

## **Precoro | Procurement Centralization and Automation**



### Delivering speed to value from procurement centralization and automation

#### **ABOUT PRECORO**

Precoro empowers modern businesses in 80+ countries with innovative solutions for procurement centralization and automation.

Precoro's fully customizable and mobilefriendly platform streamlines procurement for all stakeholders.

Precoro equips requesters with real-time tracking tools, empowers procurement teams to automate manual tasks and focus on strategic growth, and enables finance teams to monitor and control spend before it happens.

## SOLUTION SPOTLIGHT



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

From The Hackett Group's 2024 Purchase to Pay Performance Study, top performers are much further along in their digital transformation journey, with 69% having completed the optimization stage of the purchase-to-pay transformation as compared with only 22% of peer group companies.

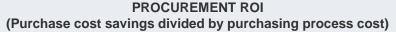
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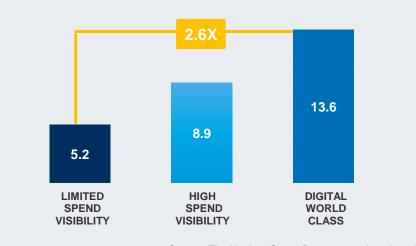
Innovative solutions like Precoro are key enablers of procurement centralization, automation and operational excellence, generating significant business impacts, including:

- 80% less manual data entry
- 3.5x faster approval workflow
- 78% shorter purchase cycle time
- 5% annual budget savings



#### **HACKETT INSIGHTS**





Source: The Hackett Group Procurement benchmark

"Better data visibility is one of the key drivers of procurement ROI, and Precoro allows companies to holistically understand their spend data to quickly uncover and capture spend management opportunities."

#### — CHRISTOPHER SAWCHUK

Principal and Global Procurement Advisory Practice Leader, The Hackett Group



# End-to-end visibility is especially critical for small to midsize businesses operating in multiple locations with decentralized procurement

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## SERVICES OVERVIEW | PRECORO

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Suppliers database and catalog: Supplier portal, vendor and catalog management

Vendor onboarding: Build custom forms, capture data and manage approvals

Contract management: Generate contracts, track consumption and expirations

Purchase requisitions: Customizable intake form to submit purchase requests

Approval workflow: Customize approval rules and automate notifications/reminders

Request for proposals: Raise RFPs, invite suppliers and compare offers

**Purchase orders:** Create and track recurring and blanket POs and send them automatically to suppliers

Goods/service receipt: Track pending deliveries and match received goods to POs

Inventory management: Manage inventory and automatically generate low stock alerts

Real-time budgets: Manage budgets for locations, projects or specific line items

Invoices: PO invoices, non-PO invoices, credit notes and payment status tracking

**AP automation:** Al-enabled data extraction, three-way matching and direct two-way data sync with ERP and accounting systems

**Expenses:** Expense reporting in just a few clicks

Reports: Comprehensive custom reports, dashboards and integration with Power BI

Fast onboarding - without IT support: Onboarding is typically a 2-8 week process.

Punchouts: Automatically transfer cart details from Grainger, Amazon, Lowe's, Staples and more



#### **HACKETT INSIGHTS**

CHARACTERISTICS OF TOP-PERFORMING PURCHASE TO PAY ORGANIZATIONS

44%

Faster PO processing cycle times

1.8X

More requisitions via preferred channels



1.7X

More indirect electronic catalog spend

45%

Fewer active suppliers for the top 80% of spend

Source: The Hackett Group Purchase-to-Pay Performance Study

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# Intelligent automation, visibility and controls are especially critical for industries with inherent risks in their procurement and supply chain processes

#### **INDUSTRY CONSIDERATIONS**

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#### Healthcare

Purchasing in healthcare companies is frequently at risk from the number of sites and employees touching the purchasing process, the complexity of inventory requirements, lack of requester training, and frequent requests for expedited purchases and payments.



#### Construction

Construction companies typically have high pass-through costs and high potential for budgetary overruns. These companies benefit from better visibility to spend by project, understanding of inventory levels and lead times, and enhanced compliance over purchasing transactions.



#### Manufacturing

Most manufacturing organizations run on tight margins, and operational efficiency is imperative to their success. Driving purchases to prenegotiated suppliers and rates, ensuring compliance, and providing spend data intelligence and insights to support cost analysis is critical.



#### Retail and wholesale

Retailers require both flexibility and agility to respond to rapidly changing customer preferences and market competition. Retailers benefit by aggregating spend data across locations, improving cycle times, and providing mobile-friendly and easy-to-use technology to their employees.

#### → LOOKING AHEAD

- Use digitalization to automate and improve the efficiency and accuracy of core transactional processes, as well as expanding the scope of source-to-pay activities to unlock additional value.
- Take a critical look at where Gen Al can be applied to address current challenges and drive real business value.
- Ensure your P2P service delivery model is orientated to meet the needs of end-user stakeholders. Make tools easy and intuitive to use with technology solutions providing a seamless user interface.
- Transform service delivery by ensuring that processes are streamlined, robust and customer friendly.
- Re-examine your process ownership model to ensure it provides full coverage while limiting the crossover of responsibilities.
- Manage talent proactively to make sure your talent management strategies result in a skilled, highly capable workforce.

Source: The Hackett Group

In the digital era, customer experience and satisfaction are as important as traditional efficiency and effectiveness performance elements.

Selecting solutions that deliver both efficiency and experience benefits are key to solution adoption, which often defines transformation success.

— The Hackett Group, Market Intelligence