Non-Catalog Orders (EI)

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What is a Non-Catalog Order?

A Non-Catalog Purchase Order is a way to place an order in Ariba to a supplier for goods and/or services.
Background Information
When To Use:

• The goods or services are not available in any of the more than 60 hosted or punchout catalogs available in Ariba
• The goods or services are not reoccurring purchases
• The order involves fixed quantities and/or dollar amounts
• One-time purchase
• The supplier requires a purchase order to place the order
Special Feature of Non-Catalogs:

• Starts as a requisition and becomes a purchase order when fully approved

  Ex: S12345->EI67890

• Suppliers do not need to be on the Ariba Network to place orders. Almost all suppliers in the supplier database are available in Ariba to place Non-Catalog purchase orders with.

• For orders over and under the Direct Buy Limit
Process Flow for a Non-Catalog Order over the Direct Buy Limit

1. The department preparer creates a requisition (S).
2. The requisition (S) is approved by the department approver.
3. The requisition (S) is approved or denied by Central Office if necessary.
4. A purchase order is generated (EI).
5. The purchase order (EI) is sent to the supplier.
What to Know Before You Begin
Supplier Search Report:

- Check the Supplier Search Report available in the BI Portal.
- Look for the supplier being “Available in Ariba” and an active Order-From” address. If the correct address is not there, contact pcshelp@uw.edu for guidance.

[Table]

https://biportal.uw.edu/Report/Details/SupplierSearch
Supplier Search Report:

**Hint:** You do not need to have the payment method set in order to set up your Non-Catalog order. It will need to be set to make payment.

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**Payment Method:** TBD
Supplier Search Report:

**Hint:** You do not need to have the supplier on the Ariba Network to set up your Non-Catalog order. You will just need a supplier’s email address where the order can be sent.

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Have Order Information Ready

- Item/s description
- Supplier name and supplier location (supplier location = supplier “order from” address)
- Item number/s
- Amount
- Attachment/s (i.e.: Quote)
- Budget/s
- Commodity Code/s
- Account Code/s
- Sole source justification if a contract or competitive solicitation was not used and the amount is over the Direct Buy Limit
- Send PO To Field information (email address) if the supplier is not an Ariba Network Supplier
Direct Buy Limit and Central Office:

Current Direct Buy Limit is 10K

Non-Catalog orders over the Direct Buy Limit will be routed to Purchasing, for a buyer's review and approval.

Possible Central Office Reviewers:
• Purchasing (i.e.: Goods&Services Approval)
• Equipment Inventory Office (EIO)
• Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)
Contract Review for Non-Catalog:

If a contract needs to be reviewed by Purchasing as part of a Non-Catalog order:

• Over the Direct Buy Limit: Add as an attachment to the requisition

• Under the Direct Buy Limit: Select “Yes” to the option shown below.

Under Direct Buy Limit Contract Review:

Do you have an agreement that needs to be reviewed and/or signed?  

Yes  No

For more information, visit HERE.
Approval Flow

**Hint:** You can click on the role name to see who is assigned to that role and can complete that approval. For Purchasing roles, check the SME list to see who more specifically you can email ([https://finance.uw.edu/ps/contact-us/subject-matter-experts](https://finance.uw.edu/ps/contact-us/subject-matter-experts))
Demonstration
Best Practices
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Pre-Order
• Consider catalogs and contract search first
• Talk to the supplier first to make sure they will accept the order
• Don’t sign any contracts
• Do not use for long term orders with multiple invoicing (use BPO)
• Do not place an order with the supplier before placing the order through Non-Catalog, it will cause duplication
Best Practices

Order Entry

• Choose the correct supplier when setting up the requisition

• Select the correct “Order From” address

• Be accurate with entry, after approved the order cannot be edited.

• Any attachments that go to the supplier should be flagged as “visible to supplier”

• Any comments for suppliers need to be flagged as “visible to supplier”

• If the supplier requires a mailing address on the order that doesn’t already show up, you can add this to the Comments section and mark “visible to supplier.”

• Add attachments on Summary screen and not the line item.
Best Practices

Line Item Entry

• If the quantity is set as 1 on your Non-Catalog, the supplier can invoice only once no matter the value of the line.

• Have an accurate email address for the supplier if the supplier is not on the network.

• Don’t make the description name too long, it can cause an error. To view that error, click on the Approval Flow tab.

• Do not use “lot” as a unit of measure on line items.
Best Practices

• Don’t change the ship-to address per line item. One minor difference can cause the requisition to split into multiple orders.

• If the purchase has installments and you know the correct price, you can set up a separate line item for each installment payment. Or if each payment is equal, assign the correct quantity for the installment payments.

Post-order

• Avoid paying outside the order. Causes a lack of transparency.

• If the supplier contacts you to say the pricing on the order is incorrect, you need to cancel the existing order with the supplier and create a new one with the correct pricing.
Resources

eLearning Training: https://finance.uw.edu/ps/resources/training/tutorials

Non-Catalog Page:
https://finance.uw.edu/ps/how-to-buy/aria/non-catalog-purchase-orders

Contracts Search:
Questions?
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