contract information such as item category and payment terms. Contract wizards prompt users with relevant questions. The system uses the question responses to complete contract information and determine which clause language is appropriate. Native Microsoft Word integration allows for offline redlining and the insertion of standard clauses from the centralized library. Contract documents, regardless of their point of origin (whether from a buying organization or a Supplier), can be uploaded and stored as the contract of record. Security privileges strictly control the level of authoring access. In addition, PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management’s authoring framework (clause library and wizard-based configurators) can be used outside of the procurement domain to generate generic documents. For example, the system can create and manage non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) or supporting

certification documents. Just as for authoring Supplier contracts, the same Microsoft Word integration, control, and audit trail capabilities are provided.

Document and Clause Import Tools Facilitate Deployment

PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management provides import utilities to accelerate deployment of the solution. Contract Administrators can load legacy documents into the system, resulting in visibility to both old and new contracts. If a set of standard legal terms already exists, the system can load them into the Supplier Contract Management clause library, avoiding the need to re-enter them manually. These tools reduce the implementation time and accelerate the return on investment.

Reduce Time-to-Contract Time

Cut contract cycle times with flexible workflow, parallel negotiation, and formal amendment processing.

Parallel Negotiation of Commercial and Legal Terms Reduces Redlining and Cycle Time

Contract negotiation often stalls during the redlining that follows negotiation of commercial terms. This introduces substantial business risk and weakens the buying organization's leverage as internal demand for the purchase increases. With PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management, customers can concurrently negotiate detailed legal and commercial terms. Accessing the standard clause library and including default contract terms in sourcing events dramatically reduces post-award negotiation and redlining. Allowing Suppliers to bid with full knowledge of both commercial and legal terms keeps the contract process on track and reduces the lag time between award and signed agreement.

Flexible Workflow Expedites Approval and Digital Signature Capture

PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management's flexible approval workflow rapidly approves contracts containing standard clauses while flagging those with non-standard or modified clauses as exceptions requiring additional approvals. The approval workflow is fully configurable to include all necessary parties (for example, buying professionals, legal departments, Suppliers, and more). Documents are routed internally for approval and digital signature. Internally approved contracts are electronically routed to Suppliers for their approval and digital signature using PDF or Word signature capabilities. The system archives contracts and supporting documents in a secured repository and maintains complete approval and signature history.

Streamlined Amendment Process Prevents Time Consuming, Costly Disputes

Costly disputes about what was agreed to, when and by whom can cause issues in the absence of a complete audit trail and comprehensive version management. Both buyers and Suppliers can easily compare changes between revisions. Both parties can collaborate on amendments to contract terms online, and both parties can implement or reject amendments requests. All contract modifications, including both approved and rejected amendments, are retained in revision history.

RFx Document Authoring

Customers need to manage the entire Supplier contract life cycle effectively to reduce spending on goods and services by enforcing contract pricing with embedded terms and conditions. Organizations use Supplier Contract Management to create and enforce better Supplier contracts. Suppliers need to see the contract, purchase order, and event terms and conditions at the beginning of the sourcing discussion. PeopleSoft Supplier Contracts is tightly integrated with three key sources of information—Purchase Orders, Procurement Contracts, and Strategic Sourcing events—to provide an automatic method to convert event clauses and attached documents used in negotiation into a contract at time of award. Organizations can author RFx contract documents that support full lifecycle tracking, collaboration, and approvals. Document import, document copy, and supply-side access are supported via the Interaction Hub.

Drive Contract Compliance – Central Contract Repository Provides Full Visibility

With Supplier Contract Management stakeholders can easily retrieve contracts and related information from a central electronic repository. The digital contract document stored in the central repository is linked to the purchasing transactional record (the PeopleSoft Procurement Contract in Purchasing). This allows for powerful searching, including where-used capabilities and the ability to combine PeopleSoft Purchasing contract metadata and text strings in the same query. The digitized contract is synchronized with execution data from PeopleSoft Purchasing or from third-party purchasing systems using the contract syndication feature. Organizations can track agreements, view purchasing transactions, and drill into all relevant supporting documents. Managers can review current spend and real-time key performance indicators to understand the current contract performance. PeopleSoft Supplier Contract Management makes sure organizations know how Suppliers are performing against their contractual commitments.

Interaction Hub Encourages Supplier Collaboration

Supplier collaboration opens up access to the contract life cycle to Suppliers and other external parties through the Supplier-side facing Comprehensive Supplier Portal. Supplier Contract Management's online Supplier-facing functionality offers Supplier collaboration for authored contracts using native MS Word, support for imported supply-side paper, simplified digital signatures, notifications, and ability to update service level agreement metrics.



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