Appian for Supply Chain: Vendor and Supplier Management

Vendors and suppliers play a crucial role in any company’s success. However, managing complex service provider relationships requires comprehensive due diligence. Meanwhile, organizations must also manage business risk and compliance, ensuring quality control along the way.

Many processes and systems for vendor management are largely paper- and email-based, creating challenges for users in collaborating, meeting governance and compliance regulations, and working efficiently. To better execute vendor and supplier management, organizations must turn to a digital solution.

Streamline vendor and supplier management.

Appian’s Low-Code Platform provides a more efficient, user-friendly, and intuitive way to interact with vendors and suppliers. Appian workflow, AI, RPA, and case management capabilities transform the way organizations do business with vendors and suppliers.

Here's just some of what the Vendor and Supplier Management application equips users with:

- Real-time visibility into the status of all processes and performance to contract.
- Collaboration capabilities to improve interactions and automatic alerts as deadlines approach.
- Streamlined processes around vendor onboarding, system updates, payment terms, and contract approvals.
- Automated steps around due-diligence and risk mitigation for doing business with third-party entities.
Focus.
The Vendor and Supplier Management application offers visibility and control over the entire supply chain. This enables organizations to focus on the following:

- Communicating effectively with vendors and suppliers.
- Managing processes around vendor qualification, contracting, onboarding, and performance.
- Improving standardization around third-party interactions to manage risk and ensure quality.

Leading organizations are transforming vendor and supplier management with Appian.

Sisal’s Supplier Agreement app, delivered in just two and a half months, has integrated disparate systems, automated purchasing and contract management processes, and eliminated all paper-based documentation. The result: better visibility into order status, heightened compliance, and improved supplier relations management.

GRDF has replaced four legacy applications with Appian to improve interactions with their suppliers. They’ve established a single point of control to manage and orchestrate end-to-end activities within the gas network and beyond, including real-time reporting, monitoring costs, tracking supplier equality, and ensuring service level agreements (SLAs) are met.

A top tire manufacturer is utilizing Appian for vendor rating management, monitoring all steps and actors, including questionnaires, evaluations, KPI validation, and rating calculations. This has reduced time spent on manual, administrative tasks by sending automatic reminders and escalating tasks.

A top food distribution company improved vendor management across contracting, onboarding, and program delivery with Appian. They have enhanced the vendor experience with standardized onboarding processes, while gaining increased visibility and auditability of all request types.

Take Control.
Using Appian, you can quickly build, deploy, and scale sourcing and procurement enterprise applications, including the following:

- Business partner compliance management.
- Category management and strategic sourcing.
- Contract lifecycle management.
- Cybersecurity risk management.
- Procure to pay.
- Rebate management.
- Sample management.

Prepare for the Future.
The future of vendor and supplier management is dependent on innovative solutions. The Appian Low-Code Platform can transform the way organizations are managing third-party relationships as well as the entire supply chain.

With Appian, organizations can build web and mobile apps faster, run them on the Appian Cloud, and manage complex processes, end to end, without limitations.