

**National Electronic Commerce Coordinating Council Survey
Purchasing Electronic Commerce Systems - Vendor Survey**

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Functions Performed Name(s) of Product(s) and Modules Purchasing, Consumables, etc Platform Used Cost			
Business & Manufacturing Software	Purchasing, Receiving, Hr, Inventory...	PC	\$10,000

System architecture - i.e. Mainframe, Client Server , Web

LAN Based with Web Support

Operating system(s) - i.e. PC, LAN, WAN, DOS, Windows, NT, 95, 98, Macintosh

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Hardware requirements

- Processor, 386, 486, Pentium, Pentium II, Pentium III
- RAM
- Harddrive

386'S TOO SLOW, PREFER 486 OR BETTER

Type of application Single user, LAN, WAN, Enterprise

Multiuser

Client server? Explain

Optional, costs extra for database licenses

Type of client(s) and how updated - Thin, Full, etc.

Depends on environment

Networking and versions required and supported - i.e. Banyan, Novelle, NT, etc.

Support all networks with PC clients

Programming language(s) from which the application was created - Powerbuilder, C++, HTML, other web programs

C++, HTML

Computer platform used - Mainframe, AS 400, Sun, Client server

PC & Servers

Accounting systems integration and method of integration

Payment report calculates distributions for easy input or integration to systems that permit if possible

Is the system capable of long accounting streams, what is the number of characters available for the accounting stream?

Not sure what you mean here. Example Purchase Orders have been arbitrarily limited to 99 items (vendors have huge orders). Each item can be multiple pages of text.

Other known third party interfaces- SAP, People soft, mechanical maintenance systems, consumable supplies systems, menu planning systems, etc

Data warehousing - Does the application utilize a data warehouse? What database programs and versions support the database? i.e. Oracle, Sybase, etc.

Optional, but this would significantly increase product cost

Reporting - Does the application have a report generation system? Can other report programs easily use data from the application. i.e. Crystal reports, etc.

Yes, provides many reports, data can be exported for use with other applications

Contract catalogues - Does the application(s) support internet catalogues? Briefly explain.

Support for vendor provides catalogs

Maintain internet catalogues - Strategy for maintaining internet catalogues. Contractor maintained catalogue, business maintained catalogue, etc.

Internet sites - Provide an example of internet site(s) which have internet catalogues. Provide a name of a contact person and telephone number which might be published.

Annual maintenance costs - What are the annual application maintenance costs and what do they include?

10% application cost

Help desk or vendor support - What are the vendor support days and hours? How are client calls first handled? i.e. real person answers, automated call system, etc

24 hour support

Electronic signature capable - Is the program electronic signature capable? Explain

Yes, for requisition approval only. Otherwise passwords and real signatures used.

Purchasing Functions

Vendor management activities

☒ No Vendors are automatically purged? Have to delete

X No Vendors are automatically selected, with policy priorities factored (minority and small business)

X Yes Notice distribution of Invitation to bids and Requests for proposal via

☒ No email Easy

☒ Yes FAX

☒ Yes hard copy

☐ Yes ☐ No other. Explain_____

☒ Yes On demand electronic distribution of ITBs and request for proposals

☒ Yes FAX on demand system

☒ No Internet download, explain

☒ No No other - explain

☒ Yes Vendor performance

☒ Yes Vendor notes screen

☒ Yes Vendor performance report

☒ Yes Vendor notes and performance screens linked

Purchase Orders

☒ Yes Can printed forms be easily modified

- ☒ Yes Do purchase orders look as they are printed? As compared to Handwrite?
- ☒ Yes Can blanket purchase orders or contracts be used?
- ☒ Yes Can contracts be searched for goods and services, how? Listed by date/purpose
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Invitation to bids

- ☒ Yes Are Invitation to Bid templates available
- ☒ No What standard PC Suites software can be used used? i.e. Microsoft Office, Groupwise, Lotus Suite

Use application

- ☒ Yes Ability to use standard terms and condition language
- ☒ Yes Ability to choose standard language for each invitation to bid or RFP
- ☒ Yes Ability to modify standard language for each invitation to bid or RFP
- ☒ No Can the invitation to bid be downloaded from internet, How?
- ☒ No Sealed bids - can the system handle sealed bids? Vendor provides electronically and sealed in a system until date and time for bid opening. Explain
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Purchase orders and contracts

- ☒ Yes Can appropriate Terms and conditions be copied to purchase orders and contracts, how?

Retrieve Option

- ☒ Yes Can Purchase orders and contracts be printed at remote locations? How?
Fax
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- X Yes Online requisitioning from agency customers, How?

Run Requisition Module

- ☒ Yes Is System capable of electronic routing and approvals. Briefly explain.

Users see only their unapproved reqs, purchasing sees all approved reqs

- ☒ Yes Is system capable of workload assignment and status. Briefly explain.

Can designate buyer

- ☒ No Will system document purchasing process milestones or timelines? Briefly explain.

Maybe one of our reports is a milestone

☒ No Will the system provide leadtime analysis

☒ No Will the system record and prompt for pending actions?

☒ Yes Does the system have commodity code capability? How does the keyword search work? What commodity codes are usually used?

☒ No Does the program allow for forms to be downloaded? How?

☒ Yes EDI Capable, explain

Write EDI Formatted POs

☒ Yes Does the system support on-line receiving? Explain

Full receiving module

☒ Yes Does the system support two and three matches?

☒ No Does the system provide integrated electronic commerce. explain.

☒ Yes Does the system support delegated purchasing? Explain how it works.

Clerks can be assigned delegated authority – when printing Pos they have to select PO signer

☒ Yes Does the system provide purchase history?

☒ Yes Does the system provide a documented audit trail?

☒ Yes Has the system been integrated with an asset management. An asset management system can be fixed assets or consummable supplies. Provide systems integrated with and explain.

Includes integrated asset mgmt

X Yes Can the system perform auto contract reprocurement based on par levels. Provide examples.

Stockroom generates resupply requisitions

☒ No Does the system provide and document a life cycle analysis function?

☒ Yes Does the system provide for hazardous material marking Full chemical mgmt arca

☒ Yes Has the system been integrated with a barcoding system? How has it been integrated?

Assets

☒ Yes Does the program have built in security features?

☒ Yes Does the system have ability to archive information.

Funding strategies available - What kind of funding strategies are available. i.e. vendor pays fee, etc. Explain.

PC Application, Customer buys unlimited use license and all associated hardware and operating systems.

Other issues or future plans

Please, return the survey to the person on the accompanying letter by April 26, 1999