# **Collaborative Invoice Management On-Premise and Cloud Solutions by SAP**

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**Collaborative inbound invoice management** 

An integrated network centric approach for collaborative invoice management

**Tractor Supply Company – customer presentation** 

#### **Does this scenario look familiar?**



#### **Delivering strategic value to customers...**

Application choice + inter-enterprise collaboration

#### Invoice Processing Solutions

#### Ariba Network with Invoice Automation, Supplier Collaboration and Discount Management



**Trading Partners** 

#### Benefits of a hybrid on-premise and cloud solution

#### Invoice automation powers financial transformation

- Automates labor-intensive invoice reception and reconciliation
- Frees line operations from finance administration work

#### The ability to control and anticipate

- Comprehensive overview of all invoices across the corporation
- Increased control of time-to-payment
- Allows for better cash usage based on comprehensive insight

#### State-of-the-art shared services delivery platform

- SAP architecture enables leveraging economies-of-scale
- SAP automation improves efficiency in administrative processes

# A Pragmatic approach to streamlining AP invoice processing in retail environment

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## **Tractor Supply Co**

- Who are we ?
- \$4.2 billion retail company
- 1200 stores in 45 states
- We sell pet supplies, animal feed, animal health products, power tools, riding mowers, lawn and garden products and more



## **Tractor Supply Co - Accounts Payable**

- AP Statistics
- We process 2.5 million invoices a year
- 350,000 paper invoices are processed through the current system
- 1200 TSC Stores and 26 Del's Stores
- 92 TSC and 4 Del's District Offices
- 6 Distribution Centers
- 32 Store Support Center Departments
- 29 A/P Team members



### What was the problem ?

- Current Platform is highly customized and does not have a direct upgrade path for AP Imaging.
- IT support on these systems has grown steadily and IT is not able to provide a stable system to the users on a consistent basis.
- Current Platform does not scale to on-board other department's document imaging needs



## **Imaging Process**



## **Top 5 extensions**

- Enhance VIM analytics to reflect "Price and Qty "variance related status.
- Send email to stores for Qty variance
- Back-populating EDI data into VIM Analytics for tracking purposes
- Program to mass download images for selected invoices for batch Balancing in OpenText Invoice Cockpit
- Enhance reminder program to send reminder to work item holder and their manager. Add Invoice Date and Invoice Number fields in the email body. Custom Logic for checking reminder period.

# **IT Highlights**

- All extensions are maintained by TSC
- Any changes to the extension are done by TSC
- Leveraged existing hardware
- Approval hierarchy maintenance done in SAP
- Access to approvers using SAP Portals



#### What did we do well ?

- Management buy in with the product
- Realistic planning
- Business willing to compromise on functionality
- On-time delivery by the vendor
- Coordination between TSC and OT PMs
- Detailed testing by IT and the business



#### What could we have done better?

- Understanding of the Infrastructure Landscape
- Get an upfront view of the software landscape
- Get Training on the SW before the Project starts
- Have more training classes for the end users
- Better understanding of OT product suit for non-SAP applications



## What did we accomplish ?

- 3 new scanners with VRS
- Scan to data entry in SAP: 18 invoices an hour to 80 an hour
- Rolled out Invoice Approval Portal for 1100 plus stores without additional training
- No Re-boots since go-live
- Ability to view invoices without licensing limitations
- Converted 2.3 million Invoice documents
- Implemented a scalable product for the Enterprise



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