

The AP Process: Everything You Need to Know





Purchase Order

Send out a purchase order for any service or goods, including a line item description of what you've ordered, the date of the order, quantity, price, and other key details.

Receiving Report

Vendor issues a receiving report, or goods receipt, including a list of everything received, quantity, date of receipt, and other shipping details, as well as any discrepancies.





Vendor Invoice

Enter the official request for payment into your system, listing the amount owed to the vendor, sales taxes, shipping or freight fees, and a due date for payment.

Three-way Match

Compare the information on the PO, the receiving report, and the invoice to make sure they match. Any discrepancies must be rectified with your team and the vendor.





Review, Approve, and Process Payments

Route the invoice to the appropriate team members for review and approval. When all necessary parties have signed off, a payment can be issued.

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