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Solution: Infosys E-Procurement Solution for Purchase Request

Solution Overview: Infosys developed an E-Procurement solution covering Purchase Request Business Package that helps to set up a process for end users to fill in a pre-defined requisition form in Microsoft SharePoint Server 2010® to seamlessly create PR transactions in SAP® system.

Platform: Windows 2008 Server, MS SharePoint 2010, Duet Enterprise etc.

Partner Name: Infosys

Partner Size: 160, 0000

Country or Region: Around Globe

Industry: Professional services

Partner Profile: Infosys alliance with Microsoft as a Gold Partner creates a unique value proposition for the clients and brings the best technology and services combination to the fore for a competitive edge. Infosys (NASDAQ:INFY) has a global footprint with 64 offices and 63 development centers across the globe.

Software and Services

- Duet Enterprise
- Microsoft Office System
- SharePoint Server 2010
- Microsoft Visual Studio®
- Microsoft Windows Server – Windows Server™
- Microsoft Consulting Services

For more information about Duet Enterprise, go to:

www.microsoft.com/Duet

www.duet.com

www.sap.com/duetenterprise

Infosys Duet Enterprise Platform-E-Procurement Solution for Purchase Request

The Infosys Duet Enterprise platform E- procurement solution will help on automation of all the procurement request process in SAP in the organization which is today happening manually. This will help in ensuring minimal data capture errors and data integrity.

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Using Duet Enterprise for Microsoft SharePoint 2010 and SAP, Infosys has developed an E-Procurement solution covering Purchase Request Business Package. This helps to set up a process for end users to fill in a pre-defined requisition form in Microsoft SharePoint Server 2010 to seamlessly create PR transactions in SAP system.

Business Needs

In current scenario a Purchase Request form is manually created in excel and sent via e-mail to Purchase Group.

Purchase Group feeds/re-enters the data from excels to SAP e-Procurement System. Approver varies from case to case and depending upon type of request, department, cost etc. Manual entry to excel and re-entry in e-Procurement system is cumbersome and error prone. Any modification to Purchase Request requires new version of PR Form from Requestor via e-mail. This can lead to multiple redundant copies of PR form and is not easily traceable.

To successfully implement E-procurement

scenarios in SAP ERP system, companies are seeking:

- Avoid manual process of transferring data from excel file to SAP System sent via mail from requestor to Purchase team.
- Purchase Request details will be entered and modified in an online form on SharePoint® Site by the requestor himself.
- Approver will be identified based upon selected criteria.
- Purchase Request details will be pushed to SAP e-Procurement from SharePoint interface.
- Final generated Purchase Order will be available on SharePoint Portal for reference.



Solution

The E-Procurement solution developed by Infosys has the following highlights:

- Automation of the existing Purchase Request process leaving behind the traditional way of PR creation process.
- Single view of status of the Purchase Request with role-based business application that interoperates with SharePoint for the SAP users.
- Seamless Integration with SAP and SharePoint.

This solution has following features:

- End to End E-Procurement Process in place for Purchase Request with a readymade framework and approach to easily modify the business package to meet customer requirements.
- Accept and Delegate functionality for any Purchase Request.
- Approve/Reject Workflow for a Purchase Request.
- A single User Interface from which the initiator and approvers of the Purchase Request can view the status of the same.
- Make the End User easy to communicate with different Collaboration capabilities.
- A very rich and appealing UI being developed on Silverlight Component.
- Dashboard capability to show the statistical data depending on analytics done.
- Integration with MS Outlook to get regular workflow in End User inbox for immediate action.

Benefits

The E-Procurement solution developed by Infosys has the following benefits:

Faster Purchase Request Process

By reducing the manual steps and regular interaction with major stakeholders through a common Infosys Duet Enterprise Platform the Purchase Team can better maintain this process.

High Data Integrity

With this implementation the data is centralized at one place and is synchronized instead of keeping in different application (like excel, email etc.).

Easy and Simple User Interface

This minimizes the dependency of separate group/IT folks for all the Purchase Request related tasks.

Access Controlled Workflow

Faster way of Approval such that Companies has the opportunity to realize savings in time.