



Leverage Your Procurement Workflows in Release 12

Cal Kondratiuk O2Works, LLC







Learning Objectives

- After this presentation, you will be able to:
 - Understand workflows in Advanced Procurement
 - Analyze and design configuration options
 - View common methods for extending these workflows
 - Understand main challenges with deployment
 - Leverage workflows for operational efficiency

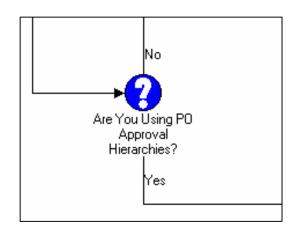


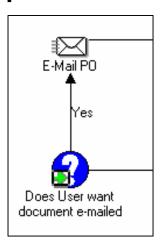




Oracle Workflow

- Process based to support business application
- Defines business rules for actions
- Provides routing information for transactions
- Uses Java or PL/SQL stored procedure/function









Advanced Procurement Workflows

- Req Account Generator
- Requisition Approval
- PO Change Request Tol
- Requestor Change Order
- PO Change Approval for Req
- Confirm Receipts

iProcurement

Sourcing

- Negotiation Published Event
- Response Published Event
- Response Disqualified Event
- Negotiation Submitted for Award
- Negotiation Award Completed
- PO Creation Initiated Event

iSupplier Portal

- Supplier Registration
- PO Acknowledgement
- Advance Shipment Notice
- Supplier Change Order
- Update Capacity
- Order Modifiers

Purchasing

- PO Create Documents
- PO Account Generator
- PO Approval
- PO Approval Error
- PO Send Notifications
- PO Catalog Price Tolerance

Procurement Contracts

- Standard Contracts
- Template Expired
- Clauses Exist
- Deliverables Exist
- Clauses Amended
- Deliverables Amended





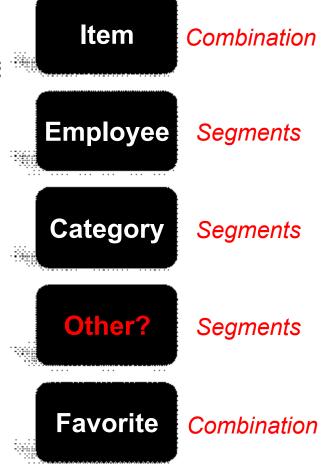
Requisition Account Generator

Purpose

- Defaults charge, budget, variance accounts
- Check cross validation, security rules
- Generate project, task, expenditure types

Application Setup Dependencies

- Inventory Item Attribute
- Item organization expense account
- Employee default expense account
- Account category mapping
- User default in iProcurement







Requisition Account Generator

Design and Analysis

- Determine logic for building charge combination
- Evaluate use of standard default sources
- Design alternate sources of account segments

Extension Opportunities

- Use aliases associated to other objects
- Item or category for task and expenditure types
- Dynamic account generation

Challenges

- Copy Requisition includes distribution
- Simplify maintenance requirements





Requisition Approval

Purpose

- Determine completeness
- Verify Approval Authority
- Notify Approvers
- Process Responses

Application Setup Dependencies

- Financial Options
- Document Types
- Approval Groups
- Approval Assignments
- Profile Options

Document Total
Account Range
Items
Categories
Locations



- Approve
- Forward
- Reject
- Reassign
- Request Info





Requisition Approval

Design and Analysis

- Determine authorities and routing
- Use AME or Purchasing structure
- Review notification attributes and actions
- On-line or deferred

Extension Opportunities

- Use item and category for special approvals
- Use project resources for project approvals
- Use new approval actions for processing
- Initiate PO Create Documents Workflow

Challenges

- Managing timeouts (Number, Duration, Business Calendar)
- AME limitations
- Error processing



or

Oracle Purchasing





PO Create Documents

Purpose

- Evaluate eligibility of requisition Lines
- Create standard orders or releases

Analysis and Design

- Automatic Document Sourcing
- Sourcing Documents
- On-line or deferred processing
- Determine business rules for automation
- Initiate PO Approval

Extension Opportunities

- Group requisition lines
- Generate ship-to location
- Notify requestors
- Isolating automatic creation processing
- Managing errors





Sourcing Exists or Contract Exists and Buyer Exists



Create Documents





PO Change Request Tolerance Check

- Manage changes after PO Creation
- Determines re-approval rules
- Set upper and lower tolerances
- Review same tolerances in PO Approval

Price +/-Amount +/-

> Quantity +/-

Requisition

Manage Changes

Purchase Order

Requestor Change Order Approval

- Calls PO Change Request Tolerance Check
- Submits the requisition for approval
- Submits changes to buyer for approval
- Initiates PO Change Approval for Requestor
- Evaluate notifications and automatic responses





Purchase Order Workflows

PO Account Generator

PO Approval

PO Approval Error

Standard Purchase Order

Blanket Purchase Agreement Blanket Release

Contract Purchase Agreement

Change Order Approval

Follow same analysis-design used for requisition!





PO Approval Error

Purpose

- Capture timeout errors (180 sec)
- Capture DAM errors (not active)
- Capture Exceptions
- Notify Last Approver
- Notify Sysadmin
- Retry Workflow





Notify and Resubmit



Opportunities and Challenges

- Automatically resubmit timeout and DAM errors
- Determine sysadmin_user_name
- Doesn't address various PL/SQL errors

See Metalink note 224028.1





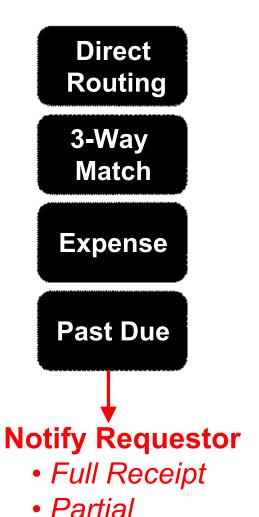
PO Confirm Receipts

Purpose

- Notify requestors of overdue receipts
- Process responses
- Create receipts from notification response
- Notify buyers of exceptions

Design opportunities

- Notify receiver vs. requestor
- Pro-active notification
- Partial receipt processing
- Supplier notification
- Timeout processing
- Determine scheduling of program



Not Received





PO Send Notifications for Docs

Purpose

- Notify requestors of incomplete requisitions
- Notify Buyers of incomplete documents
- Notify Buyers of past due acceptance
- Notify Buyers of quotes expiring
- Notify Contactor assignment ending
- Notify amount billed near budget

Design opportunities

- Review notification attributes
- Evaluate message and action (may be misleading!)
- Analyze who may benefit from notification
- Determine scheduling of program (compare to timeouts)





iSupplier Portal Workflows

Users

- •New
- Invite
- Register
- Supplier Registration
- PO Acknowledgement
- Advance Shipment Notice
- Supplier Change Order
- Update Capacity
- Order Modifiers

Purchase Documents

Shipment Notices

Products

Invoices

Optimizie Process

Review Notifications

Determine Recipients

Automate Actions

Include Attachments





Invoice Approval

- Purpose
 - Manage Approval Routing of Invoices (intended for non-PO)
 - Setup Rules in AME
 - Setup Routing in AME
- Opportunities and Challenges
 - PO matching holds
 - Miscellaneous charges
 - Freight charges and exceptions
 - Distribution Changes
 - Error Notification Recipient
 - Invoice Approval History Status



Tolerance Exception

Notify Approver





Sourcing Workflows

- Negotiation Published Event
- Response Published Event
- Response Disqualified Event
- Negotiation Submitted for Award
- Negotiation Award Completed
- PO Creation Initiated Event

Request for Information

Request for **Quotation**

Buyer Auction **Design Events**

Review Notifications

Evaluate Participation

Determine Recipients

Include Attachments





Contracts Workflows

- Clause Approval
- Template Approval
- PO Approval
- Repository Approval

Clauses

Contract Templates

Contract Agreements

Repository Contracts

Design Events

Review Notifications

Determine Recipients

Include Attachments





Leverage Your Workflows

Analyze

- Determine areas with inefficiencies
- Design optimal process flow

Design and Build

- Review all workflow features
- Configure attributes
- Enable time-outs
- Build extensions
- Capture and manage errors
- Do not send too many notifications

Implement

- Review internal and external user feedback
- Ensure notifications include necessary information
- Monitor new workflow features during upgrades

