AI agents for the work around the bid and the order

Agents that read your purchase requests, your bids, your contracts and your supplier files, prepare the work, and stop for a named buyer. On infrastructure you control.

THE PROBLEM

Of 14 public procurement workflow templates we opened, 4 have a step where a person approves before something is sent, ordered or paid, and 3 have none. Of 157 public interface descriptions, 146 import, 7 are over the import limit and 4 are refused; the 146 give 5,529 operations, 3,148 sent as changes, so tools are chosen one by one.

HOW IT WORKS, IN THREE STEPS

STEP 01

Connect what the agent may read.

The procurement policy, tender templates, framework agreements and signed contracts become knowledge sources, with each reader's permissions kept. The purchasing system, the supplier master and the contract system are reached through the description of an interface you already run; bids and supplier files are uploaded by the person who holds them.

STEP 02

Decide where it stops.

Every tool call passes your policy. A tool that would write to a supplier, create an order or change a supplier record waits for a named person.

STEP 03

Run it where the bids and prices live.

In your data centre or your private cloud, on a model you serve.

THE RULE EVERY AGENT FOLLOWS

It prepares. A named buyer decides.

Thirty-five agents in nine areas

Requests and intake	Purchase Request Triage. Procurement Policy Q&A. Existing Agreement Check. Specification Draft
Sourcing and tenders	Tender Document Draft. Supplier Longlist Preparation. Bidder Question Log. Bid Comparison Preparation
Supplier onboarding	Supplier Onboarding File Check. Bank Detail Change Request Check. Sanctions and Debarment Screening Preparation. Supplier Certificate Check
Supplier risk	Supplier Risk Summary. Due Diligence Questionnaire Review. Supplier News Summary. Single-Source Exposure Report
Contracts and renewals	Contract Review. Supplier Contract Summary. Renewal and Notice Check. Contract Handover Summary
Orders	Purchase Order Preparation. Order Confirmation Check. Delivery Discrepancy List
Spend and categories	Spend Classification. Spend Report. Off-Contract Spend List. Category Brief Draft
Supplier performance	Supplier Scorecard Preparation. Supplier Review Pack. Service Level Breach List. Supplier Claim File Summary
Running the department	Award Record Draft. Conflict of Interest Declaration Check. Procurement Audit Evidence Preparation. Savings Report

Also in the pack: the full list of what each agent reads and where it stops, and the white paper “AI agents inside the procurement department”, with sources.

Seven questions to ask before an agent touches a bid, an order or a supplier record

01 Where does it run, and where is the model?

02 Does it act as the person using it, with that person’s permissions?

03 Which tools send, order, award or change a record, and does each wait for a person?

04 Are the read operations and the change operations separate tools?

05 Who verifies a bank detail change, and who changes the record?

06 Does it score or rank a bid, or does the panel?

07 What is recorded, and can we stop one agent or all of them at once?

WHERE THE PLATFORM RUNS TODAY

In production at a top-tier bank in Asia, air-gapped, inside the bank’s own perimeter.

MODON built its AI Centre of Excellence on Katonic inside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

ePLDT, the ICT arm of the Philippines’ largest telco, selected Katonic to power Pilipinas AI, a sovereign AI cloud hosted in the Philippines.

Where to start

One team, one category, invented data first. A procurement policy Q&A agent can run on the first day, because no order or supplier is touched.

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