

FALL 2025 UC MERCED SUPPLIER SHOWCASE

**DIGITAL
GUIDE**



**Tues September 30
10am-2pm**

*Lakireddy Grand Ballroom
UC Merced Conference
Center*

The Fall 2025 Supplier Showcase highlights many of campus catalog suppliers within BobcatBuy+ and some of our local Suppliers.

Interact with contracted suppliers and certified small businesses, local businesses, attend training for purchasing access, and learn more about the diversity of goods and services with beneficial terms and conditions available to you!

Learn more at [supplychain.ucmerced.edu/
SupplierShowcase2025](https://supplychain.ucmerced.edu/SupplierShowcase2025)



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In Fall 2024, UC Merced welcomed BobcatBuy+, an updated eProcurement platform that allows campus shoppers an easier and more intuitive shopping experience. In one year alone, campus has seen incredible progress with order efficiencies, cost-savings, socially responsible spending, and increasing purchasing options.

- Invoice Exceptions reduced by 50%, meaning less invoices have delayed payment due to inconsistencies on the Invoice when compared to the PO.
- Our July 2025 savings report indicates 21.51% savings across 195 items purchased, and our August 2025 savings report shows 26.8% savings across 140 items. We also can now better identify when a saving opportunity was missed, allowing Procurement to assist in driving cost-savings where possible.
- Increased our Economic Impact spending from 8% in April 2024 to 15.6% in September 2025, a 95% increase. We saw this spend peak in December 2024 at 25.2% spend.
- Collaborated with OIT for our Apple and Dell ProtectUS products to be available for easy purchase.
- Expanded to 46 suppliers available for you to purchase from direct without extraneous processing when compared to non-catalog order requests.

A truly joint effort from UC Systemwide eProcurement Team and initial support from San Diego, we're continuing our partnership by increasing Labviva-suppliers and fully leveraging our available systemwide suppliers.

We continue to innovate and strive to provide the best available products, terms, and promotions for our campus.

Thank you for shopping with us!

BobcatBuy+

Welcome to UC Merced's BobcatBuy+

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CHEMS & GASES LAB INSTRUMENTS & SUPPLIES OFFICE SUPPLIES CUSTODIAL CLEANING SUPPLIES

BIOLOGICALS SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS SMALL & DIVERSE BUSINESS FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE

Please take a few minutes to fill out the [BobcatBuy+ Survey](#) or send feedback to UCMFeedback@labviva.com

ThermoFisher SCIENTIFIC

Power expression. Prepare for discovery. Push the boundaries of your research with reliably accurate qPCR analysis

Shop now applied biosystems

Important Announcements

- Almost all supplier catalogs in BobcatBuy+ are searchable using the search bar above. A small number of suppliers are accessed exclusively on the suppliers' sites. The *Shop Directly with Supplier* icons below will take you to the page where you can access these supplier sites.

Once you've finished shopping in the supplier site, checkout to return your cart to BobcatBuy+. This will add your items to your cart in BobcatBuy+. You can then continue shopping in BobcatBuy+ or checkout to finalize your requisition in Oracle.

★ Shop Directly with Supplier

Apple Dell IDT MCMaster-CARR



A LETTER FROM OUR CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Greetings Faculty, Staff, and Valued Vendors,

Thank you for your continued support of our systemwide contracted suppliers in BobcatBuy+ and our UC Merced suppliers through the Oracle purchasing platform. Your commitment to using these resources helps us maintain quality, reduce costs, and improve efficiency—while strengthening our collective buying power across the UC system.

UC Merced is growing rapidly. We've achieved R1 University status, joined NCAA Division II, and are preparing to open the Medical Education Building, Promised Housing, and new Classroom and Administration buildings in 2026–2027. These milestones reflect our dedication to research, innovation, and meaningful impact—locally, nationally, and globally.

Looking ahead, we're launching initiatives to make procurement more collaborative and efficient. By streamlining how we work together, we can better support the university's mission and empower everyone to do their best work.



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We're also proud that our procurement practices reflect UC Merced's values. The Oracle platform features small and diverse businesses and sustainable product options, helping us stay true to our commitment to environmental stewardship and community engagement. As a campus deeply rooted in the San Joaquin Valley, we honor its culture, history, and natural beauty.

Your continued support makes a real difference. Together, we're not just keeping things running—we're building a future we can all be proud of.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Let's keep moving forward—together.

With sincere appreciation,

 **Torres**

Meagan M. Torres

Associate Vice Chancellor

Chief Procurement Officer

University of California, Merced



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A LETTER FROM OUR STRATEGIC SOURCING MANAGER

As UC Merced continues to grow, so do our needs for goods and services.

For large purchases, we follow University policy by initiating a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Suppliers interested in bidding opportunities must register on **CalUSource**—the University of California’s collaborative, web-based eProcurement platform. Click [here](#) to register.

Whether you're a current UC supplier or exploring a new partnership, CalUSource streamlines the bidding and contracting experience. The site includes all the tools and resources needed to participate in UC bidding events and access contract documents.

We encourage you to register and continue growing your partnership with UC Merced as we build a vibrant future together.

Ken Masasso



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A LETTER FROM OUR SENIOR CONTRACT MANAGER

Welcome to today's event!

This is a great opportunity for our campus community to connect with the suppliers who play a vital role in UC Merced's success. As we celebrate 20 years of growth—including achieving R1 status, joining NCAA Division II, and expanding our campus with the new Medical Education Building, Promised Housing, and Classroom and Administration buildings—there's a palpable sense of excitement about our future.

Today's suppliers are key partners in advancing UC's mission of research, innovation, and impact—locally in the Central Valley and globally. Many are part of BobcatBuy+, a curated group providing essential goods and services that empower our faculty and students to do cutting-edge work. These partners have long embraced sustainability and emerging technologies to support our evolving campus.

As we continue building a bright future in the heart of California, I want to personally thank all the staff and faculty who helped make today's Showcase possible.

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Theresa Cline



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A LETTER FROM OUR PROCURE TO PAY MANAGER

Hello UC Merced Faculty and Staff,

Welcome to the Supply Chain Center of Excellence Supplier Showcase! We're glad you're here to connect, explore, and see what's new in the world of procurement at UC Merced.

Our campus is growing fast, and so are the tools that help you get things done. From new BobcatBuy+/Oracle features that make ordering smoother, to an expanded P-Card program that makes small purchases easier, we're working to keep things simple, efficient, and ready to support your needs.

Today's Showcase is all about building connections—with suppliers, with resources, and with each other. Take some time to explore, ask questions, and see how these updates can make your day-to-day work a little easier.

Thanks for joining us—we're excited to grow and innovate together!


Kristi Morales



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BOBCATBUY+ CATALOG AND REQUISITION TRAINING



The Supply Chain Center of Excellence team is pleased to offer **BobcatBuy+ Catalog and Requisition Training** this fall to support your purchasing needs and help you navigate our eProcurement platform with confidence.

This 50-minute course will guide you through:

- Shopping via UC Catalogs
- Building and submitting requisitions in Oracle
- Understanding the requisition approval process
- Navigating Amazon Business with ease

Training Schedule:

In-Person Session:

- Tuesday, September 30 from 10 – 11 AM, held during the [UC Merced Supplier Showcase](#) at the Conference Center.



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[Click here for more information on training sessions available](#) in the UC Learning Center



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Contract
Number

Designations



2021002806
Cooperative
Purchasing
Agreement



2021002825
UC-Wide



2023003589
UC-Wide



Local Agreement



UCIMP-0055
UC-Wide










2018000068
UC-Wide



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	Contract Number	Designations
		Local Agreement
	2024004074 UC-Wide	
	2018000063 UC-Wide	
		Local Agreement
	2018000208 UC Wide	
	2021002889 UC-Wide	
	UCOP-288 UC-Wide	



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Local
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Local
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Small Business



2024004089
UC-Wide



Local
Agreement

Small Business;
Disadvantaged
Business



2019.001161
UC-Wide

Small Business



2023003958
UC-Wide



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	Contract Number	Designations
	UC Partner	
	2021002941 UC-Wide	
	Local Agreement	Women Owned
	2019001899 UC-Wide	Women Owned
	2020002143 UC-Wide	
	Local Agreement	Small Business; Women Owned



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HOW TO BUY



1. Login to Oracle
2. Using the ribbon, navigate to the Procurement Tab
3. Click the Purchase Requisitions (New) tile
4. Click on BobcatBuy+ from Top Categories, or the drop down Catalog menu
5. Shop multiple suppliers per cart, adding products directly from Search or from a supplier's punchout
6. Checkout and Place Order in BobcatBuy+
7. Complete the Requisition in Oracle
8. After workflow is complete, the PO will be transmitted automatically to the suppliers in your order.



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HOW TO BUY

amazon business

- Access through Oracle Punchout or online at Amazon Business.
- Easy access to sustainable and local products.
- Support of small and diverse sellers in Merced and surrounding communities.
- Speedy checkout/delivery experience – order directly without delayed processing times if you use the Online site with your P-Card.
- Individuals without a P-Card are added to the Wishlist Group. As a Wishlist user, you will be able to log in and window-shop across Amazon Business to find products, but not checkout or buy the items. Additionally, Wishlist users can create a list and share with department administrators for easy purchasing. Should you later apply for a Procurement Card (P-Card) to make purchases, you will be moved into the Purchasing Group to make purchases on behalf of the University.

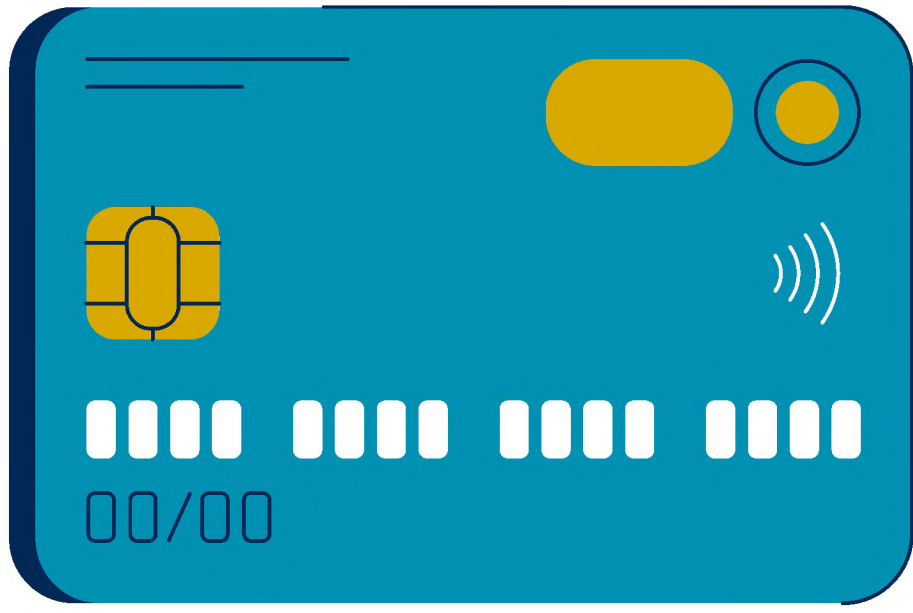


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Business](#)

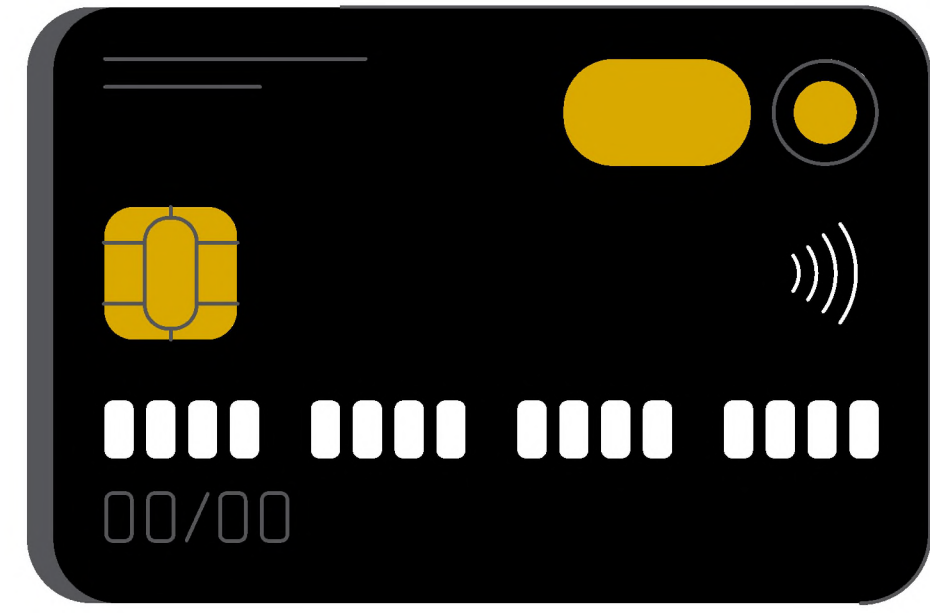


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Travel & Entertainment

or



P-Card

When should you use a T&E card versus a P-Card?

You can use your T&E card to pay for purchases related to University approved travel, including but not limited to:

- Travel (lodging, airfare, vehicle rentals)
- Entertainment (food purchases)
- Conference Registration fees

You can use your P-Card for most goods under \$4,999, including but not limited to:

- Books and subscriptions
- Computer supplies and peripherals
- Electrical supplies
- Lab supplies
- Membership fees, online training, and professional dues
- Conference registrations
- Office supplies
- Publications
- Non-inventorial equipment valued under \$5,000



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UC Small Business First

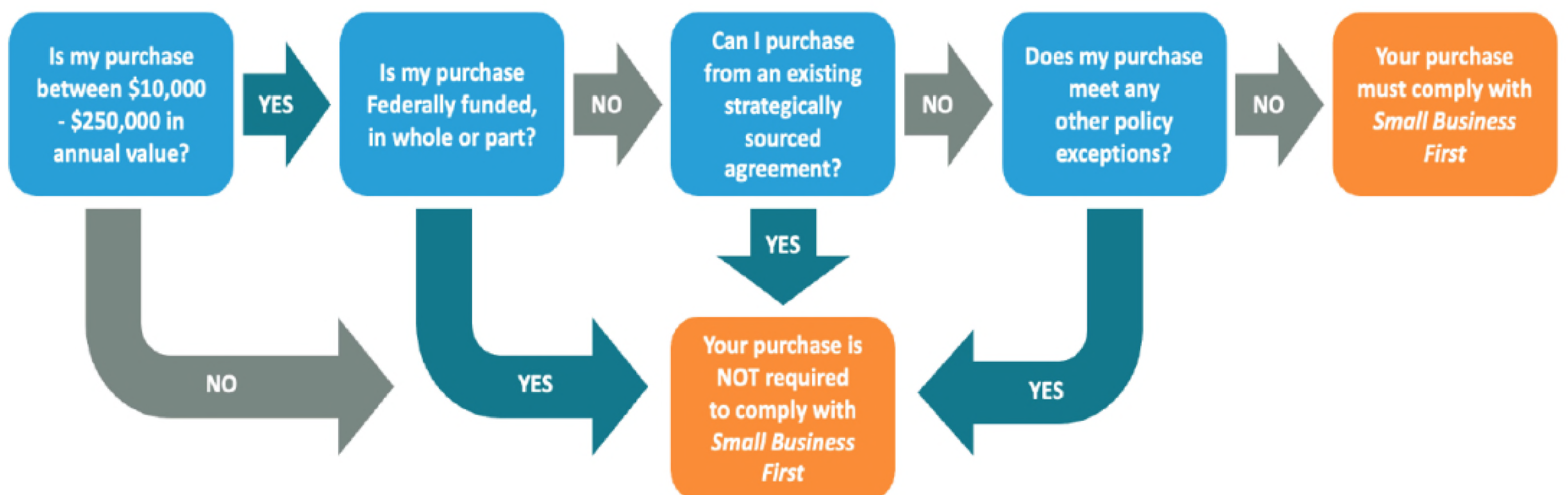


The UC Sustainable Practices Policy establishes an annual goal of awarding 25% Economically and Socially Responsible (EaSR) spend to small and diverse owned businesses.

Overall benefits of the Small Business First program include: ease of implementation as UC can use the State of California eProcure system to identify certified SBs and DVBEs, cost reduction and time savings for purchases valued between \$100,000 – \$250,000 through the informal bid process, and support of the University's EaSR spend sustainability goals.

The program is consistent with California Public Contract Code Section 10508.5, which allows the University to award purchase agreements valued up to \$250,000 to a certified small business or disabled veteran-owned business without being competitively bid, so long as the UC obtains price quotations from two or more certified businesses.

Always a moving target, as of September 2025, UC Merced spent 15.6% with small & diverse businesses, putting the us in 5th place systemwide



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