Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MANAGING SUPPLIER INTELLIGENCE

Abstract: A method of managing supplier intelligence is provided. The method includes collecting procurement data (22) from a plurality of data sources (28). The procurement data includes information of business divisions of a business. The method further includes generating spend formulas for each business division. The method further includes generating a set of supplier intelligence business rules. The method further includes automatically analyzing a portion of the procurement data based on supplier intelligence business rules to determine the financial effects on the first and second business divisions. The method further includes automatically generating a visual output indicating the results of the analysis.
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