

Oxford Brookes University increases purchasing efficiency and ensures controlled spend with Advanced Cloud Marketplace

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The directly attributable annualised run-rate for efficiency improvements is c£40k with cashable savings from improved contract terms and better buying decisions.

Oxford Brookes University was established in 1992 and was named to honour the school's founding principle, John Brookes. The University has earned recognition for quality in architecture, economics, computer science, automotive, motorsport, engineering, history, modern languages and publishing. It has been ranked as one of the best new universities post-1992 by the Sunday Times University Guide, 10 years in a row.

The challenge

It was important for us to increase the efficiency of our purchasing process, and ensure all spend was appropriately controlled.

We wanted to improve compliance against preferred supplier contracts, and ensure enablement of key suppliers across all commodities for eProcurement.

Our solution had to ensure all product and pricing data was up-to-date and accurate. It needed to provide visibility of contracts across the University.

It was also important we address the cultural change required to apply mandatory rulesbased procurement control.

The solution

Advanced Cloud Marketplace covers product categories ranging from office supplies to complex bio-science structures and the range continues to expand. The implementation process was well-supported, and backed by an easy-to-use catalogue and a friendly user interface which meant that minimal training was required.

The system has generated measurable financial benefits. Since 'go-live' users have adapted well and now place orders, request quotes from chosen suppliers and importantly use the catalogue more effectively to make better purchasing decisions.

Our Procurement Buyer, Sonia Soni, comments,

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We jointly have ambitious plans to expand the range of catalogue items into 'service' areas that have traditionally been deemed to be out of scope. By applying creativity and innovation we will create a step change in the way that marketplace catalogues are used.

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