



## Consolidated Procurement

In a global economy where the world appears to continue to shrink, sourcing and procurement challenges have become more complex. Companies today are faced with managing procurement across geographically distributed divisions with multiple systems and processes.

In addition companies may experience high inventory and not be working at peak efficiency due to the inability to leverage volume buying; managing of different contracts between different divisions and suppliers; the inability of current systems to support changing business models; as well as the inability to optimize buying across locations and divisions.

Add to that the challenges of global outsourcing, business growth through acquisition, supplier variability, manual data entry and consolidation, and multiple part numbers for the same items, and those challenges quickly multiply.

### Consolidated Procurement

i2 Consolidated Procurement,<sup>™</sup> part of the i2 Collaborative Supply Execution<sup>™</sup> suite, is designed to help companies better manage procurement processes. Across multiple divisions, outsourced business, suppliers, and different material types, the solution is designed to provide a single system of reference and can link to multiple back-end systems allowing local processing.

The solution enables easier rescheduling, substitution, and transfer of inventory from other locations to meet exception conditions. It also can provide companies global visibility and tracking of all purchasing, as well as project-based purchasing. The offering is tailored for companies featuring multidivisional organizations where lines of business have a high degree of autonomy, as well as organizations with multi-tier supply networks with decentralized procurement processes.

The i2 Consolidated Procurement solution within i2 Collaborative Supply Execution has been developed to help companies through:

- Centralizing purchasing and collaboration across all divisions, suppliers, and outsourced manufacturers across all geographies and item types
- Establishing a single system of reference that can link to multiple back-end systems allowing local processing
- More easily rescheduling, substituting, or transferring inventory from other locations to meet exception conditions
- Obtaining global visibility and tracking of all purchasing, as well as project-based purchasing

### i2 Collaborative Supply Execution

i2 Collaborative Supply Execution<sup>™</sup> is a comprehensive suite of capabilities to address supply management objectives that can be flexibly deployed to meet specific business priorities.

Solutions that comprise the i2 Collaborative Supply Execution suite include:

- i2 Consolidated Procurement, which provides global visibility and tracking of all purchasing
- i2 Supplier Collaboration/Lean Replenishment,<sup>™</sup> which allows companies to manage multiple replenishment modes including lean supply strategies
- i2 Collaborative Material Management,<sup>™</sup> which synchronizes and automates material planning and procurement processes

### i2 Platform

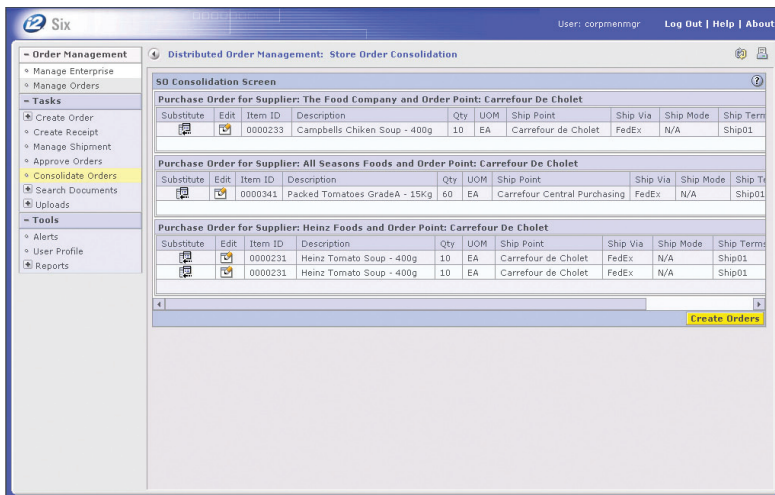
The i2 platform, a unique service-oriented architecture, is designed specifically to meet the requirements of supply chain management. The platform includes a layer of technology services such as XML data modeling, a business process workflow engine, and a rules-based programming language.

## Benefits

Key benefits that customers can achieve with the deployment of the i2 Consolidated Procurement solution include reduced purchasing costs due to:

- Rationalized supplier base and consolidated number of unique parts
- Better price leverage through volumes and spend analysis
- Reduced expedited freight
- Compliance—use preferred parts and suppliers
- Reduced inventory
- Reduced material shortages
- Lower safety stocks
- Reuse of existing inventory in other locations

For more information on i2 Consolidated Procurement and other i2 solutions, visit [www.i2.com](http://www.i2.com).



*i2 Consolidated Procurement provides a solution for obtaining global visibility and tracking of all purchasing.*



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