

Attending Forge: ENGAGE, Las Vegas Business Case

In attn to

Upcoming event: Forge: ENGAGE Annual Procurement Conference

Dates & Location: November 2 & 3, The Mirage Hotel, Las Vegas

Organizer: Procurement Foundry, the world's leading sourcing community, with over 5,800 practitioners

Event Overview:

Procurement's Foundry's ENGAGE conference addresses a need for procurement professionals to come together to benchmark, network and learn. Designed by the community, for the community and wider industry, the conference has a dual focus on strategy and future planning, with Day 1 dedicated to Blue Sky Thinking (trends, forecasts), and Day 2 focusing on Supercharging Skills.

Highlights of the event:

- Brings together 200+ senior procurement professionals to network, benchmark, educate and inspire
- Presents the most pressing issues facing procurement, to provide greater understanding and impact, with a focus on finding solutions
- Hosts a series of panel discussions, workshops and peer-2-peer huddles to maximize peer-led learning and collaboration
- The central place for 2 days of industry education and socializing, after 2 pandemic years with limited networking opportunities

How will our company benefit from my attendance?

This 2-day event will enable me to develop an in-depth understanding of the technologies, operations and macro issues impacting business and the procurement organization at a strategic level and identify how to best integrate key objectives into my organization.

Throughout the two days, I will get the chance to:

- Learn from thought leaders on how to structure and prepare procurement for the future through turbulent times
- Benchmark with senior-level peers and find solutions to the challenges we are all facing daily
- Explore and assess technologies and discuss solutions with providers that can enable us to become more automated, more efficient, reduce risk and increase oversight and control
- Meet new contacts who may become clients or business partners and to help develop our business
- Return to the workplace with a comprehensive plan for the integration of strategic priorities into our organizational culture

The event features a conference app that can help me set meetings with relevant contacts.

Plus, on Day 2, with the focus on developing soft skills and competencies, I can continue expanding my skillsets and capabilities to help me grow and continue to be an impactful team member.

Budget

In order to attend the conference, I have calculated the necessary budget to be approved:

Ticket rates: \$1,399 before 29 July, \$1,699 from 30 July. These can be reduced by \$300 should I also enter the Procurement Foundry community, which can be joined for free.

Hotel rates: starting at \$204 per night at The Mirage Hotel, using the conference special discount (limited availability)

Flights:

I am including the link to the event agenda here, from which I have highlighted the following sessions which I would like to attend and that I believe will contribute to the advancement of our procurement strategy:

- Session 1:
- Session 2:
- Session 3:

After the event, I plan on sharing what I have learnt with the department in an informal briefing.

Management Section

I approve the proposal above

Name

Signature