

Better manage the supply chain with IBM Maximo Asset Management



Highlights

- Leverage advanced supply chain management capabilities to gain automated, centralized control over the supply chain life cycle
- Further automate procurement and problem resolution processes
- Reduce supply chain costs through more reliable information access and more efficient transaction handling
- Increase visibility into the supply chain life cycle, enabling continuous improvement and better support for efforts to meet regulatory requirements
- Optimize supply chain workflows to better align operations with business-defined processes
- Integrate with enterprise financial management systems for end-to-end support of the entire supply chain life cycle

IBM Maximo® Asset Management provides comprehensive asset life-cycle and maintenance management for all asset types on a single unified platform. Maximo Asset Management includes powerful supply chain management capabilities that can help businesses gain automated, centralized control over supply chain life-cycle processes and further automate and improve procurement and problem resolution processes.

Maximo software supports end-to-end supply chain requirements, including:

- Requisitioning
- Inventory and catalog control
- Contract management
- Financial management integration

Maximo Asset Management also provides optional support for integrated online commerce services and electronic quotation.

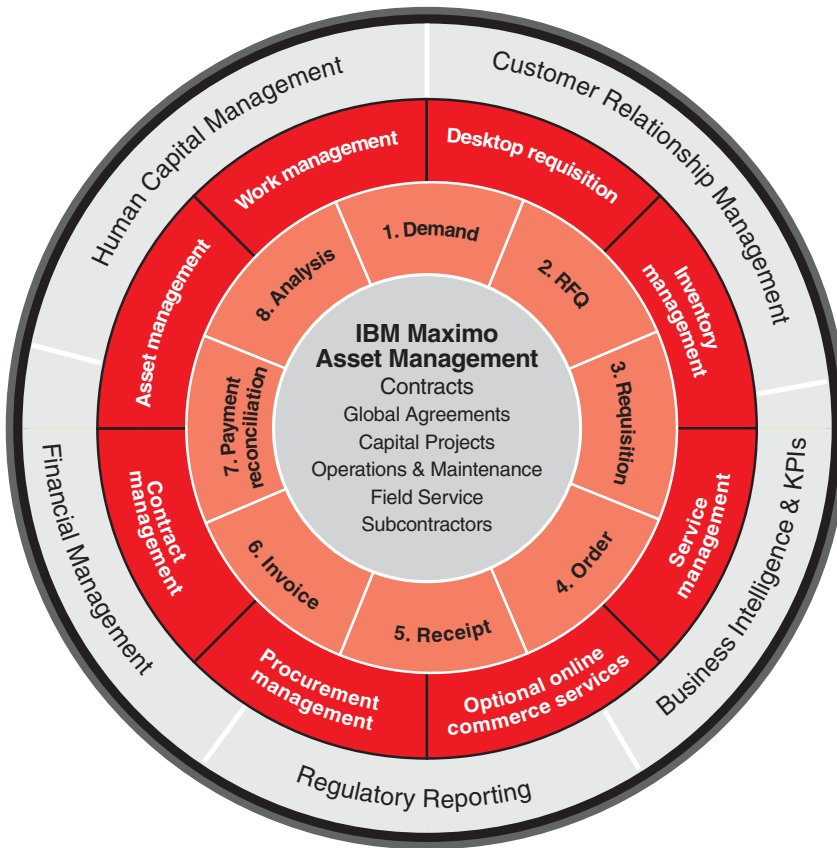
Supply chain capabilities within Maximo Asset Management allow tighter integration and collaboration with vendors, helping to facilitate better service and shorter delivery

and financial settlement cycles for optimal pricing terms. Also, the solution's complete end-to-end cycle of requisitioning, procurement, order status, receiving, document matching and integrated financial management can help deliver greater transaction processing accuracy while working to reduce costs.

Managing strategic business information for real results

Maximo software's supply chain solution can help streamline your capital project or asset management processes. The solution can help increase the ease and efficiency of how essential procurement information is exchanged, which can help increase your organization's overall profit potential by:

- Lowering inventory levels through increased service levels.
- Reducing procurement costs through more efficient transaction handling.
- Reducing errors by providing electronic access to more reliable information.
- Reducing data entry duplication.
- Accelerating delivery and financial settlement cycles.
- Improving vendor consolidation, collaboration and overall relationships.



IBM Maximo Asset Management integrates with other enterprise management systems for end-to-end support of the supply chain process.

With access to more reliable online supplier and product information as well as status information on requisitioning and procurement activities, organizations have increased visibility into the supply chain process, while reporting capabilities and audit trails for each stage of the procurement process enable better support for regulatory requirements.

Advanced supply chain workflow capabilities

Maximo Asset Management can help improve supply chain effectiveness with advanced workflow capabilities. Maximo software's workflow optimization aligns with business requirements and helps facilitate collaboration with preferred vendors. The workflow engine routes requisitions and orders along authorization paths based on business-defined processes.

These powerful workflow management capabilities can help organizations establish standard processes to more easily address all areas of capital projects and asset-class procurement for production, facilities, transportation and IT assets. These capabilities can help organizations to:

- Streamline operations from requisition to payables.
- Further automate procurement sourcing with supply partners tied to contract management.
- Create a single repository for all company contracts, suppliers and transaction processing.
- Ensure more accurate allocation of costs associated with projects, suppliers and assets.
- Improve the flexibility and adaptability of non-purchase order invoice approvals.

Centralized data, global efficiency

Maximo software has quickly become the solution of choice for companies looking to increase the reliability, flexibility and efficiency of complex supply chain processes. Maximo software fits easily into a company's existing procedures, without altering business practices or methods. IBM Maximo Asset Management integrates easily with enterprise resource planning (ERP) and other financial management systems for end-to-end support of the supply chain process. Maximo software helps meet the needs of global supply chain operations, helping to accelerate return on investment for organizations of all sizes.

The Maximo software platform helps capture and deliver the right information to the right people and suppliers at the right time, while helping to ensure better alignment between business processes and efforts to meet regulatory requirements. Fully Web-enabled, this platform helps keep users connected, regardless of location. By housing information in a centralized repository, Maximo software helps deliver the information users need, when they need it, helping to increase productivity and efficiency. Whether Maximo is centrally implemented or not, information and activities won't go unnoticed—the solution's powerful workflow engine can be configured to automatically notify every party involved as a purchase order moves through the process. The solution can also initiate escalations if activities fall behind plan.

A standards-based approach to supply chain management

Maximo software allows organizations to apply a standards-based approach to the supply chain life cycle, helping to create an economic infrastructure that can tie together processes, operate and maintain assets, and connect disparate financial management systems, more efficiently linking an organization to its supply community. This infrastructure can help organizations increase operational efficiency, lower the total cost of ownership, better evaluate risk and monitor and manage compliance efforts, and attract more supplier participation.

For more information

Part of the IBM Tivoli® software portfolio, Maximo Asset Management can help organizations gain insight across all assets, for better asset planning and control. To learn more about IBM Maximo Asset Management and its supply chain management capabilities, please contact your IBM representative or IBM Business Partner, or visit ibm.com/tivoli

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