



## Questions to Ask When Looking for in an eProcurement, Supply Management & AP Automation Platform

Feature Area	Question
Flexibility & Configuration	Can the platform be configured to align with your business rules and preferred supplier list?
Flexibility & Configuration	Can you create approval workflows that match your internal processes?
Flexibility & Configuration	Does the system allow for multi-site or multi-location setup with site-specific rules?
Budget & Contract Awareness	Can the platform support departmental budgets and budget controls?
Budget & Contract Awareness	Does it pull in item-level pricing from contracted vendors?
Budget & Contract Awareness	Can it provide alerts when purchasing off-contract or over budget?
Affordability	Does the pricing model fit within your organization's budget?
Affordability	Are there any hidden costs such as integration or maintenance fees?
Support & Implementation	Is white-glove implementation included?
Support & Implementation	Do they offer ongoing support and training for end users?
Support & Implementation	Will your team need to become the system admin, or is support built-in?
Support & Implementation	How many releases does the system complete a year and is that cost included?
Vendor Fee Transparency	Do they charge vendors transaction or access fees?
Vendor Fee Transparency	Is there a published vendor fee structure available?
System Integration	Does the platform integrate with your EHR and AP systems?
System Integration	Are integration costs included or separate?
Ease of Use	Is the user interface intuitive for both clinical and administrative staff?
Ease of Use	Can users easily search and order supplies?
Ease of Use	Are dashboards and reporting easy to navigate and customize?
All-in-One Platform	Does the system include eProcurement, supply management, charge capture, and AP automation tools?
All-in-One Platform	Can the platform replace multiple legacy systems to avoid tech stacking?
Reporting & Analytics	Does the system provide real-time reporting and analytics?
Reporting & Analytics	Can reports be customized by user role or department?
Security & Compliance	Is the system HIPAA compliant?
Security & Compliance	Does it provide audit trails and user permission controls?

Features	Yes	No	Additional Comments
<b>Order Products</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
EDI	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Punchouts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Emailed PO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Supplier/Manufacture Product Content</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Product Cross Reference</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Real-Time Budget Viability</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Budgets - GL Coding/Category/Charge Code	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Order Approvals</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Metrics	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Can it be tied to Budgets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Devliery Method	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Control Order Guides</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Receiving Module</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Update QOH	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Agreements</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
GPO Agreements per Line Item	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Local Agreements per Line Item	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>3 Way Match - PO to Receiving to Invoice</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>GL Coding</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Per Location	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Per Department	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Per Line Item	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Invoice Automation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Interactive Reporting</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>AP Automation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
API - Import/Export	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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In-App Help (hints, guides, videos)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
End User Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Hours of Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Support Phone Number	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Support Chat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Support Email	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Support Ticketing System	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Inventory Management and Charge Capture	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Central Supply - Requisitions and Transfers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Par Notification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Internal - Requisitions and Transfers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Product Expiration Reports and Notifications	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Patient Charging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
EHR - Import and Exporting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
API - Import/Export	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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