

Case Study

Automated Purchasing/Requisition Solutions

'How to Control Maverick Spend

What is Maverick Spend?

Maverick Spend is the act of buying goods and services:

from a non-approved or non-preferred Supplier,

and/or

without a Contract or Purchase Order.





Why is Maverick Spend a problem?

According to an Industry Week study*,

Manufacturing Firms can pay up to a 20% premium due to Maverick Spend!





Why eliminate Maverick Spend?

The Gartner Group says,

A 5% savings on Maverick Spend can be the equivalent of a 10% increase in profit!





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Case Study

Frank SalesiVP Solutions, ISS Group



History



■ Who is A123 Systems?

- Global Manufacturer of Lithium-ion energy storage solutions for Automotive Markets (Hybrids, Plug-in, Commercial, Motorsport, Industrial)
- HQ Michigan, Manufacturing China, Germany, Czech Republic

□ GRS/EAM

- Began using EAM in 2014
- A123 Systems currently uses EAM for project tracking
 - Allows tracking to the project and job level
- Future plans for EAM are MRO and machine maintenance
- GRS Challenges



Why iPurchase?



- Single interface integrated with 2014EE and EAM
- Common approval rules for 2014EE and EAM
- Easy method to reassign requisitions in process after employee turnover
- ✓ Tasked with ways to reduce users in 2014EE and EAM without losing functionality



Objectives of Integrating *i*Purchase™ with QAD EAM



- > Reduce time finance department spends reviewing requisitions for proper accounting information.
- Easy method to allow approving requisitions by administration staff using their own login.
- Control Project Budgets
- Lock down Cost Center's and Projects
- Single Interface to Approve PO Req.

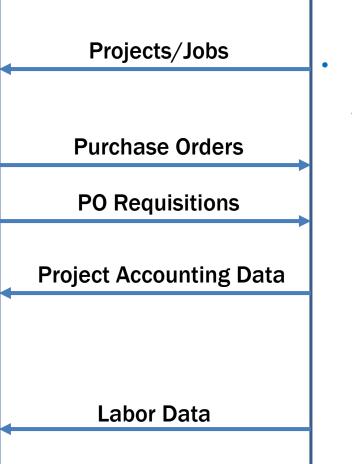


*i*Purchase – QAD EAM Interface for A123 Systems



iPurchase

- Synchronize Projects/Jobs
- Maintain Project Budgets
- Create/Maintain PO's in EAM
- Create/Maintain PO Req's in EAM
- Modify Line Item entry to use
 EAM Account Relationship table
- Create Budget Transaction for Labor using EAM data



EAM

Use EAM as it is being used today
 with the exception of creating PO
 Requisitions and PO's, both will
 be done by iPurchase



Implementation Timeline & Challenges

A123 SYSTEMS

 Implementation timeline: 90 days from project kickoff to go-live

Team size:

- 4 A123 members (2 IT and 2 Finance)
- 1 ISS Group member

Challenges

Several company reorganizations changing approval rules drastically



Results

A123
SYSTEMS

- **✓** Reduction in PO Req. -> PO Cycle Time
- ✓ Approval Process made Easier
- ✓ Reduction in User Training Time
- ✓ Improved Data Accuracy
- ✓ Improved Approval Rules
- Using Punchouts



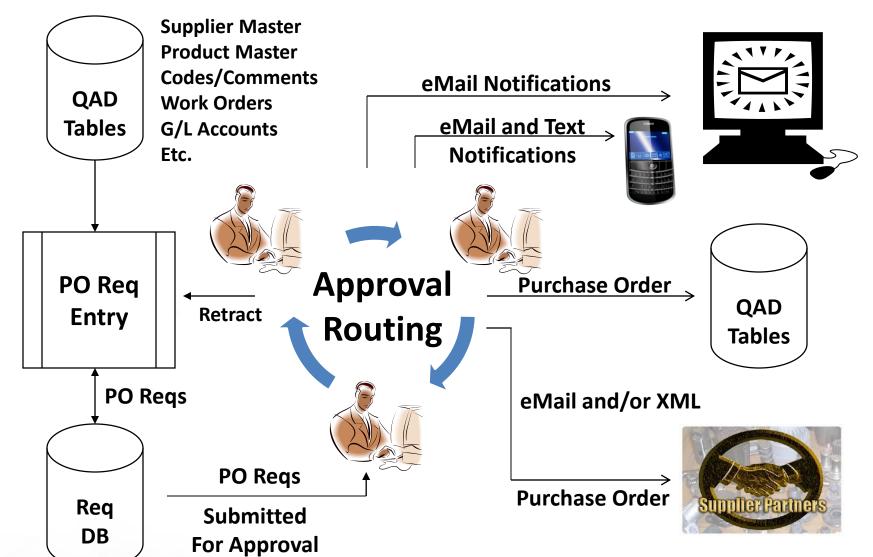


Purchase™ - PO Requisition Management

- Pre-Integrated with QAD EE, SE and EAM
- Web-based Solution offering On-premise or Cloud Deployment, Mobile Functionality
- Create Supplier Request for Quotation (RFQ)
- Create PO Requisition and Supplier Pricing Catalogs from Supplier Quotes
- Create electronic Purchase Order Requisitions for routing and approval
- Configurable Rules Based Routing for PO Requisition Approval
- Auto create QAD Purchase Order upon Requisition approval
- Supplier Catalog Management
- eCommerce Shopping with all Major Suppliers (Punchouts)
- Project Budgeting/Spend Tracking
- QAD MRP Action Center
- Purchasing Analytics (UNSPSC)/Process Metrics

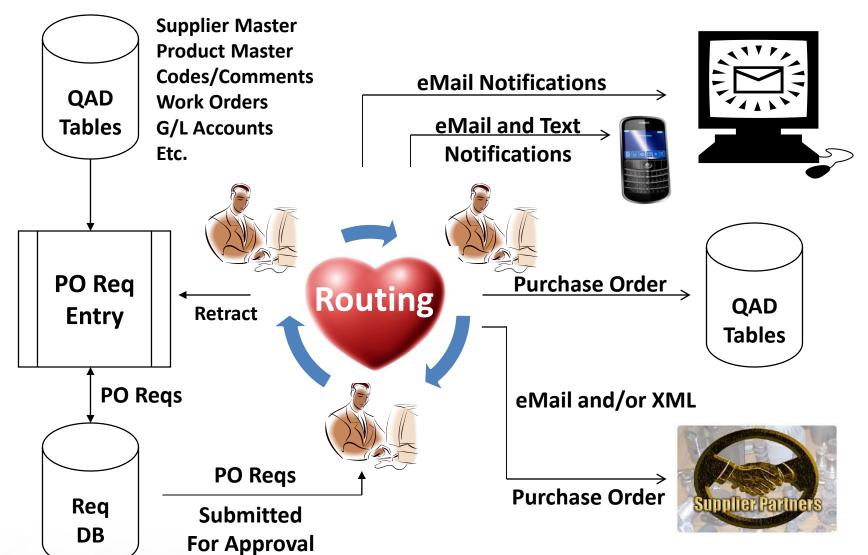


iPurchase™: Real-time Integrated with QAD





Approval Routing: The Heart of iPurchase™





AART™: Advanced Approval Routing Technology

- □ Route electronic PO Requisitions for review and change/approval
- Configurable User Defined Routing <u>Rules</u> based on any Data within PO Requisition, Unlimited Number of Rules
- Dynamic Routing upon Requisition Submission
- Multi-path, Sequential and Group Approvals, Out of Office Designation
- Retract and re-submit PO Requisition
- Re-Routing Upon PO Requisition Change
- ☐ History of all PO Requisition Approval Attempts
- PO Requisition Queue for Approvers
- User/Time Date Stamp Auditability

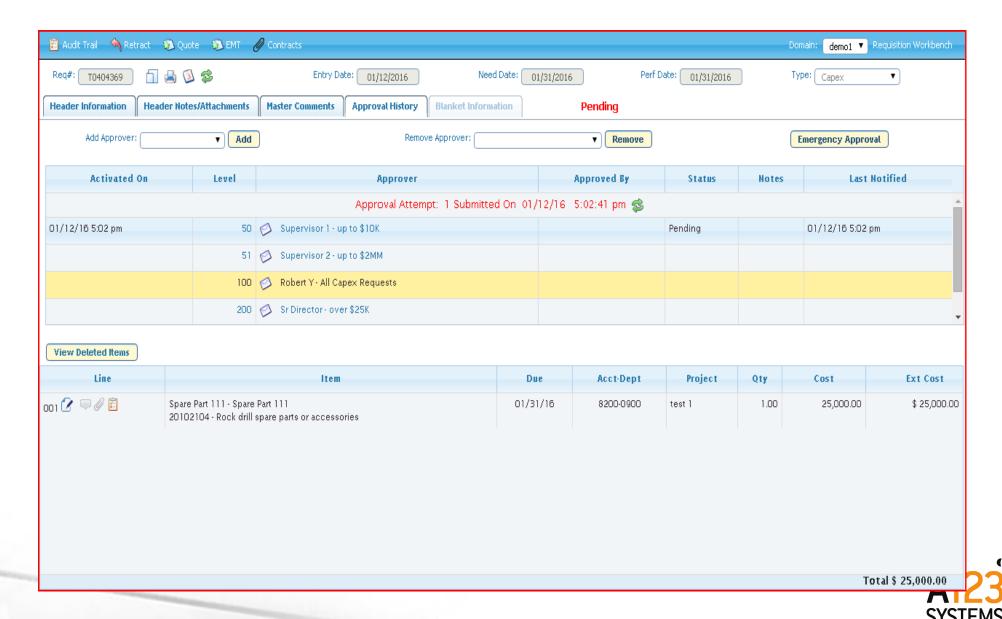


AART™: What's a Rule?

- Rules can be based on any and all of the data within the PO Requisition.
- Rules are User defined conditions using and's and or's which work together to determine the list of people or groups required to review, change and approve a PO Requisition.
 - Example of a simple Rule
 - All PO Requisitions greater than \$10,000, John (CEO) or Joe (CFO) needs to approve Requisition
 - Example of a complicated Rule
 - All 'Expense' Type PO Requisitions greater than \$10,000 for the following Cost Centers (a,b,c,d) and for the Ohio or the Cleveland Plant being shipped UPS or FedEx, OR the Project Code begins with an 'M', OR the G/L Account Code is >= 8000 and <= 8999, OR Supplier is ISS Group, then Sam, Jane, John, and someone from the Accounting Group needs to approve Requisition



Requisition Approval Routing



New Mobile Interface



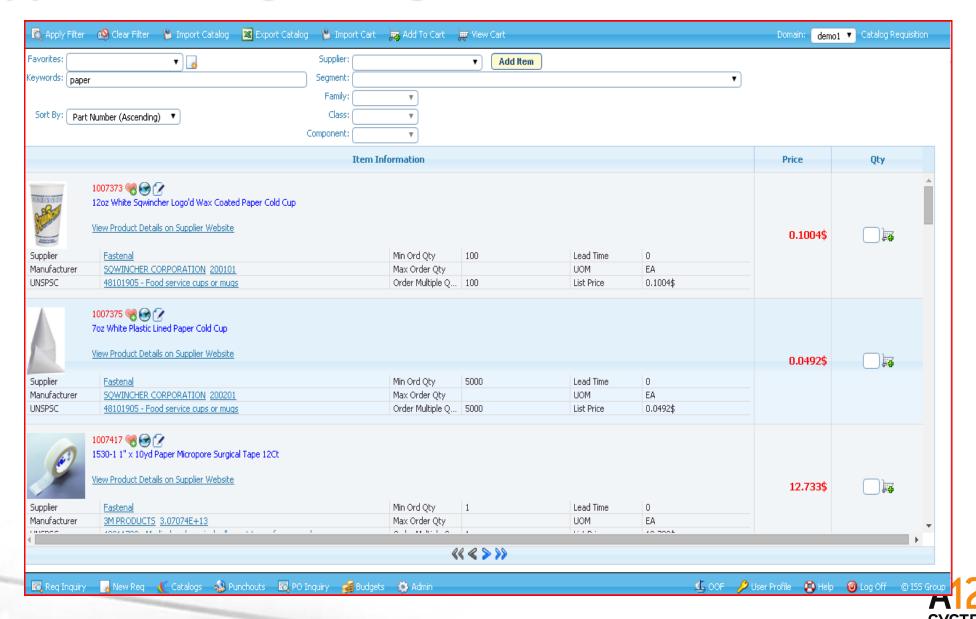


Supplier eCommerce Shopping (Punchouts)



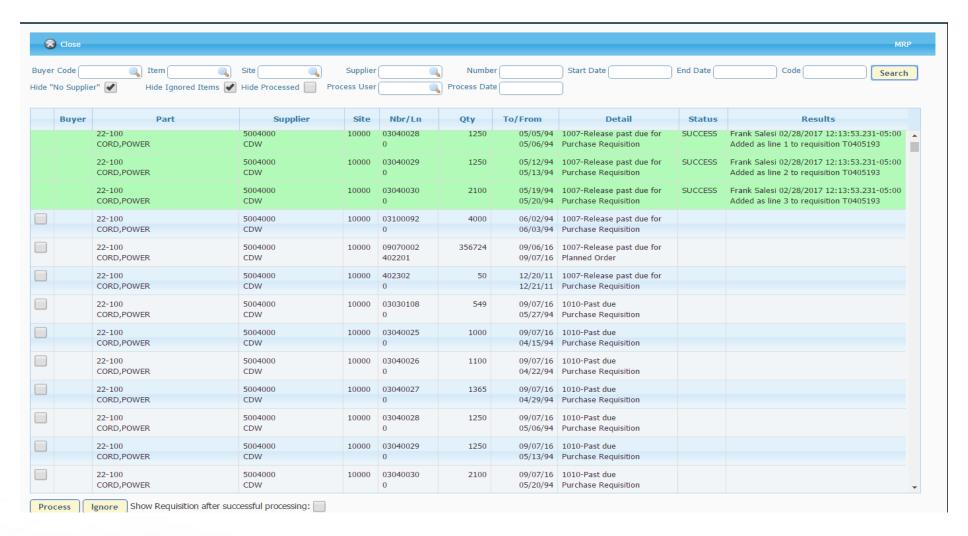
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Supplier Catalog Management



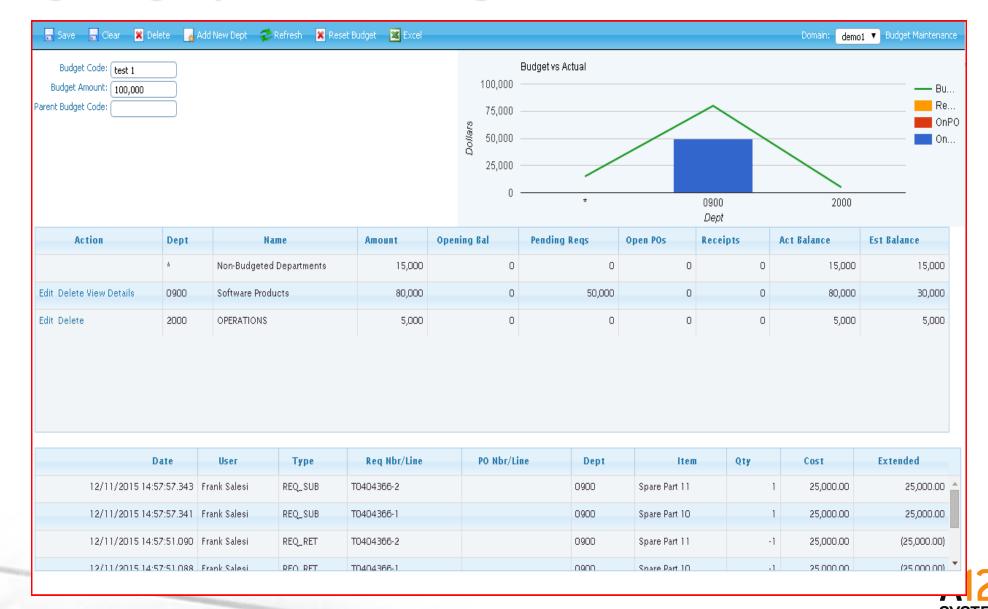


QAD MRP Action Center



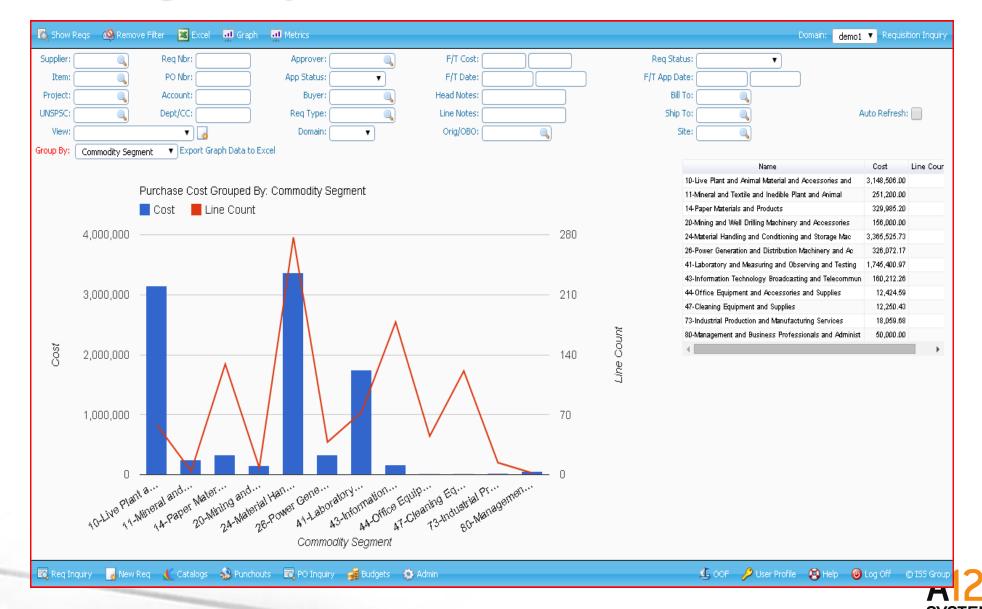


Budgeting/Spend Tracking





Purchasing Analytics



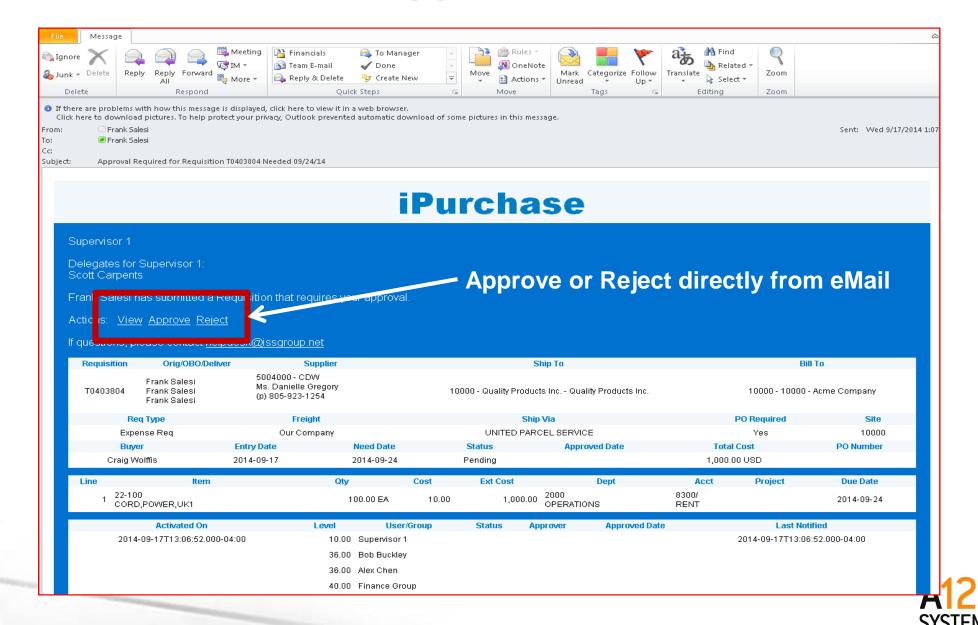


Process Metrics

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eMail Notification to Approvers



Text Message Notification to Approvers

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1 of 2
FRM:frank@njhitmen.org
MSG:View Req: "http://goo.gl/
dyllaS"
Frank Salesi has submitted a
req that requires your approval.
Supplier:
(Con't) 2 of 2
5004000 - CDW
Amount: 1,000.00 USD
(End)
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