Sodexo

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As a Senior Director of Supply Finance at Sodexo, I lead a cross-functional team that manages activities for over $8B in annualized spend, providing invaluable analysis and support to our global supply management teams, informed inflation analysis, and driving business growth through audit and compliance reporting. With over 12 years of operational and management experience in the contracted services industry, I have a proven track record of increasing revenue, reducing costs, and developing and executing strategy.

Founded in Marseille in 1966 by Pierre Bellon, Sodexo is the leader in Food and Services, shaping better everyday experiences at every moment in life: work, heal, learn and play. The Group stands out for its independence, its founding family shareholding and its responsible business model. With its services, Sodexo meets all the challenges of everyday life with a dual goal: to improve the quality of life of our employees and those we serve, and contribute to the economic, social and environmental progress in the communities where we operate. For Sodexo, growth and social commitment go hand in hand. Our purpose is to create a better everyday for everyone to build a better life for all.

Sodexo is included in the CAC Next 20, Bloomberg France 40, CAC SBT 1.5, FTSE 4 Good and DJSI indices.

DEPARTMENT BREAKDOWN

WHAT ARE YOUR KEY DEPARTMENTAL OBJECTIVES OVER THE NEXT 6 TO 12 MONTHS?
Streamline processes, data cleanup, master data standardization

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT TECHNOLOGY STACK?
SAP, Oracle

HOW MANY PEOPLE REPORT TO YOU (BOTH DIRECTLY AND INDIRECTLY)?
56

WHO DO YOU REPORT TO?
David Kourie, Chief Procurement Officer

WHAT IS YOUR TOTAL BUDGET OVER THE NEXT 12 MONTHS PERIOD?
$25 to $50 million

PROJECT INSIGHTS

PROJECT OR INITIATIVE DESCRIPTION
Purchase optimization through reducing costs, increasing transparency, and the implementation of advanced analytics/automation tools. Deliver sustainable savings while maintaining high standards of quality and service across the organization's procurement activities.

WHAT 3RD PARTIES ARE YOU HOPING TO MEET WITH?
Purchase optimization vendors

WHAT IS YOUR TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION?
12-18 months

WHAT IS YOUR BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT?
$15M

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.

AI-enhanced accounting transformation platform that simplifies the close process, streamlines record-to-report operations, and automates various accounting tasks for greater efficiency and accuracy	A
Implementing financial risk discovery platforms that leverages AI-driven insights to help identify anomalies, assess risks, and enhance compliance across comprehensive financial datasets	C
Putting CFOs on the front foot - Driving organizational change through AI	B
AI-driven planning platforms that enhances decision-making, facilitates scenario planning, and connects teams to optimize financial performance and operational efficiency	A
Compliance Cloud platforms that unifies tax compliance and regulatory reporting, enabling businesses to navigate complex global tax environments with ease and accuracy	C
Optimizing cash flow management practices to ensure healthy liquidity and operational stability	B
Developing comprehensive frameworks for risk management to identify and mitigate financial risks effectively	B
Embracing innovative technologies to enhance financial operations and streamline reporting processes	A
Utilizing data-driven insights to inform strategic financial decisions and improve forecasting accuracy	A
Comprehensive spend management platforms that enhances visibility, control, and strategic decision-making across procurement, invoicing, and financial operations to drive efficiency and compliance	D
Advanced robotic process automation technology that streamlines financial operations, enhances efficiency, and enables data-driven decision-making to optimize costs and improve overall performance	A
Unified enterprise finance management platforms that integrate financial and operational data, enabling enhanced strategic decision-making and driving greater organizational efficiency	B