



## QAD SUPPLIER MANAGEMENT

Creating, maintaining and developing comprehensive supplier information can be daunting for many manufacturers. Too often, the information resides in silos across the organization or within the files of buyers. Starting with the registration process and moving through the qualification, evaluation and risk status steps, supplier information is often decentralized and inaccessible.

Manufacturers also have diverse supplier bases, from large, sophisticated organizations to small, specialty shops. Given the prevalence of outsourcing in many sectors, and the continual re-evaluation of sourcing options, managing the supplier base is a moving target. Companies struggle because they cannot effectively collaborate with suppliers, manage supply risk and accurately track supplier performance across a number of metrics and characteristics.

Manufacturers often fail to maintain current supplier insights across the discovery, onboarding and development processes of preferred suppliers. Relying on manually intensive efforts increases the likelihood that compliance checks are overlooked, ESG standards are ignored and the business is opened up to unnecessary risks.

Product costs, on-time delivery, consistent quality, sustainability standards along with other factors must be monitored to effectively manage suppliers. Monitoring performance also plays a key role in developing preferred suppliers, as milestones for improvement can be jointly determined resulting in a supplier partnership rather than an antagonistic relationship.

## BENEFITS

- Improve supplier performance
- Simplify supplier onboarding, qualification and classification
- Boost visibility of certificates, contracts, NDAs, reports and other documents
- Enhance supplier compliance with environmental, social and governance objectives
- Improve productivity across procurement processes
- Reduce direct and indirect procurement costs
- Eliminate manually intensive supplier management processes
- Reduce supplier-related risks and ensure compliance

## SOLUTION OVERVIEW

As part of [QAD Adaptive ERP](#), [QAD Supplier Management](#) collects and manages all supplier information and activities. It helps reduce discovery, onboarding, and qualification cycle time. The solution makes it easy for suppliers to manage their own information and provides manufacturers with a single record of supplier activity and performance. Further, it adapts to your company's necessary workflows, based on [your standards](#). The solution facilitates communication between manufacturers and suppliers while reducing error-prone, manually intensive supplier management processes.

- **Automate and streamline** critical tasks across the supplier management lifecycle
- **Manage information from stakeholders and suppliers**, measure transactional and contractual activity and incorporate third party data
- **Collaborate with suppliers** to get accurate information, assess supplier risk and improve performance
- **Gain a single source of truth** for supplier management information
- **Flexibly classify suppliers** based on the evaluation, supplier status from another source or a risk assessment that includes insolvency, [supply chain and compliance risk](#)
- **Accurately analyze and evaluate** supplier performance and jointly determine development objectives
- **Ensure that supplier communication and collaboration** is systematic, structured and transparent
- Allow suppliers to easily **self-manage their information** and updates
- **Filter suppliers by material groups** and other characteristics accessible from anywhere

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