Reinventing Reinbursements

An Overview of MIT's New Request for Payment (RFP) Tool



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- Modernizes reimbursement and smalldollar payment processes using Atlas and B2P
- Streamlines submission
 processes
- Optimizes approval workflows



Key Benefits of the New Tool

Security

Reduces vulnerability to cyberattacks

Simplicity

Unified, streamlined experience within Atlas and B2P

Efficiency

Enables quick payment via direct deposit

Transparency

Full visibility into payment approval and transmission status

Security and Compliance

- All internal supplier information stored and maintained in Atlas (students and employees)
- External supplier information (individuals, incorporations, etc.) are stored within Supplier Information Management (SIM)
- All approvers and approval chains visible in B2P
- SIM will streamline payments made by direct deposit and decrease check processing, including returns, stops and reissues
- Payee and work information will determine appropriate tax withholdings



Simplicity

- Access Atlas app on desktop (Windows/iOS) or mobile (Android/iPhone)
- 2. Attach/upload photo of receipt or other documentation
- 3. Assign cost object(s) and submit for approval



Simplicity

- Find payees and approvers by name, email, or Kerberos account
- Type-ahead functionality allows users to find cost objects and GL accounts by name or number
- Split billing can between cost objects be automatically added



Efficiency

Payee designates preferred payment/reimbursement method

- Direct deposit
- Paper check
- International payments made by wire

Payments deposited into payee's account or sent via check





Transparency

- Requesters can view current RFP status
 - In Progress (Draft & Pending Review)
 - Processed within Last Month (Submitted, Approved, Declined, and Paid)
- All approvers and approval chains visible in B2P



Adding a Payee

- 1. Proceed to Coupa to add an external supplier.
- 2. Under Forms, click New RFP Supplier.
- 3. Fill in required supplier contact information.





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Submitting a Request – Services

3. Add payee information

- Is the payee a citizen of the United States?
- Was the work/activity performed in the United States? In Massachusetts?
- Select default payment method or make an exception (hold check at Accounts Payable office)



- 4. Add a line item
 - Date
 - Amount
 - Business purpose
 - Cost object
 - General ledger (G/L) account
- Be sure to exclude state sales tax (MA + 29 other states)
- Type-ahead functionality allows G/L and CO searches by name or number
- Split across multiple accounts/objects if needed



5. Attach a receipt and/or other documentation

Accepted file formats:

- PDF
- JPG
- PNG
- HEIF & HEIC (phone image files)





- 6. Submit for approval
 - Search for approver by name, Kerberos account, or email
 - Send to a reviewer first for help completing the request





Approving a Request

Access

 invoices under
 Activity (top
 right) or
 To Do (right)





Approving a Request

2. View invoice via
Activity >
Invoices >
Requiring My
Approval

	Activity					
	Requisitions Orders Order Changes Invoices Receipts Forms Process Requires ASNs Inbox Tasks					
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	Invoice # Supplier	Net Due Date	Total Status	Delivery Method	Actions	
-	RFP_test_1110 Kevin Lyons	12/04/24	1.23 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1109 Jeffrey Francis Rosa	12/01/24	500.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1106 Jeffrey Francis Rosa	12/01/24	110.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1105 Qolytju Dotuti	11/30/24	110.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1101 SHAWN JONES	12/25/24	19.50 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1067 Joanie Edmonds	11/23/24	500.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1059 JEFF UK	12/18/24	25,500.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1063 JOHN UK	12/15/24	8,250.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1062 MIKE ACH	12/15/24	575.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1056 Kevin Lyons	11/16/24	1.23 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1041 Kevin Lyons	11/04/24	21.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1040 JOHN JACO PUBLISHING	11/29/24	11,700.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1029 Cindy Vye	10/26/24	74.38 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1026 Tuffyl Nyjoy	10/26/24	500.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	
	RFP_test_1022 Kevin Lyons	10/22/24	25.00 Pending Approval	Integration (API)	1010	



Approving a Request

3. Review the invoice to edit, approve, or reject.

If you reject, an explanation is required.



Questions?

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