



Bobcat Buy and Oracle Update

There is a lot of change going on at UC Merced - **Bobcat Buy is still here for you!** In fact, we're expanding capability to serve you better as we transition the underlying technology to the Oracle platform and create a one stop shop for all types of procurement. This includes:

- Adding even **more catalogs** so you can easily access the vendors and products you need
- Adding smart forms to streamline non-catalog purchases for routine products and services
- Adding generic requisitions for power users for all other procurement needs
- Improvements in **real-time exchanges** – reducing delays in financial data and simplifying back office accounting tasks, encumbrances and reporting

Be on the lookout for more updates from Procurement Services!

You can also find more information on the Bobcat Buy and Alpha Financials Project websites.



Updates for CAOs and Power Users

UC Merced's one stop procurement solution is here to stay! Need a few more details? Here is some additional information for our CAOs and Bobcat Buy Power Users.

How is Bobcat Buy related to Alpha Financials?

We are integrating Bobcat Buy with our new Oracle Cloud Financials solution (Alpha Financials Project). We've ensured that from the user perspective the experience will be similar, even though Bobcat Buy will be on a new (Oracle) platform.

What additional capability can I expect?

Global visibility as a team into the process (individual visibility will depend on role). Improved system experience through expanded list of catalogs, as well as greater visibility into tracking and managing your order from Procurement to Payment, via Purchase Orders, Advanced Shipment Notices, and Supplier Invoices. Real time encumbrance information will be available.

Are there changes to the procurement process?

Process-wise, requestors add items to their shopping carts, which generates a Purchase Requisition. Requisitions are approved and budget checked. Oracle Cloud then transmits a Purchase Order to the Supplier. The supplier invoices UCM which initiates payment.

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