

**Science Warehouse
Products & Services**

e-Catalogue
e-Requisitions
e-Integrator
e-Reports
e-Oligos
e-RFQs
e-Invoices

Finance system

SAP

Quotes...

“The solution is a powerful purchasing tool for all staff including researchers and academics but also provides procurement with essential visibility and financial control over spend.”

Tim Brannon, Head of
Procurement

Leeds generated over
£800,000 in efficiencies via
e-procurement in 2010/11

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Industry: Education and Research

Annual turnover: £497 million

Personnel: 7,600 employees; 33,500 students

A major research university...a procurement leader

The University of Leeds is a research-intensive university which strives to create, advance and disseminate knowledge, develop outstanding graduates and scholars and to make a major impact on global society. Ranked amongst the top 100 universities globally, its 7,600 staff work in 9 faculties and administrative services. Leeds, from which Science Warehouse originally span out, first implemented e-procurement in 2001.

Challenges...

Communicating centrally-negotiated deals across a diverse multi-faculty user base...Ensuring full budgetary control and commitment for every purchase order...Controlling complex spend with researcher-prescribed purchasing...Reducing administration ensuring purchasing is efficient and people friendly...automating the full purchasing cycle – from purchase to pay

Solution...

The Science Warehouse solution integrated with the University's SAP system provides a user-friendly front-end. It makes purchasing easy for users – giving them autonomy but also the security that all their purchasing is fully compliant. Categories covered are as diverse as computing, furniture, office and science supplies. The recent addition of e-invoicing provides the University with an end-to-end P2P solution.

The system has generated measurable financial benefits. In 2010/11, over 25,000 purchase orders went through the system generating substantial process efficiencies. Staff have access to the best negotiated deals and procurement can track this – over £1.6m in savings versus list price over the last year. “The e-marketplace is a key component of the University's spend management processes; it brings efficiency and control to procurement whilst providing the visibility to ensure that every pound spent delivers value for money”, says Tim Brannon, Head of Procurement.