

Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery Plus



Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery Plus dramatically improves employees' ability to find needed goods and services at contractual prices. Universal search retrieves items across every store, including punchout catalogs hosted by suppliers, to rapidly display relevant choices.

Manage More Spend

KEY BENEFITS

- Manage more spend
- State-of-the-art search tool that spans across all sources of content
- Easily identify preferred vendors
- Navigate to supplier stores only when required
- Ensure Rapid and Universal Adoption
- Buy highly recommended items by peers
- Better collaboration between Requesters and Buyers
- Reduce maverick spending
- Automated Supplier Catalog Import
- Improve visibility for better decision making.
- Guided Buying
- Buy items from recommended suppliers
- Right catalog content at the top of search results for efficient shopping.
- Proactively collaborate with buyer.

Many employee requisition tools frustrate employees. Employees may be presented with an overwhelming array of diverse catalogs to choose from. Reducing the number of catalogs limits access to needed goods and services. Employees that buy outside an eProcurement tool forego catalog savings while the purchasing department loses visibility, automation, and spend controls. Information Discovery solves this conundrum.

Locate Items Easily – Information Discovery provides a familiar and effective on-line shopping experience. Employees can now search all catalog content in one step including punch-out. Employees no longer need to navigate to multiple supplier stores to find the best choice. Search results appear lightning fast and include catalog items, Smart Forms, and policy documents.

Filter results – Filters allow employees to target desired choices. Default filters include supplier, source contract, and shopping category. Guided refinements filters provide category-specific choices, such as display size or touch screen for a computer monitor.

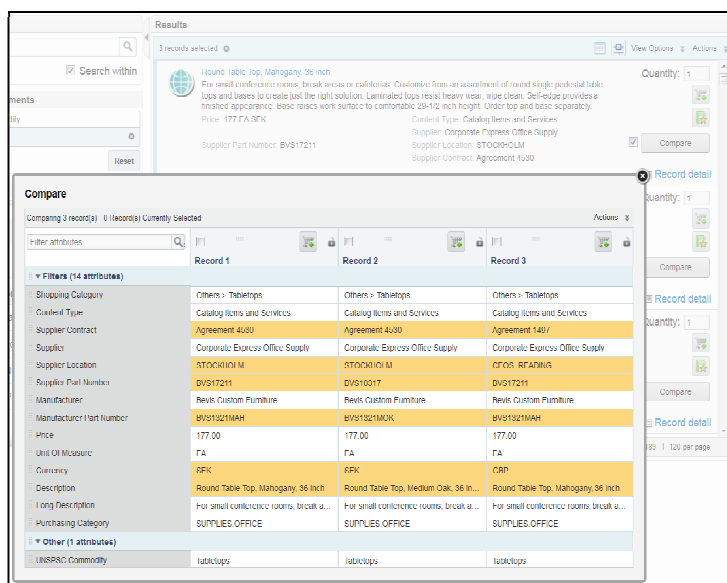


Figure 1: iProcurement Information Discovery Plus Item Comparison

Detail comparison – With a few clicks employees can compare items and evaluate detailed attributes to confirm they have identified the right product at the best price.

More catalogs – Universal Search allows employees to immediately search for their desired item without having to first choose the appropriate catalog. Now, many more catalogs can be loaded to capture contract savings without adding complexity to the shopping experience. Existing Oracle iProcurement controls, such as access controls, remain enforced.

UNIVERSAL SEARCH FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION

KEY FEATURES

- Search across all content
- Filters and guided Refinements
- Side-by-side item comparison
- Type ahead search
- Bookmarks
- Smart forms and policies included in search results
- Ratings and Review for better catalogs
- Feedback for Buyers
- Lightweight homepage for casual users.
- Robust homepage for power users.
- Preferred Item Indicators
- Order the search results
- View buyer notes
- Metric on order processing time

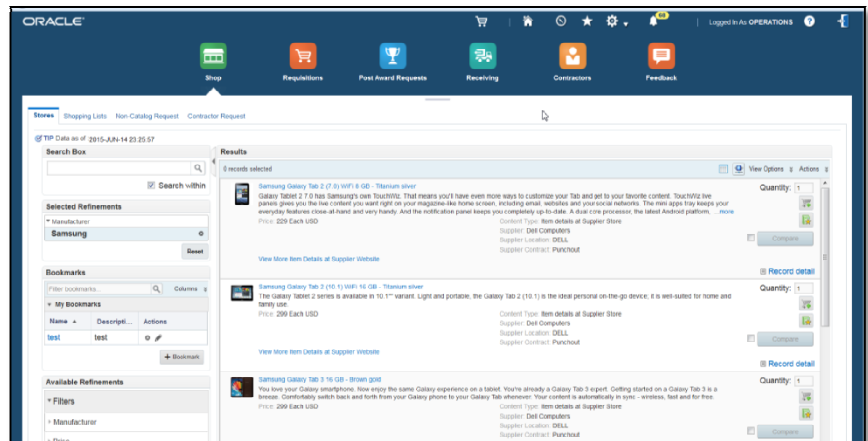


Figure 2: iProcurement Information Discovery Plus

Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery Plus can be loaded with every catalog for preferred vendors and approved products. Employees use a single user interface for all purchase types. Maverick spending is reduced, and non-catalog requisitions for catalog items are minimized, further streamlining the process and reducing procurement involvement. Also Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery Plus now offers an enhanced homepage so that users experience a better look and feel. Further, it helps requesters to view or perform their regular activities from the home page itself without excessive navigation clicks in the application.

Recommendation from Colleagues Simplify Buying Decisions

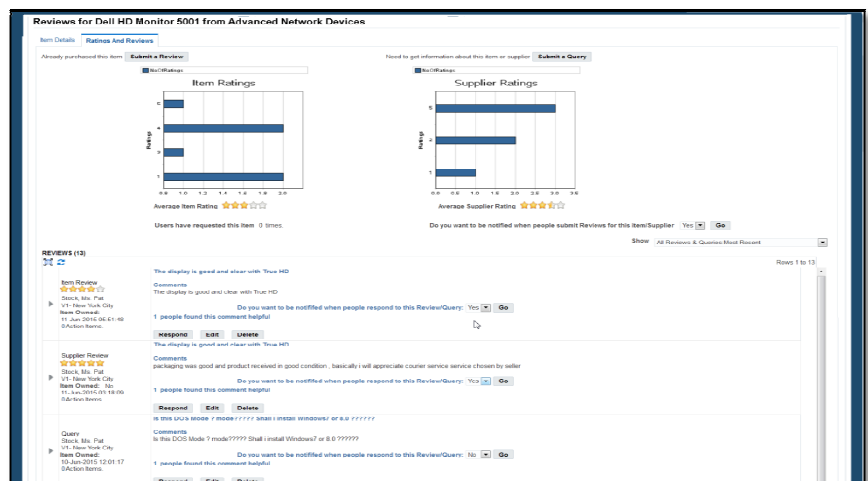


Figure 3: Leverage the power of Ratings and Review for better catalogs

Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery Plus allows end-users to provide rating and review feedback on the catalog items and services available to them. This ratings and review helps the employees to get recommendations on the best products or services to buy that match requester's need. In addition, the ratings and reviews will be accessed by buyers as well. Hence the ratings and reviews are not only to help the requesters to help each other with well-rated items or services; it is about enabling the user community to provide feedback about the purchased item or service to the buyer. Ratings and review feature provides tremendous value for organizations where item and supplier ratings will be monitored by buyers to take appropriate action brought up in a review.

Better Collaboration between Requesters and Buyers

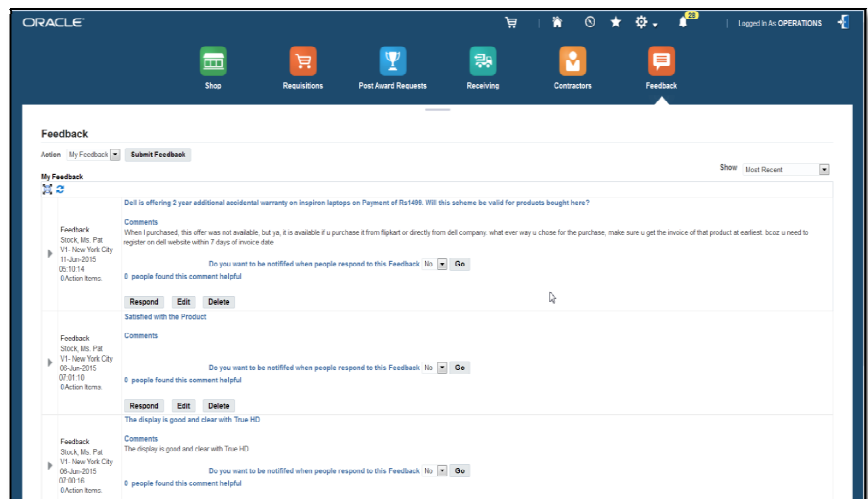


Figure 4: Feedback Helps Buyers to Refine Catalogs

In Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery Plus, requesters can provide feedback or suggestion to buyer. The feedback or suggestion can be about an item or a supplier or anything which the requester wants to communicate with the buyer. This improves the collaboration between requesters and buyers.

The buyer can access the feedback or suggestion given by requester. Buyer understands the situation that needs intervention and refines catalog or initiates remedial action immediately by responding to requester feedback or suggestion.

Enriched Homepage for Casual and Experienced Users

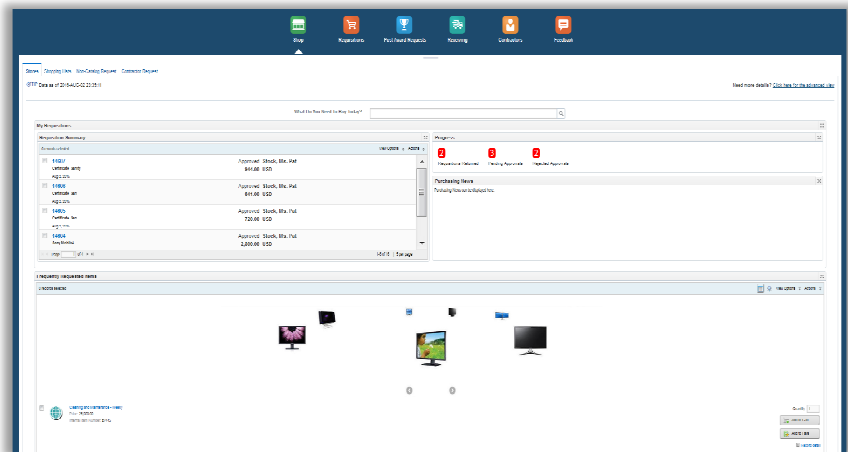


Figure 5: Lightweight Homepage for Casual Users

Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery Plus homepage has been enhanced to improve visibility for better decision making.

A lightweight homepage supports users who use Oracle iProcurement infrequently. Features that improve productivity include global searchbox, progress on requests, recent requisitions, configurable purchasing news, and lists of frequently requested items or services.

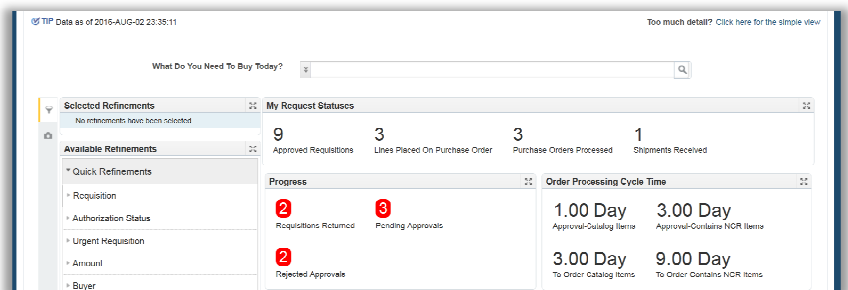


Figure 6: Clickable Metrics, Quick Refinements, Charts for Requisitioners

A more robust homepage supports power users. Key features include a clickable metric panel for user requisition status, progress on requests, improved "My Requisition" table, and a tag cloud for top categories requested. In addition, metrics and charts such as Order Processing Time provide insight related to employee driven procurement.

Preferred Item Indicators and Influence the choices of Items/Services - Guided Buying

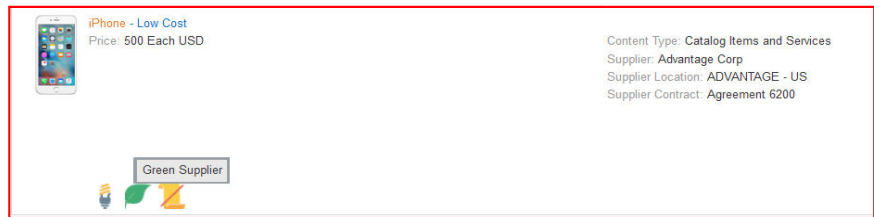


Figure 7: Preference item indicators denoting preferential attributes

Requesters can gain improved visibility on all requested items or services with preference indicators denoting preferential attributes. Preference indicator icons appear in search results. Requesters can make better shopping decisions by noticing preference indicators that provide preferences relating to suppliers and/or items. For example: First Source Supplier, Green Supplier, etc. Guided Buying, utilizing preference indicator items, assists requesters in procuring items from recommended suppliers and serviced by the best possible supplier(s).

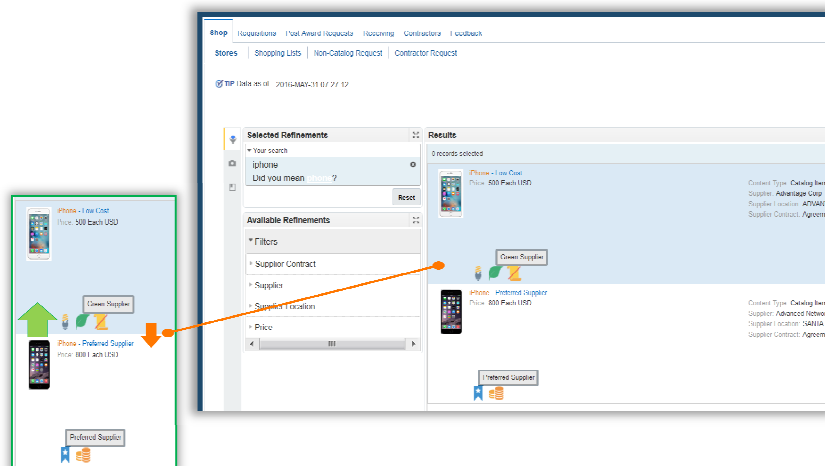


Figure 8: Order the search results with promotion factor

Preferences also influence relevance ranking in search results. With the help of promotion factor, catalog items with higher weightage are elevated in the catalog items hierarchy, and are shown at the top of the search results for efficient shopping. It also helps requesters to pick items from negotiated agreements with preferred suppliers. For example, Catalogs from 'Preferred Supplier' are highlighted at the top of the search results.

Provide Requesters with Visibility into Procurement Operations

Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery Plus enables requester visibility into procurement operations. New metrics on order processing time enable requesters to be aware of the average requisition cycle time as well as requisition to order approval time.

Requesters are exposed to buyer activity related to requested items or services with the help of Buyer Notes. Buyer Notes enables buyers to assign tasks within the procurement team and track tasks to completion.

Automated Supplier Catalog Import

Using Oracle Supplier Network, supplier can send the catalog information to the buying organization. Oracle Supplier Network supports both the catalog pull and push processes. The process can be automated so that the catalog information is pulled or pushed from the supplier and sent to buying organization periodically using Oracle Supplier Network.

Easy to Implement and Configure

Oracle Information Discovery updates the iProcurement catalog contents, with support for both desktop and mobile devices. The shopping cart and subsequent checkout with integration, accounting, and approvals remain unchanged.

Items from supplier punch-out catalogs may be refreshed as often as needed. If desired, items from supplier punchout catalogs can require navigation to the supplier item page, such as for items that have add-on configuration, volatile availability, calculated pricing, or multiple specification sheets that employees should reference prior to making a purchase decision.

Powerful Toolset

Oracle iProcurement Information Discovery Plus provides a rich, configurable user interface that is fully integrated with Oracle iProcurement. Customers get more value from their investment in Oracle iProcurement by adding Information Discovery-based capabilities, and can do so with minimal setup and without disruption to current operations.



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