MM Vendor Evaluation Guide

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Introduction

Overview

This section introduces you to the SAP component Vendor Evaluation. It describes the master data and the organizational levels for vendor evaluation.
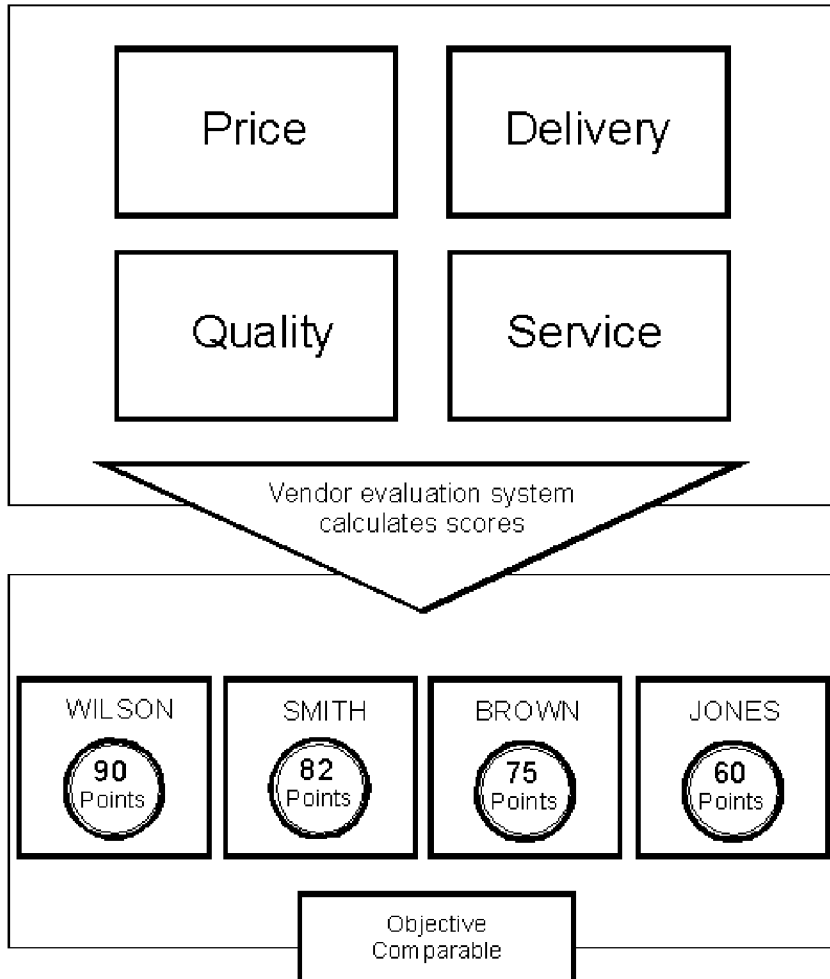
Integration of the Vendor Evaluation System

In R/3 Release 2.1, the Vendor Evaluation component has been competely integrated into MM Purchasing. Information, such as, delivery dates, prices, and quantities can be taken from purchase orders. Vendor evaluation also uses data from Quality Management, for example, results from goods receipt inspections or quality audits. It also accesses basic data in materials management, goods receipt data from Inventory Management, and data from the Logistics Information System (LIS).

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What is Vendor Evaluation?

The Vendor Evaluation module helps you select vendors for procuring materials. It makes in easier for you to determine sources of supply and enables you to assess your relationship with vendors. It provides you with accurate information on prices, terms of payment, and delivery. By evaluating vendors, you can improve your company's competitiveness.

You can quickly determine and solve procurement problems on the basis of detailed information in the vendor evaluation system.

There is a scoring system in the SAP Standard System from 1 to 100 points which is used to measure the performance of your vendors based on four main criteria.

You can determine and compare the performance of your vendors based on their overall scores.

The main criteria in the standard system are:

- Price
- Quality
- Delivery
- Service

You can define other or additional main criteria to meet your requirements. You can allocate different weighting factors to the individual criteria. The scores a vendor receives for the main criteria are calculated according to their weighting factors to form an overall score.

The vendor evaluation system ensures that evaluation of vendors is objective, since all vendors are assessed according to the same criteria. In this way, subjective evaluations can be avoided.

Subcriteria

To create a detailed evaluation, each main criterion is divided into several subcriteria. The standard system provides you with certain subcriteria which provide a basis for evaluation. You can also define your own subcriteria.

The scores for the subcriteria are calculated using three different scoring methods:

- automatic
- semi-automatic
- manual

With the automatic scoring method, scores are calculated by the system on the basis of existing data.

With the semi-automatic scoring method, you can enter individual scores for important materials yourself. The system then calculates the overall score on the basis of these scores.

With the manual scoring method, you can enter the scores for subcriteria yourself. You can determine which of these methods you want to use.

The results of vendor evaluation are displayed in the form of analyses. For example, you can generate ranking lists of the best vendors according to overall score or ranking lists for specific materials.

Changes to evaluations are recorded in logs and evaluation sheets can be printed.

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