

Purchasing Module

OVERVIEW

With **The Priority's** comprehensive purchasing module you can improve your management of the complete supply chain. Not only can you identify what requires purchasing when and from whom, but also the in-built planning tools allow real-time expediting to ensure that purchasing performance is optimised at all times. In today's business environment, nothing stays the same for long and **The Priority** can make sure you keep ahead of the changes.

SUPPLIERS

A wealth of data can be held on the supplier record ranging from standard addresses including different sites to quality codes and part pricing information. Those suppliers who act as sub-contractors are defined as such and sub-contract prices can be entered as well as normal purchase part prices. If it is important to identify the original manufacturer of the goods you are purchasing then this information can be held along with supplier and manufacturer part numbers.

VENDOR PRICE QUOTATIONS

The start of the purchasing cycle, especially for high value items, may begin with the request to a selection of potential suppliers for a price quotation. These can be generated automatically for preferred vendors, all suppliers or according to supplier rankings and sent, as can all **Priority** documents, electronically. Once the quotations have been returned, they can be compared on the system according to a number of criteria before conversion to orders.

PURCHASING DEMANDS

Purchasing demands are the header documents for requisitions. Where requirements are for manufacturing demands, these are generated automatically via the purchase-planning program using the results of one of the manufacturing planning programs. Alternatively, for non-production, departmentalised requirements, manual demands can be created, authorised via the appropriate authorisation list and progressed via purchase orders. Authorisation lists are created according to purchasing value and can use alternate authorisers.

- ▶ **Supply Chain Management integrated seamlessly with the rest of the company's operations.**
- ▶ **Easy control of the base data which drives the management of your supplier base.**
- ▶ **Reduce the administration overhead of generating RFQ's and managing the responses.**
- ▶ **The simple requisition process provides high levels of control and ease of use.**

PRICES AND DISCOUNTS

Purchased parts can be listed by supplier specific part price lists or given generalised purchase prices. Following the price list route allows the use of part discount structures. Blanket Orders can be used to identify preferential terms where bulk or forward ordering can leverage better prices. All such pricing structures are utilised automatically when parts are used in purchase orders. Also whenever suppliers impose blanket price rises or reductions, these can be automatically modelled with price management programs.

PURCHASE ORDERS

The ultimate instrument of the buyer is the purchase order. These can be generated automatically from the project management module or linked to purchase requisitions or demands depending on the particular business scenario. Again authoriser lists ensure control is maintained at all times with standard reports and analysis modules providing senior management with the tools to get at the information they need.

MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS PLANNING

Whether you are a manufacturer or distributor, you need the ability to convert sales demands to purchase requirements taking into account stocks and other parameters such as lead-times. The Material Requirements Planning (MRP) program provides the planning information to identify what raw materials need to be issued to either internal works orders or to kits in readiness for customer shipment.

PURCHASE PLANNING

Following the identification of issue requirements for the satisfaction of sales demands, the planning of purchase requirements is necessary. This provides initially information for the creation of purchase orders but also subsequently it provides vital information on the expediting of those orders along with recommendations of how to get required materials on-site in time for the satisfaction of those all-important sales orders..

- ▶ **Get the information at the right time on your suppliers' pricing and discount structures.**
- ▶ **Take control of your purchasing environment and instil discipline through order generation and authorisation.**
- ▶ **Such a planning regime provides simple logistics instructions from a complex manufacturing or distribution scenario.**
- ▶ **Taking the complexity out of the expediting task and providing firm buying advice.**

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