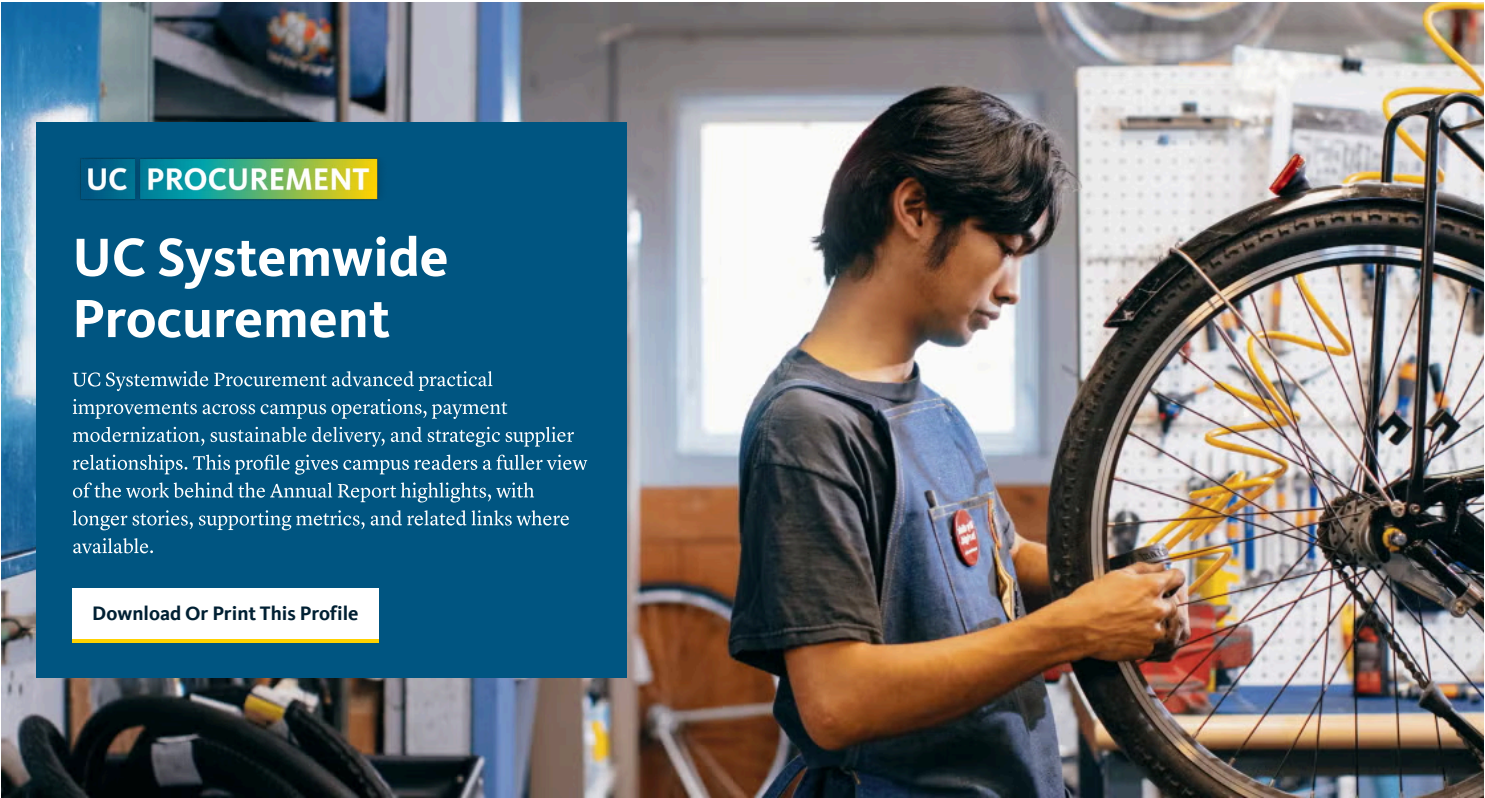




UC PROCUREMENT

UC Systemwide Procurement

UC Systemwide Procurement advanced practical improvements across campus operations, payment modernization, sustainable delivery, and strategic supplier relationships. This profile gives campus readers a fuller view of the work behind the Annual Report highlights, with longer stories, supporting metrics, and related links where available.

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\$191.9M

Benefit Delivered

Systemwide Procurement

15.2%

Economic Impact Spend

Toward UC 25% goal

\$445.4M

Total Benefit Delivered

Systemwide Procurement + Campuses

UC Systemwide Procurement Achievements by Strategic Pillar

- Economic and Community Impact
- Strategic Partnerships
- Drive Value and Savings
- Continuous Improvement
- Risk Management

Economic and Community Impact

GCLC Phase II Strengthens UC Sustainable Food Sourcing

In FY26, UC's Sustainable Food Sourcing Project advanced to Phase II, strengthening supplier partnerships, procurement data, and campus tools to expand climate-smart food purchasing.



The Challenge

Sustainable-food goals were hard to turn into daily purchases without reliable information, clear pathways for action, negotiated supplier partnerships, and sourcing methods for campuses and health centers.

The Approach

UC's Global Climate Leadership Council (GCLC) Sustainable Food Sourcing Project advanced into Phase II during FY26, strengthening supplier partnerships, procurement data, and practical tools that help campuses and health centers translate sustainability goals into purchasing decisions.

The Result

Why it matters

These efforts help translate UC's goal of sourcing 25% of food sustainably by 2030 into purchasing decisions while building a more resilient, transparent, climate-conscious food supply chain.

At a Glance

25%
Sustainable food goal

2030
Goal timeline

1
Regenerative protein
sourcing contract

1
Expanded Metadata pilot

Teams are improving sustainability tracking, expanding access to climate-smart and responsibly sourced products, and working more closely with growers, distributors, dining operators, and sustainability experts. UC integrated sustainability language into systemwide produce and dairy contracts, launched a grass-fed and regenerative protein sourcing contract, and expanded the Maetadata pilot for clearer reporting.

Related Links:

[Serving Up Sustainability: GCLC Phase II Report](#)
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

At a Glance

Contract Updates

Integrated sustainability language

57,000 Pounds of Sustainable Shrimp on Campus Menus

UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Merced became the first U.S. institutions to serve 'Verified Green' Black Tiger shrimp, purchasing about 57,500 pounds in FY26 winter and spring quarters.



The Challenge

Campus dining needed a verified sustainable shrimp option that could be sourced at institutional scale from small-scale farms, not a one-campus specialty item.

The Approach

UC became the first major U.S. purchaser of 'Verified Green' Black Tiger shrimp sourced directly from small-scale farms in Vietnam. Through a partnership with Monterey Bay Aquarium's Verified Green initiative, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz, and UC Merced became the first institutions in the nation to serve the environmentally sustainable seafood option.

The Result

During the winter and spring quarters alone, the three campuses purchased approximately 57,500 pounds.

Related Links:

[Sustainability on the Menu: 'Green' Shrimp](#)
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

Coordinated campus demand can expand markets for responsible small-scale producers while advancing UC's sustainable-food goals and supporting healthier coastal ecosystems and communities.

At a Glance

57,500 lbs

Of sustainable shrimp

3

Participating campuses

Advances

UC Sustainability goals

Leading the Future of Sustainable Travel

UC earned a 2025 GBTA Foundation award for public-sector sustainability leadership, alongside systemwide efforts to report and reduce travel emissions and engage faculty and staff.



UC received the **2025 GBTA Foundation Acceleration Award for Global Sustainability Leadership** in the public sector, recognizing work on Scope 3 business-travel emissions reporting and reduction. These awards honor business travel programs that are setting the pace for decarbonization in business travel and acting as innovators, advocates and changemakers across the industry. The GBTA is the world's premier business travel and meetings trade organization.

The Central Travel Office (CTO) also hosted its third annual Earth Month Celebration for more than 460 faculty and staff, supported UC Berkeley's Sustainable Travel Fair, and contributed to UCSF decarbonization and climate-planning efforts.

Related Links:

[Learn more about the Global Business Travel Association](#)
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

Business travel is part of UC's Scope 3 emissions, so better reporting and campus collaboration help advance the university's climate goals.

Advancing Economic Impact Through eProcurement Innovation

UC campus eProcurement systems route selected Fisher purchases to certified small business Possible Missions without changing the shopper experience; pilots at Berkeley and Davis led in 2025, with UCLA launched in summer 2026.



Challenge

Selected life-sciences purchases needed a way to reach Possible Missions, a certified minority- and woman-owned supplier, without changing the shopper's catalog experience.

Approach

The Systemwide eProcurement Systems and Life Sciences teams partnered with UC Berkeley, Fisher Scientific, and Possible Missions to implement JAGGAER’s Multi-Fulfillment capability for the first time at UC.

Result

Selected purchases are automatically redirected to Possible Missions, a certified minority- and woman-owned supplier, without changing the shopper experience.

Related Links:

[Boosting Economic Impact with Supplier Integrations](#)

[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

Supplier integrations make economic impact spend part of the routine purchasing process and create a model other UC campuses can easily adopt.

Connecting UC Innovation to Global Opportunity

UC Systemwide Procurement, Human+Tech Week, and NativelyAI are creating a year-round platform linking California with global partners to advance research, talent mobility, technology transfer, and trade.



The Challenge

UC research, California suppliers, and student talent needed year-round international pathways for economic development, workforce mobility, technology transfer, and trade, not a single event.

The Approach

UC Systemwide Procurement, Human+Tech Week (HTW), and NativelyAI announced a strategic partnership creating a year-round Global Human+AI Exchange Platform connecting California with cities and regions worldwide.

The Result

This partnership drives economic development, workforce mobility, technology transfer, and trade expansion between California and international partners, enabling UC research, California suppliers and student talent to scale globally while granting participating cities access to world-class innovation, co-development capacity, and commercialization pathways.

Related Links:

[Historic Partnership Launched to Power Global Human+AI Exchange](#)

[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

The exchange can help UC research, California suppliers, and student talent reach international markets while giving partner regions access to innovation and pathways for co-development and commercialization.

UC Strengthens Ties to Local Innovation

UC sponsored the inaugural Oakland Tech Week 2025, celebrating the entrepreneurs, innovators, and community leaders shaping the region’s future.



The Challenge

Systemwide Procurement needed visible, practical ways to connect with local entrepreneurs and potential future partners in the innovation community around UC's systemwide headquarters.

The Approach

UC sponsored the first Oakland Tech Week 2025, held November 17 through 21, and participated in an event focused on entrepreneurship, technology, and community leadership. UC has continued sponsorship of and participation in Oakland Tech Week 2026, being held September 28 - October 3.

The Result

The 2025 sponsorship gave UC early visibility into emerging startups, supported relationship-building, and demonstrated institutional commitment to Oakland's innovation community.

Related Links:

[UC Strengthens Ties to Local Tech Innovation](#)

[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

Consistent engagement can help local companies understand UC, build relationships, and become future collaborators while connecting the university more closely to the surrounding community.

Strategic Partnerships

Turning UC's Purchasing Power into Public Value

The LAMP program turns UC's purchasing power into nationwide public value, driving \$1.2 billion in FY26 contract spend while returning millions to campuses and supporting UC's mission.



What is LAMP?

The LAMP (Lead Agency Marketing Partnership) program is UC's contract portfolio available through cooperative purchasing organization, OMNIA Partners. UC Procurement acts as a lead agency to create a powerful portfolio of competitively bid and publicly awarded contracts that leverage the scale of UC purchasing power.

How does it work?

Through the LAMP program, state, local and education (SLED) agencies and eligible nonprofits can use UC-awarded cooperative contracts with no participation fees, saving time and resources while ensuring compliance. Removing the burden of performing RFPs helps participating organizations save money and time, while providing best value, policy compliance, sustainability, community impact, and more.

UC's and OMNIA Partners' robust team of procurement professionals promote the LAMP contract portfolio nationwide through a variety of strategic sales and marketing initiatives.

Results

With thousands of contracts adopted by public agencies nationwide, the UC LAMP program helps stretch budgets, accelerate purchasing, and deliver real community impact nationally. It also returns resources to UC that support campus programs and systemwide initiatives.

Why it matters

LAMP gives UC campuses and public agencies access to competitively awarded contracts that save time, are compliant and strengthen purchasing value. It also extends UC's public mission nationally while returning resources to UC.

At a Glance	
\$1.2B	In national spend by public agencies
84 / 34	84 contracts across 34 categories
\$5.9M	Returned to campuses
\$3M	Reinvested into UC Procurement efforts

LAMP also helps UC aggregate demand, strengthen purchasing leverage and improve value over time. Use of LAMP contracts supports better pricing, stronger service standards and supplier accountability, while streamlining procurement, expanding supplier access, reducing risk and returning revenue to UC.

Related Links:

[Lead Agency Marketing Partnership \(LAMP\)](#).
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Supplier Partnerships Power Greener Labs

Fisher Scientific and Zeiss provide up to approximately \$200,000 annually for campus-led lab sustainability, helping fund projects and replace inefficient equipment.



Challenge

Campuses need flexible funding for laboratory sustainability, including equipment, rebates, outreach, or student staffing, tied to supplier partnerships rather than one-time grants.

Approach

The Systemwide Life Sciences team structured two major supplier partnerships to provide campuses with flexible funding for laboratory sustainability. Campuses may use the funds for equipment, rebates, operational projects, outreach, or student staffing based on local needs.

Zeiss contributes \$50,000 each fiscal year for green-laboratory initiatives, with another \$50,000 available when systemwide sales exceed \$5 million, and Fisher Scientific has contributed \$100,000 annually since 2022, providing \$10,000 to each participating campus for rebates that help researchers replace inefficient equipment.

Result

Together, these partnerships represent approximately \$200,000 in potential annual industry investment and have supported hundreds of equipment replacements, showing how supplier relationships can deliver measurable campus-level progress toward systemwide sustainability goals.

Related Links:

[Connex•UC Travel Portal/Travel Webinars](#).
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

Flexible supplier investment turns systemwide partnerships into practical, campus-level improvements—supporting researchers while advancing UC’s sustainability goals.

At a Glance

\$50,000 + \$50,000
Zeiss annual contribution + \$5M sales conditional contribution

\$100,000
Fisher Scientific annual contribution

~\$200,000
Potential annual contribution

Hundreds
Equipment replacements

Strategic Partnerships That Improve the Travel Experience

Through strategic supplier partnerships and 28 FY2025–26 events reaching more than 12,500 faculty and staff, UC strengthened travel value, surfaced new ideas, and made its program more responsive to traveler needs.



Challenge

UC’s travel program spans multiple supplier categories and must keep pace with changing traveler needs, market trends, and sustainability priorities.

Approach

The Central Travel Office (CTO) manages suppliers as strategic partners, using quarterly reviews and industry forums to assess performance and shape travel offerings. Airline, hotel, car-rental, travel-management, and

Why it matters

Ongoing collaboration helps UC identify new ideas, strengthen value, and make its travel program more responsive to the community, elevating supplier relationships beyond contract administration.

At a Glance

28
Educational events

12,500+
Faculty and staff attendees

98%
Event satisfaction rating

payment agreements deliver more when they are managed as partnerships, with in-depth quarterly reviews.

CTO also hosted 28 educational events in FY26, connecting preferred suppliers with more than 12,500 faculty and staff. And travelers make better decisions have a more satisfying experience when they can connect directly with preferred suppliers to get questions answered and learn more about benefits and options.

Result

UC gained a stronger voice in supplier decisions, while travelers learned about negotiated benefits and had more opportunities to ask questions and share feedback.

Related Links:

- [Connex•UC Travel Portal/Travel Webinars](#)
- [Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

At a Glance

Quarterly

Business reviews

Global Travel Industry Leadership

Through UC's industry leadership and sustainability initiatives, the Central Travel Office (CTO) is helping shape sustainable-travel practices and amplify its voice worldwide.



Challenge

Sustainable-travel practice is set as much by industry buyers as by campus policy. UC needed a voice in that conversation alongside its own award-winning work.

Approach

During FY26, Central Travel Office Director, Debra Almason, continued serving on the GBTA Sustainable Travel Buyers Steering Group, working with global buyers, suppliers, and sustainability experts to advance industry practices.

Result

Combined with UC’s 2025 GBTA Foundation Acceleration Award and participation in the Global Climate Leadership Council Sprint 3 initiative, the role strengthens UC’s voice in national and international sustainable-travel discussions.

Related Links:

- [Connex•UC Travel Portal/Sustainable Travel](#)
- [Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

A stronger UC voice in national and global discussions helps shape sustainable-travel approaches across the industry.

Drive Value and Savings

UC Procurement Delivers \$445.4 Million in Value in FY26

UC Procurement surpassed its FY26 4% target, delivering \$445.4 million in value—4.1% of addressable spend—through data-informed sourcing and collaboration across the system.



Why it matters

The results strengthen UC’s financial stewardship and help campuses manage cost pressures while supporting the university’s mission.

At a Glance

\$445M

Total FY26 benefits

\$410M

Target goal

\$36M / 8.7%

Above target

Challenge

UC Procurement had to deliver significant value amid tariff pressures, federal research funding reductions, state budget constraints, and restrictive cost-management measures systemwide.

Approach

Teams combined category management, supplier engagement, strategic sourcing, data-informed targets, and collaboration with campus partners. Supplier negotiations and contract optimizations were central, and close partnerships with campus stakeholders ensured alignment with operational needs and institutional goals.

Result

UC Procurement delivered \$445.4 million in value—4.1% of \$10.85 billion in addressable spend—surpassing its \$410 million FY26 target. These results reflect coordinated work across UC and procurement's contribution to financial stewardship and mission support.

Related Links:
[UC Procurement Surpasses 4% Benefit Target in FY26](#)
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

At a Glance

4.1% of \$10.9B
Addressable spend

Delivering Value through the Managed Travel Program

In FY26, UC Managed more than 93,500 airline tickets and \$45M in air spend, with an average fare of \$406—below the \$606 industry benchmark.



Challenge

Unmanaged air travel costs more. UC needed systemwide airline contracting that would keep average ticket prices below industry benchmarks.

Approach

The Central Travel Office (CTO) continues to maximize the University's purchasing power by delivering strong value through strategic supplier partnerships and systemwide contracting. During FY26, the Central Travel Office supported more than 93,500 airline tickets representing \$45 million in managed air spend.

Result

UC travelers paid an average of \$460 per ticket across domestic and international travel, compared with an industry benchmark of \$606.

Related Links:
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

Strategic supplier agreements, unused-ticket management, and other traveler benefits helped UC stretch travel dollars while delivering a consistent systemwide travel experience.

At a Glance

93,500+
Airline tickets

\$45M
Managed airfare

\$460
Ave UC ticket price

\$606
Industry benchmark

Rigorous Price File Review Pays Off

Systemwide review of 27 supplier price files held average increases to 3.7% and stopped a 20%-plus lab-supplier increase that could have cost UC Berkeley nearly \$400,000 annually.



Challenge

Why it matters

The result demonstrates proactive contract administration as a measurable budget-control strategy.

At a Glance

27
Price files reviewed

21
Suppliers reviewed

2.6M+
SKU's reviewed

2026 supplier price files could have pushed a major cost increase to campus buyers. More than 2.6 million SKUs needed review before those files went live.

Approach

Procurement reviewed 27 price files from 21 suppliers across UC covering more than 2.6 million SKUs and held average implemented increases to 3.7%.

Result

Nine noncompliant updates were declined, six corrected files were accepted after negotiation, and one supplier's 75.5% average increase was stopped. Most directly for Berkeley, reviewers prevented a 20%-plus increase from a major laboratory supplier that could have added nearly \$400,000 in annual cost.

Related Links:
[Rigorous Price File Review Pays Off](#)
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

At a Glance

3.7%

Controlled increase

\$400,000

Cost avoidance

Continuous Improvement

Procurement Data Analytics Hub for Data-Driven Results

UC’s Procurement Data Analytics Hub brings trusted dashboards, reports, and guidance into one place, giving teams a shared view of procurement performance—with its most-used dashboard surpassing 2,000 views.



Why it matters

Easier access to trusted data supports transparency, more consistent decisions, and stronger collaboration across campuses.

Challenge

Procurement dashboards, reports, and training were scattered. Campuses needed a shared gateway to trusted spend, sustainability, supplier, and sourcing information.

Approach

In March 2026, Systemwide Procurement Services launched the Procurement Data Analytics Hub, a centralized gateway to dashboards, reports, training, documentation, and other resources. The Hub organizes analytics around common business needs, making trusted information easier to find and use.

Result

Procurement professionals across UC now have a shared view of spend, sustainability, supplier engagement, strategic sourcing, and other measures, supporting greater transparency and more consistent decisions. Adoption is growing: the most frequently used dashboard has surpassed 2,000 views.

As new capabilities are added, the Hub will continue to strengthen collaboration, analytical confidence, and data-driven procurement across campuses.

Related Links:
[Explore Procurement Data Analytics Hub](#)
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Building a Clearer Picture of UC Spend

UC’s data improvement program reviewed 3.3 million spend records, reclassified more than \$121.7 million, and reduced unclassified spend by 36.6% across five campuses.

Challenge

CalUsource Spend Analytics was incomplete and inconsistently classified across the 10 campuses and UCOP, limiting systemwide spend decisions.

Approach

UC Systemwide Procurement launched the Spend Data Foundation Improvements Program to improve the accuracy, completeness, and relevance of CalUsource Spend Analytics across all 10 campuses and UCOP.

Why it matters

More accurate, complete spend data gives procurement teams a stronger foundation for analytics, sourcing strategies, and consistent decisions across UC.

The Information, Analytics & Spend (IAS) Data team reviewed 43 data files and 3.3 million spend records, met individually with campus and UCOP teams, identified missing sources, and partnered with the Sourcing and Value Execution (SaVE) team to redesign the spend taxonomy.

Result

Working with technology provider GEP, the team reclassified more than \$121.7 million in previously unclassified spend, reducing unclassified spend by 36.6% across five campuses, with six more locations in progress.

Related Links:
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

At a Glance

10
Campuses + UCOP spend analyzed

43
Data files reviewed

3.3M
Spend records reviewed

\$121.7M+
Spend reclassified

36.6%
Reduction in unclassified spend

New Tool Expands Systemwide Spend Visibility

Launched systemwide in February 2026, the UC Spend Tool helps procurement teams explore supplier, category, and contract data faster; monthly visits have risen 250%, and 90% of campuses have participated.

Challenge

Procurement teams needed faster answers about suppliers, categories, and contract coverage across all 10 campuses and UCOP.

Approach

After more than 18 months of testing and iteration, the Data and Analytics team launched the UC Spend Tool systemwide in February 2026. The tool connects spend information across all 10 campuses and UCOP through flexible cross-tab views and preset portfolio strategies, helping procurement teams answer questions about suppliers, categories, and contract coverage more quickly.

Result

Following launch, monthly visits increased about 250%, monthly active users grew about 70%, and 90% of UC campuses participated, expanding access to trusted spend insights.

Related Links:
[Deep Dive into Spend Data Tool](#)
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

Shared, trusted spend insights help teams make more informed decisions and identify opportunities across UC.

At a Glance

10
Campuses + UCOP

95%
Reported workflow improvement

250%
Increase in monthly visits

70%
Increase in active monthly users

Procurement Exchange: Shared Insights, Systemwide Impact

Monthly informational webinars turn timely procurement and beyond topics into practical, on-demand learning for UC professionals.



Challenge

Systemwide Procurement needed a regular forum for sharing emerging practices, developing staff capability, and helping UC shape professional practice, not only a response to the issue of the moment.

Approach

Systemwide Procurement created Procurement Exchange as a monthly webinar series featuring UC leaders, policy experts, category managers, external specialists, and campus practitioners. Sessions addressed academic priorities, sustainable sourcing, BUS-43, process mapping, supplier reviews, tariffs, artificial intelligence, and other changing issues.

Result

The series established a repeatable channel for thought leadership, practical learning, and cross-campus discussion. It supports Systemwide Procurement's shift toward anticipating change rather than responding only after issues emerge.

Why it matters

A shared learning forum helps procurement professionals connect strategy with daily work, spread useful practices more quickly, and build a stronger systemwide community.

Related Links:
[Procurement Exchange webpage](#)
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Advancing Professional Services Category Management Across UC

Systemwide Procurement’s Professional Services team advanced its HR Consulting Services strategy and brought practical feedback to UC’s emerging category-management process, alongside the Hays workforce initiative at Berkeley.

Challenge

Consulting services, including HR consulting, needed a category-management approach during UC’s broader transition, with practical feedback into the developing process.

Approach

Systemwide Procurement’s Professional Services team advanced the second phase of its Consulting Services category strategy, focusing on HR Consulting Services. The team also worked with Sourcing and Contracting during UC’s transition to category management, contributing practical feedback to refine the developing process.

Result

Alongside the Hays workforce initiative at UC Berkeley, these efforts show how category leadership connects sourcing priorities, continuous improvement, small-business participation, and risk mitigation. The team’s practical input is helping shape category-management processes around UC’s operational needs.

Related Links:
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

The work helps align sourcing with UC’s operational HR needs while connecting continuous improvement, small-business participation, and risk mitigation.

Risk Management

Turning Tariff Pressure into Systemwide Action

UC Systemwide Procurement turned tariff uncertainty into practical guidance through three expert webinars and a live impact tracker, helping campuses prepare and respond strategically.



Challenge

Tariffs affected prices, availability, lead times, and contract decisions. Campuses needed shared information and coordinated negotiation rather than separate responses to the same market pressure.

Approach

Systemwide Procurement combined education, supplier engagement, shared reporting, and coordinated negotiation. UC launched a Tariff Impact Tracker for campus supplier notices and continued work on import visibility and potential refund recovery through the Automated Commercial Environment portal and customs-broker support.

Result

Three key suppliers, MillerKnoll, Fisher Scientific, and Dorm Life, agreed to 0% tariff impact, while systemwide agreement negotiations helped keep overall tariff impact to approximately 1%. Tariffs can affect prices, supply chains, and research imports; timely information helped UC teams anticipate costs, avoid delays, and make informed sourcing decisions.

Related Links:
[Turning Tariff Turbulence into Strategy](#)
[Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

A systemwide response gives campuses better information, reduces duplicated work, and improves UC’s ability to manage cost and supply risk during volatile trade conditions.

At a Glance

3 key suppliers
At 0% tariff impact

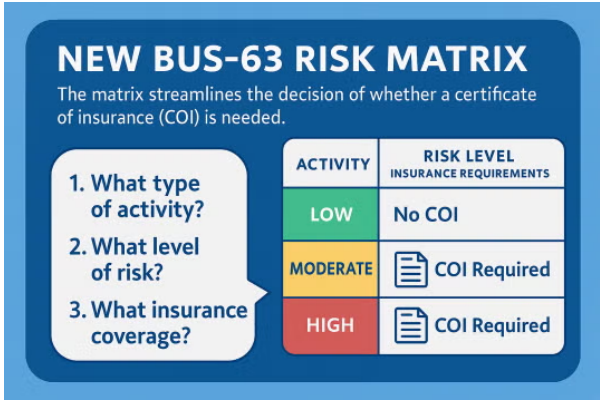
~1%
Overall impact

1
Shared live Tariff Impact Tracker

3
Educational webinars with experts and Q&A

Risk Matrix Simplifies Insurance Decisions

The BUS-63 Risk Matrix streamlines how departments decide whether a Certificate of Insurance (COI) is needed when working with suppliers, contractors, or external facility users.



Challenge

Departments needed a simpler way to determine whether a Certificate of Insurance was required and what coverage applied, with decisions that stayed consistent and proportionate to the work.

Approach

UC Risk Services developed the BUS-63 Risk Matrix to translate policy into practical questions about activities, risk levels, coverage, and Additional Insured requirements. They released it across the system in collaboration with the Systemwide Procurement Communications team.

Result

The matrix gives departments a faster, clearer path to insurance decisions and can reduce unnecessary paperwork for low-risk engagements.

UC Berkeley incorporated the tool directly into their BearBUY workflow. High-risk purchases require a COI on the requisition before goods ship or services begin, while Moderate and Low categories generally do not require collection. Berkeley Risk Management retains final authority based on the activity involved.

Related Links:

- [Risk Matrix Makes COI Decisions Easier](#)
- [Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

The matrix provides a faster, clearer path to insurance decisions and can reduce unnecessary paperwork for low-risk engagements.

BUS-43 Policy Update

UC issued a new interim version of BUS-43 (Purchases of Goods and Services; Supply Chain Management policy), effective January 26, 2026.

Challenge

BUS-43 contained outdated thresholds, terminology, links, and process references that could create confusion against current federal rules and payment practices.

Approach & Results

Based on a comprehensive feedback process, Systemwide Procurement updated BUS-43 with current federal acquisition thresholds, a BUS-29 reference for equipment definitions, broader card-payment language, direct federal-compliance links, current Capital Markets Finance terminology, refreshed hyperlinks, and a revised Small Business First process.

The update increased the federal simplified acquisition threshold from \$250,000 to \$350,000, the subcontracting-plan threshold from \$750,000 to \$900,000, and the related construction threshold from \$1.5 million to \$2 million.

Related Links:

- [BUS-43 Webinar: Here's What Changed](#)
- [Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Why it matters

UC's primary procurement policy now gives campus teams clearer requirements, supports federal compliance, and allows operating practices to adapt without relying on obsolete language.

At a Glance

\$250,000 to \$350,000

Increased federal simplified acquisition threshold

\$750,000 to \$900,000

Increased federal subcontracting plan threshold

\$1.5M to \$2M

Increased related construction threshold

Opening Up the Terms & Conditions Archive

UC launched a publicly-accessible centralized digital archive to ensure clarity and consistency across all UC supplier agreements and to simplify contract compliance.

Challenge

When the **Terms and Conditions Archive** was restricted to staff, suppliers made multiple requests each month for older versions needed during agreement renegotiations.

Approach

At the request of Legal and the Economic & Community Development team, Systemwide Procurement moved historical Terms and Conditions to a public archive. Suppliers and campuses can now retrieve prior versions directly for reference, research, and record-keeping.

Why it matters

Transparent access reduces avoidable administrative work and helps suppliers approach renegotiations with the same historical information available to UC.

Results

Public access eliminated the need for staff to vet recurring supplier requests and gave external partners a direct way to understand historical contract language.

Related Links:

- [Terms and Conditions Historical Archive](#)
- [Low Value Purchase Guidance Update](#)
- [Related Annual Report pillar page](#)

Example:

SWP updated the *Low Value Purchases and Retail Transactions* guidance. Contracts and purchase orders now point to the main policy page for current terms, while a separate historical archive preserves earlier versions for reference.

Explore the FY26 Annual Report

Economic and Community Impact

Enhance opportunities, sustainability, and community value.

Strategic Partnerships

Partnerships that extend campus and systemwide impact.

Drive Value and Savings

Financial stewardship, savings, and total value.

Continuous Improvement

Better processes, tools, services, and training.

Risk Management

Compliance, resilience, and risk reduction.

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