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A wellspring of innovation, the school occupies a 1,232-acre campus near downtown Berkeley. UC Berkeley, also known as Cal, was established in 1868 as the flagship of today's 10-campus University of California.

DEPARTMENT BREAKDOWN

WHAT ARE YOUR KEY DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES OVER THE NEXT 6 TO 12 MONTHS?
Migrate procurement systems to the cloud and integrate third-party apps, enabling automation of repetitive tasks and supporting digital transformation. By leveraging AI for data analysis and digital assistants, we'll improve supplier and customer relationships and streamline buying and contract processes.

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT TECHNOLOGY STACK?
Jaggaer, GEP, People Soft

HOW MANY PEOPLE REPORT TO YOU (BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)?
70

WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL BUDGET OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS PERIOD?
$150 to $300 million

PROJECT INSIGHTS

PROJECT OR INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION
Cloud migration planning, 3rd party app integrations

WHAT 3RD PARTIES ARE YOU HOPING TO MEET WITH?
AI & automation

WHAT IS YOUR TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION?
18-24 months

WHAT IS YOUR BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT?
$5m-$10m

What technology/services are of strategic importance to you in the next 12 months?

Please indicate level of need/importance below.

We realize everyone has priorities, so we asked the delegates theirs. This is so that we can create a more personalized experience for all our attendees.

Implementing cloud-based procurement platforms for centralized spend management.	A
Leveraging AI-powered analytics for predictive sourcing and spend optimization.	D
Automating procure-to-pay (P2P) processes to reduce cycle times and manual errors.	E
Integrating supplier relationship management (SRM) systems for real-time performance tracking.	B
Utilizing e-invoicing and contract management tools for compliance and efficiency.	C
Deploying spend analytics dashboards for actionable insights and cost savings.	D
Enhancing supplier onboarding and compliance with automated workflows.	B
Adopting strategic sourcing tools to evaluate suppliers on cost, quality, and sustainability.	A
Integrating procurement systems with ERP and finance platforms for data consistency.	E
Utilizing supplier innovation portals for collaborative product development.	C
Automating contract renewals and obligation tracking to minimize risk.	B
Centralizing procurement operations to leverage economies of scale.	A
Implementing risk management tools for supplier risk assessment and mitigation.	D
Leveraging real-time data for dynamic supplier negotiations and performance improvement.	C
Investing in training for digital procurement and category management.	E
Enhancing sustainability tracking in procurement decisions.	D
Utilizing mobile procurement solutions for on-the-go approvals and management.	A