

# Next Generation Supply Chains: Building a Scalable, Connected Operating Model

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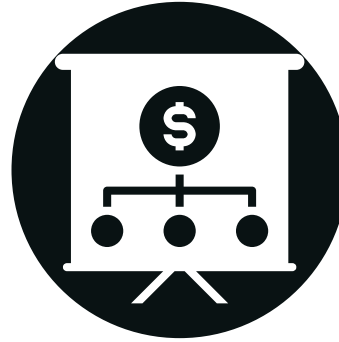
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# Workshop Overview



**Do you find your supply chain organization constantly fighting fires?**



**Do you struggle with balancing the day-to-day transactional work with broader strategic analysis?**



**Have demands of internal customers constantly required you to reprioritize your focus?**

**Recently, leading companies have advanced their supply chain operating models to achieve greater value and stay connected to their customers and vendors.**

# Workshop Overview (Cont'd)

Today we will discuss next generation concepts to transform your supply chain operating model to a leading practice service delivery model.



**01.** Tiered service delivery, including direct access, transactional processing, and centers of expertise



**02.** Leading functional technologies, service delivery tools, and AI/automation enablers



**03.** Quantitative and qualitative benefits of shifting to a leading practice model



**04.** Efficient steps to begin your supply chain transformation

# Introduction to ScottMadden





# Who We Are

**ScottMadden** is a management consulting firm with more than **40 years** of deep, hands-on experience.



We deliver a broad array of **corporate and shared services consulting services**—from strategic planning through implementation — across many industries, business units, and functions.

Our **knowledge, expertise, and experience are unmatched** — no other firm has helped more clients with more unique solutions.

## CORPORATE & SHARED SERVICES

### Experience

Our experienced team has been a pioneer in corporate and shared services since the practice began decades ago. We employ deep, cross-functional expertise to produce practical, measurable solutions.

### Scope

We have completed thousands of projects since the early '90s, including hundreds of large, multi-year implementations. Our clients represent a variety of industries from energy to healthcare to higher education to retail. Our areas of expertise span the spectrum of middle and back office corporate and shared services.

### Services

We have helped our clients with assessment, strategy, design, implementation, technology, business case and roadmap, governance, program management, and change management.

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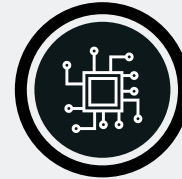


# Areas of Focus



## SUPPLY CHAIN

We assist clients across the full range of supply chain processes and have the unique ability to **create alignment between supply chain and its stakeholders**. From crafting new supply chain strategies to restructuring your organization to improving your daily operations, we help you with every step.



## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

From IT assessments and strategic direction to governance, cybersecurity, and risk and compliance management, we can help your organization **get the most out of its IT investment**. We also help you **optimize your projects** to focus on delivering business outcomes not just installed technology.



## FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING

We help companies **transform their finance and accounting operations**. Through enterprise financial business services, strategic centers of expertise, intelligent automation solutions, hybrid insource/outsource delivery models, and other solutions, we help you increase value for your company.



## MULTIFUNCTION/GBS

**We move shared services to the next generation**—integrating finance, human resources, information technology, supply chain, and/or other business services into a single, multifunction shared services or global business services operation with effective governance and management.



## HUMAN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

We offer **HR transformation** (including HR shared services), analytics, HR systems (selection, implementation, and optimization), process design and continuous improvement, talent and employee engagement strategy and programs, and payroll—the services your organization needs to excel.



## BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICES

We help our clients **improve service response to the business**, including through the **integration of various administrative services** into their shared services model. Services often include real estate, facility maintenance, fleet, security, sales and marketing, insurance, customer service, research, and others.

# Our Supply Chain Practice

We've been helping **supply chain organizations** update their entire end-to-end supply chain processes for over **two decades**. Our solutions provide **lasting improvements** and allow our clients to **better serve their customers**—whether internal customers in the business units or external customers such as suppliers.

## OUR WORK IN SUPPLY CHAIN

Through our deep expertise and practical know-how, we assist clients across the full range of supply chain processes and have the unique ability to create alignment between the supply chain function and its customers and stakeholders.

## OUR FOCUS

Our teams bring a proven approach to service delivery design and supply chain optimization. We work hand-in-hand with you to assess current operations, models, and processes, design practical solutions, and implement changes to improve your supply chain operations.

Our end-to-end **supply chain** areas of experience:

- Demand planning and forecasting
- Operational procurement
- Materials management
- Strategic procurement
- Logistics
- Accounts payable



**Supply Chain  
Practice**





# Our Supply Chain Practice

## Procurement Service Delivery

- Procurement transformation strategy
- Service delivery assessment
- Business case development
- Service delivery model and center-of-expertise design and implementation
- Service management technology selection and implementation
- Customer service optimization

## Logistics and Materials Management

- Inventory planning and optimization
- Warehouse location selection and design
- Warehouse facility management improvement
- Storage space optimization
- Lean warehousing
- Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) opportunity evaluation and implementation, e.g., bar codes, RFID
- Transportation management and network design

## Procure-to-Pay (P2P) Process

- End-to-end process design and improvement
- Functional technology selection and implementation
- Metrics design and implementation
- Global process owner and governance


## Enterprise Supply Chain Services

- Supply chain strategy
- Demand planning improvement
- Spend analysis and spend category market research
- Strategic sourcing execution
- Category management program design
- Supplier and third-party risk management
- Supplier relationship management
- Process and governance design and improvement
- Organization design and staffing
- Leading practices assessments
- Project management and change management planning and execution
- Outsourcing evaluation, vendor selection, and transition support

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**Supply Chain  
Practice**

# Representative Clients

Retail and Consumer Products	Manufacturing and Industrial	Technology and Communications	Higher Ed., Public Sector, Non-profit	Energy and Utilities	Healthcare	Professional Services
      	       	      	     	     	     	     

Note: Representative sample; not all-inclusive of clients served. Excludes numerous well-known clients due to confidentiality agreements

# Leading Practice Supply Chain Service Delivery Model



# Supply Chain has Evolved over the Last 20 Years





# Polling Question #1

Which of the following applies to your supply chain function. Please select all that apply.

**Strategic  
Procurement is  
centralized.**

**Operational  
Procurement is  
centralized.**

**Strategic  
Materials  
Management is  
centralized**

**None are  
centralized.**

# What are the Unintended Consequences?



## Unclear Roles

**Roles are not clearly defined. Transactional roles are being asked to execute strategic work and/or strategic roles are completing transactional tasks with little to no time for anything else.**

- “I don’t have enough time to be strategic”
- “Daily firefighting dominates my day”



## Activity Without Achievement

**Business unit partners and vendors see procurement as requiring steps that cost time, get in the way of what they need to accomplish, and are not rooted in an understanding of the business.**

- “Submitting a request is painful”
- “I have to go through too many hoops to get an answer”
- “My workday is consumed by administrative tasks which keeps me from being more strategic”



## Uncertain Service Access

**Supply Chain has centralized activities and staff leading to business unit partners feeling abandoned and uncertain about how to access services.**

- “Who do I call to expedite my material now that procurement has taken Jim?”
- “Is this a new vendor or do they have a contract in place? Is it current or expiring soon? How do I find out?”
- “How do I access our Supply Chain function to even start a sourcing event?”

***A strong supply chain service delivery model enables organizations to overcome these challenges.***

# Polling Question #2

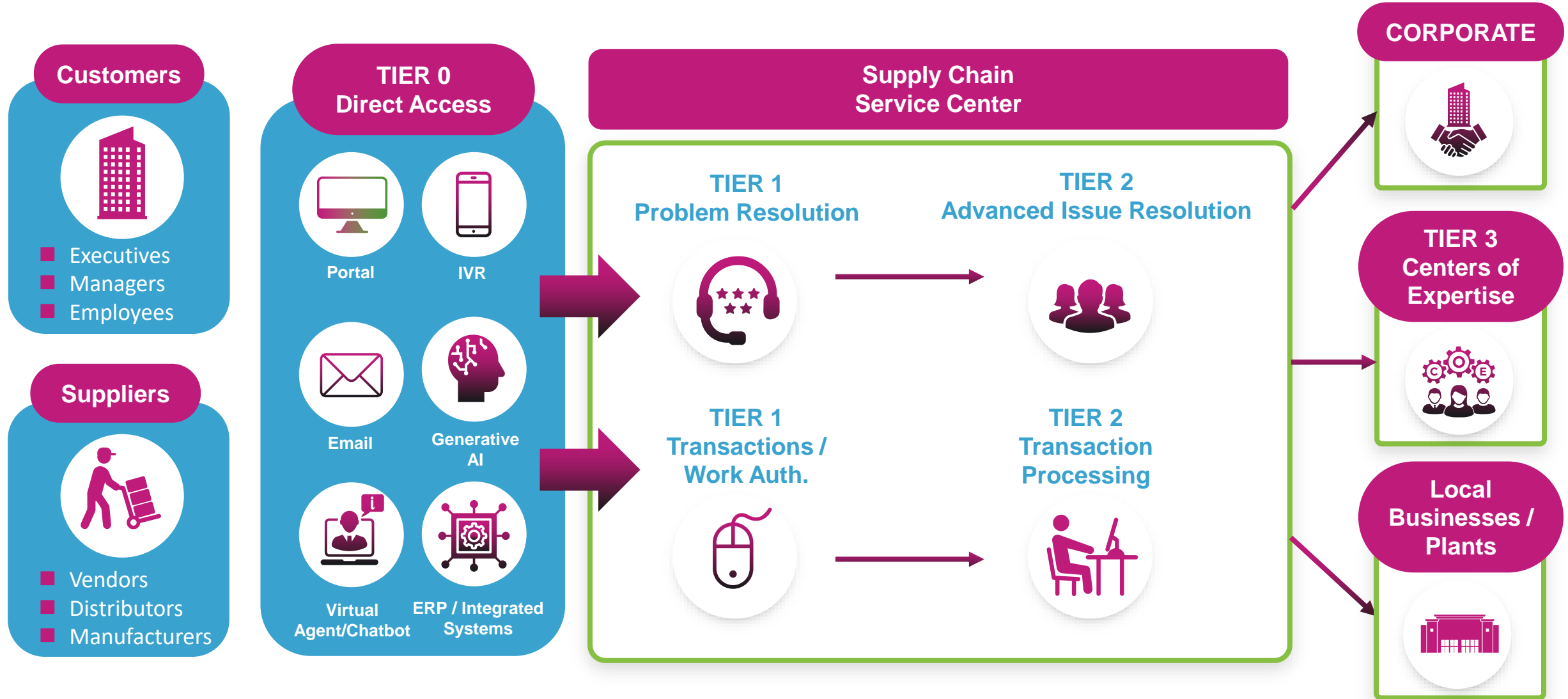
Which of the following applies to how Supply Chain services are accessed?

We have one landing page where all customers (internal and external) are directed for service.

We have several vendor portals that provide different services.

We do not have a landing page or vendor portal(s).

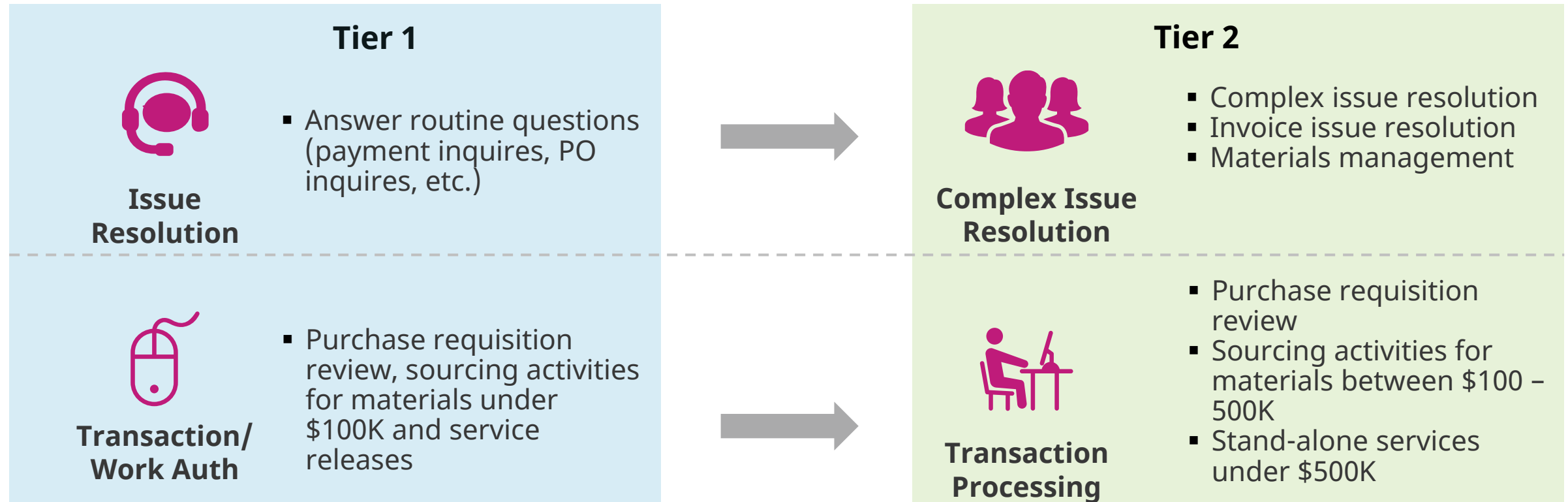
# A Leading Practice Delivery Model





# Supply Chain Service Center (Tier 1 and Tier 2)

The supply chain service center handles a wide range of activities, such as general supplier and employee inquiries and transactional services.



# Centers Of Expertise (Tier 3)

Activities in Supply Chain Delivery Model are structured to avoid co-mingling of transactional and strategic work. Leading practice models align activities by the type of work:

- Transactional
- Functional
- Advisory

Each activity is optimally placed within the delivery channel that is best, such as the service center or a COE.

An emphasis is placed on splitting transaction processing from problem resolution to ensure the model works effectively.

Activities within COEs are primarily advisory since they require specialized skills and expertise.



COEs own and direct two primary specialized activities:

- ✓ **Programs**
- ✓ **Planning and Analysis**

✓ **Examples of Programs:**

- Strategic Procurement
- Contract Management
- Supplier Relationship Management (SRM)
- Risk Management
- Supplier Diversity

✓ **Examples of Planning and Analysis:**

- Demand Management
- Reporting & Analytics
- Spend Analysis
- Market Analysis
- Inventory Planning
- Network Design

# Successful Supply Chain Service Delivery Model Traits

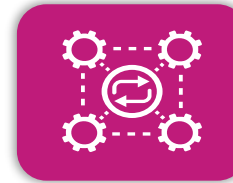
A procurement delivery model cannot be successful without some critical components existing within a governance framework:

## Embed a service-oriented mindset



- Use data to ensure employees' and vendors' needs are met
- Ensure feedback loops are in place with local resources as they are closest to customers
- Allow business unit flexibility where it makes sense

## Revamp traditional models and services provided



- Avoid duplication
- Use the scope of services as a "blueprint" for who does what work
- Create clear governance to support the model
- Define roles and responsibilities for each delivery channel

## Employ mechanisms for continuous improvement and a "culture of accountability"



- Use data to ensure handoffs between delivery channels are occurring as expected for all processes
- Define operational measures and service level agreements
- Ensure customer engagement structures are in place

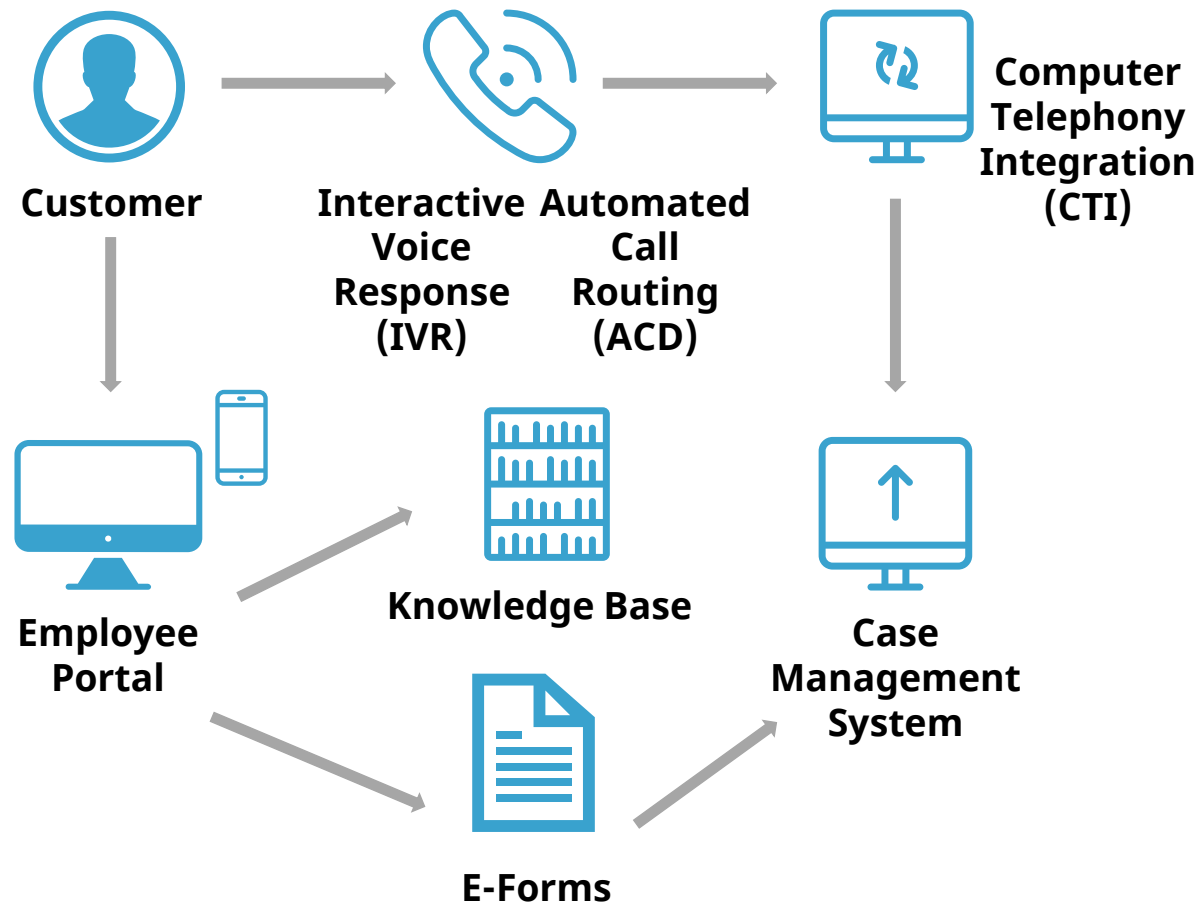
## Enable local resources to better support their units



- Empower local resources to serve as the "voice of the business leaders" that they support
- Give local resources the ability to influence and provide input to Centers of Expertise (COEs) and service center operations

# Enabling Customer Care Technologies

A supply chain service delivery model requires a foundation and investment in customer care technologies.



## Telephony System (IVR, ACD, CTI)

- Supports higher resolution rate on first contact by routing calls to the most appropriate and available representative

## Case Management System (CMS)

- Provides one system to create, track, and review cases
- Offers flexible communication channels (e.g., text, live chat) with customers
- Virtual agents enables 24/7 support for different time zones or for shift and non-office workers
- Supports better performance management with case metrics tracking and reporting

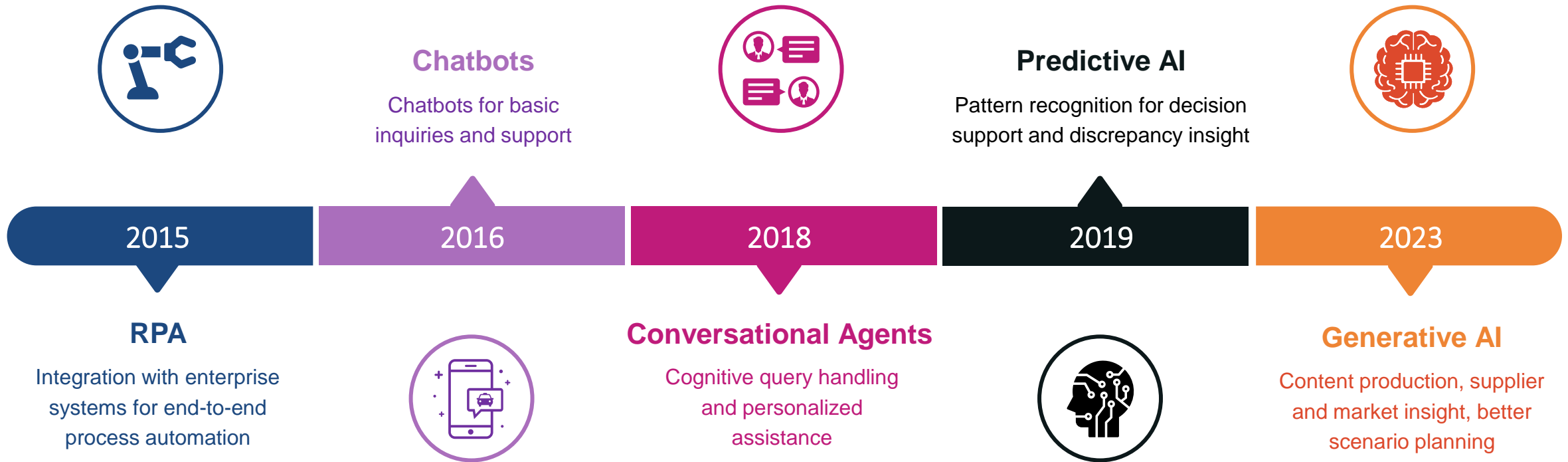
## Portal and Knowledge Base

- Provides a "one-stop shop" for content
- Offers improved mobile accessibility and robust search function
- Lifts transactional burden across the function



# The Evolution of Intelligent Automation (IA)

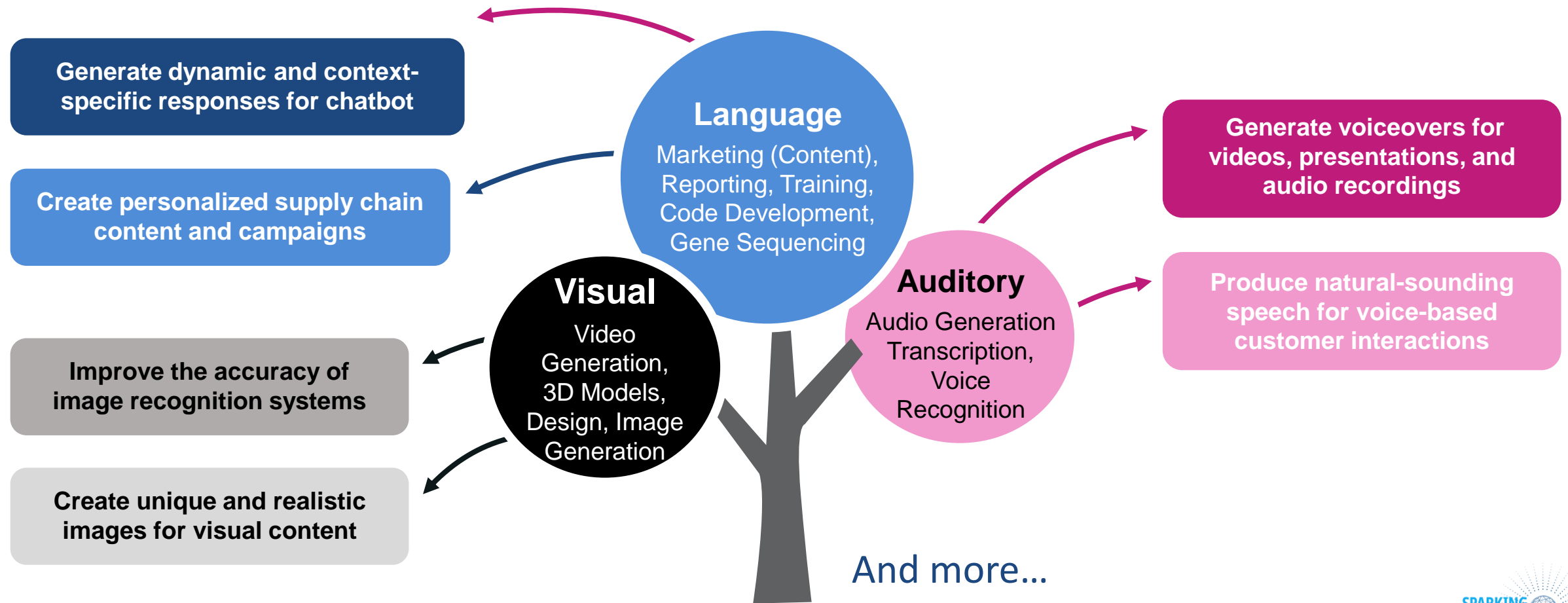
In recent years, supply chain has witnessed a significant adoption of IA technologies to streamline operations, automate repetitive tasks, and improve customer interactions.






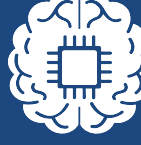
**These solutions are becoming more and more and more integrated** enhancing automation by combining task execution, data analysis, and user interaction for more efficient and intelligent workflows.

# What Is Different about Generative AI?

Generative AI refers to a type of artificial intelligence that can create new content, such as text, images, audio, and video content, by learning from existing data patterns. It expands AI capabilities to generate realistic and creative outputs.



# Enabling IA Technologies and Adoption Levels

	 <b>Robotic Process Automation</b>	 <b>Virtual Agents and Chatbots</b>	 <b>Predictive Artificial Intelligence</b>	 <b>Generative Artificial Intelligence</b>
<b>Approximate Adoption</b>	65-75%	30-45%	15-25%	15-25%
<b>Characteristics of Data Input</b>	Structured, rule driven, and static	Structured data with cognitive computing	Largely structured data with hidden patterns	Unstructured/structured data, driven by prompts
<b>Nature of Ideal Process Fit</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Digital repetitive steps</li> <li>■ Rule-based/logic driven</li> <li>■ Time consuming</li> <li>■ Documented</li> <li>■ Static rules</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Customer-interfacing</li> <li>■ Requires access to solve</li> <li>■ Multiple languages required</li> <li>■ Multiple time zones required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Requires research</li> <li>■ Non-routine inquiries</li> <li>■ Formula-driven</li> <li>■ Requires pattern and detailed analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Generates content with open data searches</li> <li>■ Can point to inhouse data</li> <li>■ Language processing</li> <li>■ Complex Q&amp;A</li> </ul>
<b>Process Candidate Examples</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ PO administration/updates</li> <li>■ Catalog updates</li> <li>■ Routine transactions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Customer service</li> <li>■ Vendor inquiries</li> <li>■ Delivery/scheduling</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Contracts management</li> <li>■ Demand forecasting</li> <li>■ Problem solving patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Research</li> <li>■ Forecast</li> <li>■ Customer service</li> <li>■ Optimization</li> </ul>

**Data structure and integrity is essential across all IA.**

# Emerging Use Cases



## Data and Predictive Analytics

- Inventory optimization that recommends inventory levels, re-order quantities, and re-order points, based on stock cost, usage, lead time, and criticality
- Tail spend management by identifying opportunities (e.g., maverick spend, common spend across suppliers) and recommending preferred channel



## Application Programming Interfaces

- Geo-fencing around a warehouse that provides notifications of incoming carriers, allowing onsite staff to prepare for processing the shipment
- Dashboard that aggregates data from different systems to provide transaction visibility across planning, ordering, logistics, and inventory



## Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- Creation of demand forecasts by using historical data and market trends
- Streamlining of sourcing/purchasing activities by analyzing previous pricing and transactions, identifying patterns, and predicting outcomes



## Stakeholder Collaboration and Decision Support

- Cross-functional team input on target pricing, supplier performance criteria, and product specifications for RFP
- Development of requirements for new suppliers in new business area or procurement category



# Polling Question #3

Please select the following enabling technologies that you currently have implemented in your supply chain organization. Please select all that apply.

Portals and/or  
landing pages

Knowledge  
base

Case  
management  
system

Telephony  
system

Robotics  
process  
automation  
(RPA)

Chatbots or  
virtual agents

Predictive  
AI

Generative  
AI

# Polling Question #4

Which of the following do you have plans to implement in the next 3 years? Please select all that apply.

Portals and/or  
landing pages

Knowledge  
base

Case  
management  
system

Telephony  
system

Robotics  
process  
automation  
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AI

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AI

# What is the Business Case?



## Quantitative Benefits

- + Reduction in contract leakage
- + Reduction in re-work
- + Improved cost reduction and avoidance from strategic staff utilization for strategic work
- + Efficiencies from maximizing and optimizing Tier Zero (Direct Access) where the business unit and vendors access service without supply chain staff



**1-2%**

**Contract Savings**

**10-25%**

**Labor Savings**



## Qualitative Benefits

- + Scalability
- + Streamlined acquisition integration
- + Performance metrics to inform better decision making
- + Improved reporting and analytics to support contract management
- + Improved customer service



**Cost Avoidance**



**Improved  
Compliance**



**Customer Service**

# Service and Work Activity Alignment Exercise



# Overview

In order to design the most efficient and effective supply chain delivery model, each procurement activity must be assigned to the “best fit” model tier. As a reminder, the model tiers are below:

## Tier 1



Issue  
Resolution



Transaction/  
Work Auth

## Tier 2



Complex  
Issue  
Resolution



Transaction  
Processing

## Tier 3 / COE



Advisory activities  
that require  
specialized skills  
and expertise

- ✓ Programs
- ✓ Planning and Analysis

## Local Sites



Requires “hands-on” support

Difficult to do  
virtually

# Polling Question #5: Supplier Risk Management

Where would you suggest the following activity be placed in the tiered model? **Aggregate risk information for selected suppliers and present risk analysis that can be used to evaluate that supplier's risk across multiple domains such as the supplier's financial health, geopolitics, source of raw materials, etc.**

## Tier 1



Issue  
Resolution



Transaction/  
Work Auth

## Tier 2



Complex  
Issue  
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# Polling Question #6: Data Analytics

Where would you suggest the following activity be placed in the tiered model? **Combine and analyze data from multiple systems to gain insights into procurement operations and provide spend, supplier, and market analyses to support strategic sourcing.**

## Tier 1



Issue  
Resolution



Transaction/  
Work Auth

## Tier 2



Complex  
Issue  
Resolution



Transaction  
Processing

## Tier 3 / COE



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## Local Sites



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# Polling Question #7: Contract Administration

Where would you suggest the following activity be placed in the tiered model? **Maintain contracts in a central location so they can be easily retrieved. Track contract expiration dates and notify contract owners of important upcoming contract dates. Periodically retrieve supplier administrative information (e.g., insurance certifications).**

## Tier 1



Issue  
Resolution



Transaction/  
Work Auth

## Tier 2



Complex  
Issue  
Resolution



Transaction  
Processing

## Tier 3 / COE



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# Polling Question #8: Contract Management

Where would you suggest the following activity be placed in the tiered model? **Update contracts with new terms and conditions and commercial terms as required and advise on negotiated commercial terms and features of supplier performance.**

## Tier 1



Issue  
Resolution



Transaction/  
Work Auth

## Tier 2



Complex  
Issue  
Resolution



Transaction  
Processing

## Tier 3 / COE



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# Polling Question #9: Expediting

Where would you suggest the following activity be placed in the tiered model? **Take action to find the status of a purchase transaction and determine if intervention is needed to meet service levels expected by your business unit customers.**

## Tier 1



Issue  
Resolution



Transaction/  
Work Auth

## Tier 2



Complex  
Issue  
Resolution



Transaction  
Processing

## Tier 3 / COE



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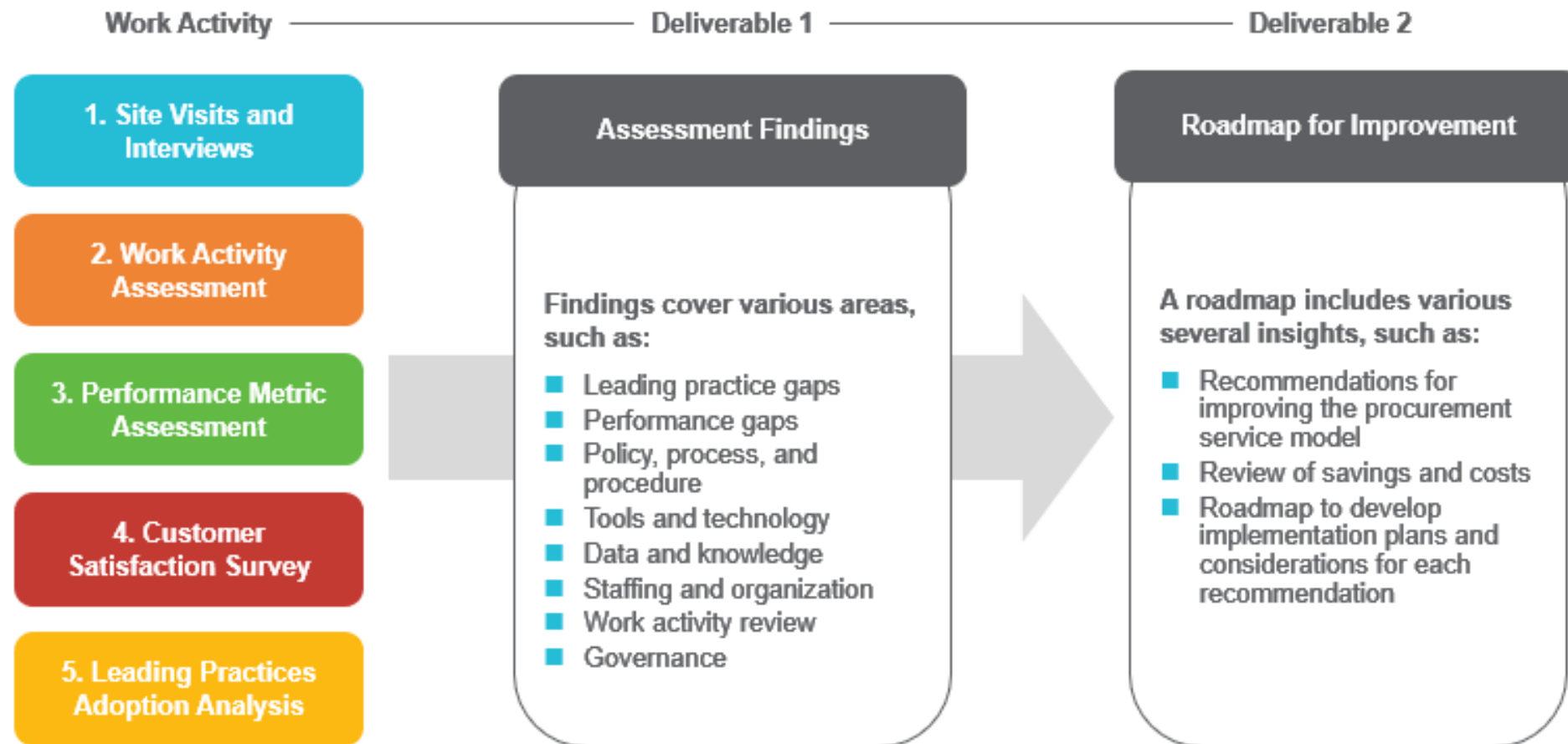
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# Getting Started



# Transition to a Leading Supply Chain Delivery Model

Conducting a supply chain assessment provides a complete view of supply chain performance, identifies the highest impact opportunities, and enables executives to design and pursue a clear path toward **supply chain transformation based on their industry and goals for maturity.**

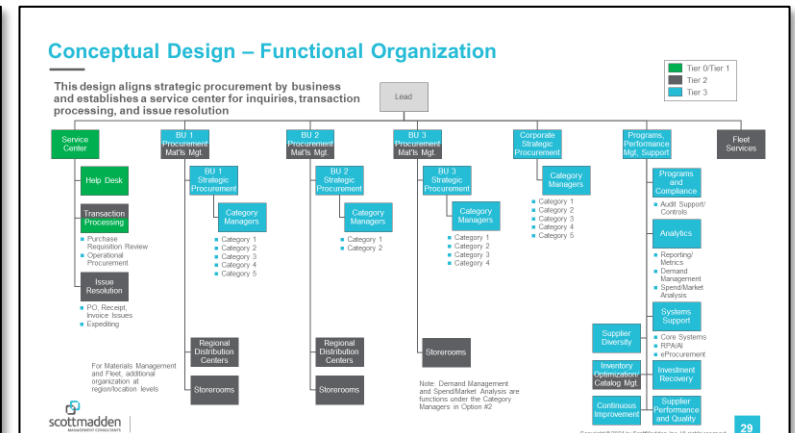
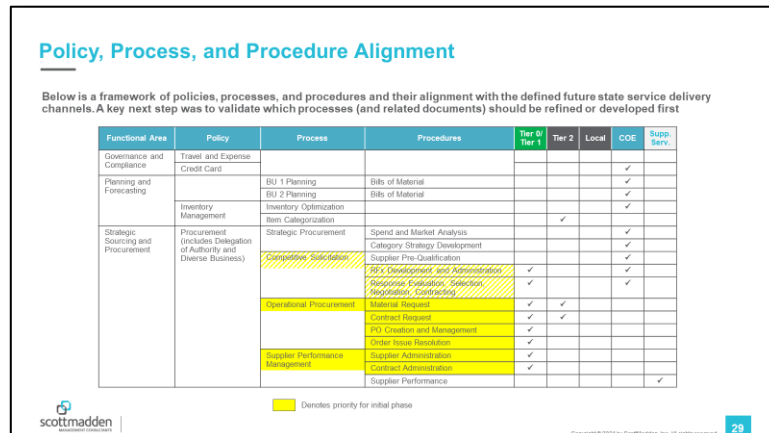
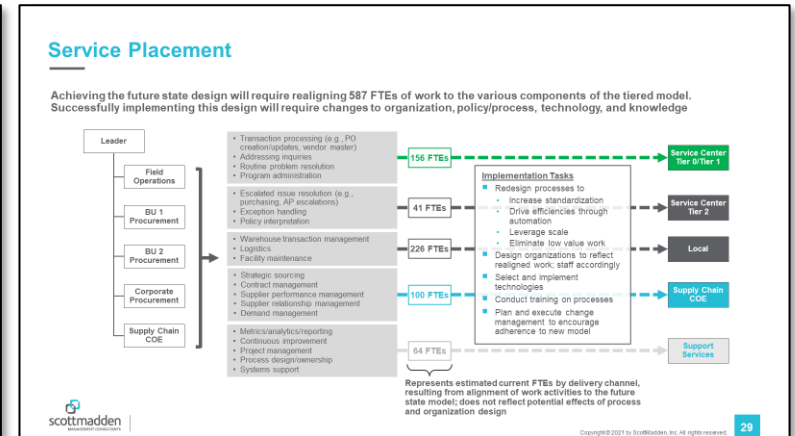
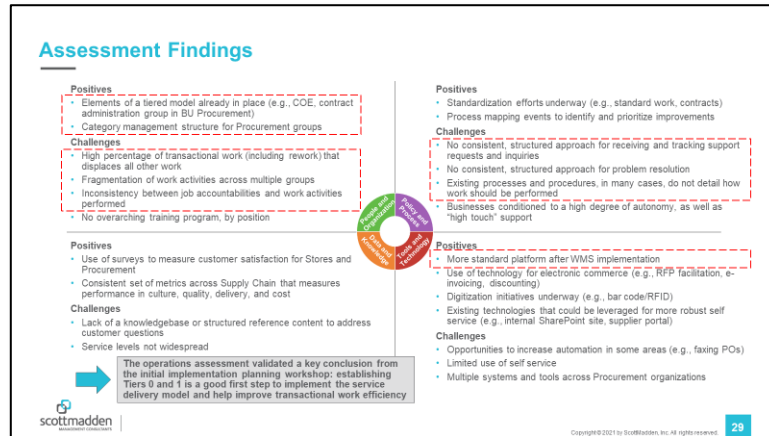




# Assessment Results Inform Model Design

By completing an efficient assessment, key findings influence overall supply chain service delivery model design, from service placement to process alignment to conceptual organizational structure.

- Stakeholder interviews provide insight into policy and process, organization and staffing, tools and technology, and data and metrics
- Service placement slots existing activities into a tiered delivery model based on the type of work being performed
- Policy, process, and procedure alignment enables harmonization to provide a consistent, repeatable experience
- Service placement, benchmarks, and ScottMadden experience enable tailored organizational designs

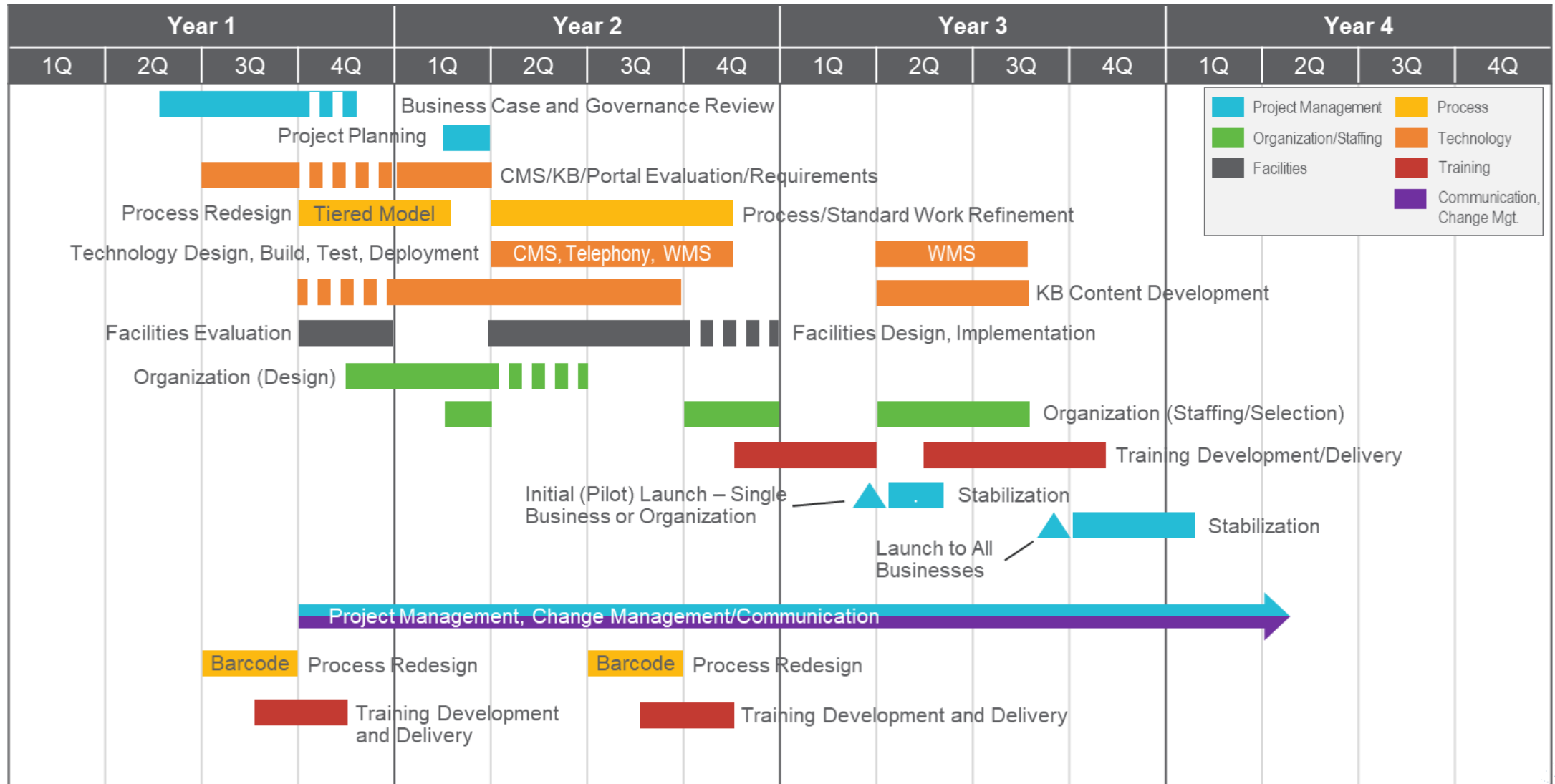


# Implementation Workstreams

## Typical Implementation Work Streams

Planning and Project Management	Policies, Processes, and Procedures	Organization and Staffing	Communication, Change Management, and Training	Technologies	Facilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Form implementation team (assign project lead and team leads)</li> <li>Develop project tools and templates</li> <li>Manage project. Track and report on project status</li> <li>Identify and resolve issues and risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inventory supply chain policies, processes, categories, and taxonomy</li> <li>Document current state</li> <li>Define supply chain policy and process requirements</li> <li>Redesign and document policies and processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design supply chain organizational structure</li> <li>Define supply chain jobs</li> <li>Create job descriptions</li> <li>Price positions</li> <li>Plan selection method</li> <li>Post jobs</li> <li>Evaluate and select candidates</li> <li>Manage transitions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess impact of overall change on stakeholders</li> <li>Build awareness</li> <li>Build, execute, and monitor comms plan</li> <li>Create and launch marketing campaign</li> <li>Assess training and education needs</li> <li>Build training plan</li> <li>Conduct training and education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate existing customer care technologies</li> <li>Evaluate existing supply chain functional technologies</li> <li>Evaluate automation technologies</li> <li>Develop future state requirements</li> <li>Select, buy/build, and implement technologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine requirements for supply chain service center and design facility (if needed)</li> <li>Construct or renovate</li> <li>Order and install equipment</li> <li>Move in</li> <li>Develop business continuity plan</li> </ul>

# Implementation Roadmap



# Leading Practices During Implementation



## Involve stakeholders early and often.

- Identify all stakeholder groups (e.g., suppliers, technology providers, lines of business contacts, and material planners)
- Create detailed plans for stakeholder groups to ensure adequate communications throughout the transition



## Make detailed accountabilities clear, by group and role.

- Define supply chain responsibilities by group as part of the creation of the tiered Service Delivery Model (SDM)
- Assign and document individual accountabilities and performance measures at the role level



## Leverage analytics before, during, and after the transition.

- Ensure assessment fully describes current state supply chain metrics and costs
- Provide reporting to stakeholders to focus attention on key enablers of success and drive desired outcomes (e.g., Cycle Time, Procurement ROI)



## Implement (and test) well-defined, tier-escalation criteria.

- Define use cases for all types of purchases (e.g., PO and Non-PO, Special Handling and Non-Special Handling)
- Document and test handling processes for all use cases and all tiers



## Aggressively simplify and streamline policies and processes.

- Review and streamline all supply chain policies as part of the planning for the transition to the new SDM
- Revise process documents from the user's perspective; reduce process steps and minimize hand-offs wherever possible



## Treat technology as an enabler, not a panacea.

- Ensure that revised processes leverage technology to simplify, not complicate, work
- Focus on technology dependencies (e.g., category taxonomy, inventory data quality, process simplification, training, and knowledge base creation)

# Implementation Hallmarks of Success

An effective supply chain delivery model implementation that leverages leading practices will speed adoption, minimize disruption during the process transition, and achieve the benefits and savings outlined in the business case that supported the roadmap.

- ✓ **Communications** throughout the implementation **are frequent and transparent**, and lead to a “no surprises” transition
- ✓ **Results** can be seen **soon after launch** (e.g., reduced cycle times for invoice processing, reduction in hand-offs within processes)
- ✓ **Use of technology increases rapidly** due to awareness of the changes, increased functionality, and improved on-line support
- ✓ Stakeholders **understand the process and system changes** and know who to contact for supply chain assistance
- ✓ Supply chain staff have **clearly defined roles and responsibilities**
- ✓ **Reporting and analytics** provide transparency
- ✓ **Data quality issues** (e.g., inventory counts, category and sub-category designations) and **knowledgebase content availability are addressed** during implementation planning and support a successful launch
- ✓ **Suppliers are aware** of the transition and benefit from reduced transaction costs and improved efficiency



# Wrap Up



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