



Supplier Collaboration/Lean Replenishment

For many organizations, today's supply chain is more complex and dynamic than ever before. Suppliers can be multinational corporations or small regional vendors. Vendor communications can be challenging. Inbound supply can be difficult to predict and control. Inventory and stock-outs can grow, and it is increasingly difficult to match demand and supply.

Those challenges can drive inventory costs up and customer satisfaction down. That is why more and more companies are adopting a single, scalable system to manage supplier interactions and to create a leaner, more efficient approach to replenishment.

A Collaborative Solution

i2 Supplier Collaboration/Lean Replenishment™ is designed to help companies manage today's more complex and demanding replenishment environment. This proven solution can be deployed to handle multiple replenishment modes, including lean supply strategies, across even the largest and most dynamic supplier base.

A part of the i2 Collaborative Supply Execution™ suite, i2 Supplier Collaboration/Lean Replenishment gives companies the ability to manage: short-term (0–30 days) supply chain activities, including order execution, shipments, and inventory tracking; mid-term (1–6 months) requirements; and long-term (6–24 months) forecasting and capacity coordination.

Organizations can deploy this supplier collaboration/lean replenishment solution to manage supplier bases of any size, type, or technological sophistication. The solution allows companies to implement and automate today's most effective lean supply processes, including vendor-managed inventory, pull-based (kanban) replenishment, and other just-in-time strategies.

This approach can be used to enforce process discipline through business rules. It is designed to allow companies to make the transition to a demand-driven strategy to coordinate with their supplier base. This suite also provides the visibility needed to understand and manage a comprehensive and efficient purchase order cycle.

Flexible Capabilities

Most companies have found and exploited the opportunities for greater efficiency within their own organizations. The next frontier for reducing costs, driving quality, and accelerating operations will be found at the boundaries of the enterprise and in cross-company relationships.

i2 Collaborative Supply Execution

i2 Collaborative Supply Execution 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, which allows companies to manage multiple replenishment modes including lean supply strategies
- i2 Collaborative Material Management™, 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.

The i2 Supplier Collaboration/Lean Replenishment suite is designed specifically to create and drive efficiencies between buyer and supplier. Companies can deploy this suite to achieve:

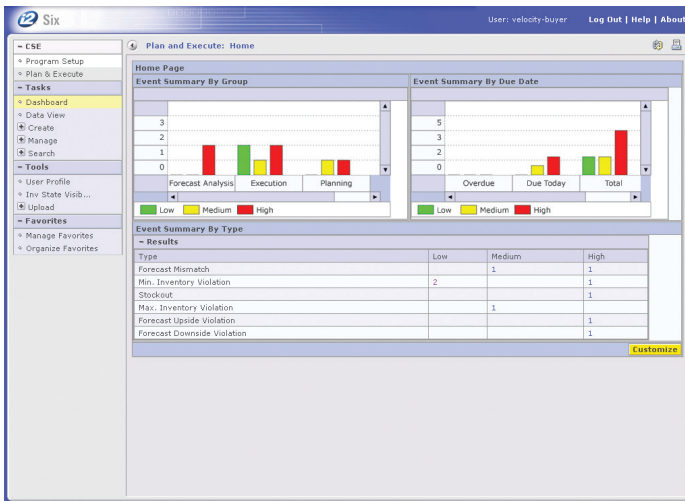
- Improved management of multiple replenishment processes, both traditional and lean, supported by a single system across suppliers and items
- Long- and short-term collaboration on forecast, schedules, inventory, and orders
- Powerful, rules-based process discipline
- Comprehensive management of the purchase order lifecycle

Benefits

i2 Supplier Collaboration/Lean Replenishment provides measurable advantages for both buyer and seller. Those benefits can include:

- Lower grief resolution costs
- Expedited freight shipments
- Fewer order processing mistakes
- Improved supplier negotiation through performance scorecarding
- Improved productivity
- Fewer stock-outs
- A single view of all procurement activities
- Automated, rules-based workflows
- Reduced inventory requirements due to higher supply confidence
- Lower overall purchasing costs

For more information on i2 Supplier Collaboration/Lean Replenishment and other i2 solutions, visit www.i2.com.



Dashboard to manage all supplier interactions



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