

Ariba Supplier Lifecycle Management Solution (SLP)

Supplier FAQ's

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Supplier FAQ – Ariba SLP 1.



What is Ariba Supplier Lifecycle and Performance (SLP)?



Ariba SLP is a comprehensive supplier management solution that helps organizations manage supplier information, lifecycle, risk, and performance, ensuring a streamlined and efficient procurement process for our US and UK Businesses.



Why do we need to join Ariba SLP?



National Grid is implementing new standards and processes to improve the way we interact with our suppliers. The benefits of this include eliminating manual ways of work and duplication of effort for both parties. It will ensure that our Supplier details are current and accurate. It also allows you to self-manage you contact information.



What happens if an existing Supplier does not complete the new onboarding process?



Completing our process via SAP Ariba SLP is mandatory. Not completing the onboarding to Ariba SLP could result in non-compliance and impact our existing trade relationship.



If we are already trading with National Grid as a Supplier, do we need to Register and Qualify again?



Yes, the registration is a separate process that we expect all existing suppliers to complete. This allows suppliers to confirm National Grid standard procedures, self-manage their contact information, and provide updates as needed.

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If I already have an existing SAP Ariba Network Account, why am I being asked to create a new one?



You do not need to create a new Ariba Network account to respond to questionnaires or participate in events with National Grid. We would urge you to use your existing Ariba Network account.



What happens once I have completed the Registration Questionnaire?



Once you have completed and submitted the Questionnaire, wait for the confirmation whether it has been approved. Depending on the project scope, you might still need to complete the qualification process of other additional questionnaires.



What happens once I have completed the Qualification Questionnaire?



Once you have completed and submitted the Qualification Questionnaire, wait for the confirmation whether it has been approved. If this is approved, you may be asked to complete a Trading Questionnaire.



What happens once I have completed the Trading Questionnaire?



Once you have completed and submitted the Trading Questionnaire, wait for confirmation whether it has been approved. If all the Questionnaires are approved you will be an approved ERP supplier for National Grid.



Once I am registered, will I be able to work with National Grid in both the UK and US?



If the Region selected during onboarding is both US and UK, then yes post the complete registration, suppliers will be able to work with National Grid in both US and UK.

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What information is required in the supplier request form?



The Supplier request form will require general supplier information, primary supplier contact information and a description of the goods or services you are planning to provide National Grid. Once accepted, UK and US suppliers are required to complete the registration forms within Ariba SLP. Supplier must complete request forms prior to being invited to sourcing events.



What qualifications must be met to be a registered Supplier for National Grid?



It is National Grid's policy to procure goods and services competitively, economically, ethically, and efficiently in accordance with applicable legislative requirements. Sourcing activities comply with the requirements of the Utilities Contract Regulations. Please review the following for more details:

- 1.Safety Policy and Informational Documents*
- 2.Supplier Code of Conduct*
- 3.Contract Safety Requirements*
- 4.Contact Environmental Requirements*
- 5.Global Supplier Diversity Policy*
- 6.Diversity Classification Definitions*
- 7.EEO/SBA Certificate of Compliance*



How can Suppliers initiate change requests to their existing registrations



You can initiate change requests to National Grid by updating the registration questionnaires in Ariba SLP. If changes are made to sensitive fields like Banking or Address, they will be sent through an approval workflow for revalidation.

Thank you!

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Ariba SLP, bringing National Grid and suppliers together to offer an improved onboarding experience

National Grid will be implementing Ariba SLP in 2024 and our Suppliers play an important role in making our Ariba SLP implementation a success.

All Suppliers will be required to register in Ariba SLP.

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