



# IBM® Sterling Supply Chain Visibility Inbound

*Provide visibility across supplier and carrier networks*

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## Benefits

- Reduces lead-time variability by identifying and adjusting to supply exceptions in real-time
  - Improves supplier compliance by detecting potential order delays or shortages even before the order is shipped
  - Reduces blind spots through supply chain process models that track the order lifecycle and alert on potential bottlenecks
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IBM Sterling Supply Chain Visibility for inbound order tracking combines data from your procurement, transportation, and warehouse applications with data already flowing through the IBM® Sterling B2B Collaboration Network from your trading partners to give you visibility into the entire procure-to-pay process. Many systems and logistics partners can better track aspects of the inbound supply process, but not the entire procure-to-pay process, resulting in potential blind spots.

IBM Sterling Supply Chain Visibility reduces blind spots by providing you with a view of the entire inbound order lifecycle allowing you to track and control virtually all aspects of inbound ordering and alert on potential exceptions. Buyers will be able to view the order from creation to shipment, transportation personnel will be able to view the order in transit from the supplier to receipt, and warehouse personnel will be able to view when the order has arrived at the yard to ensure the product is received and put away on time.

## Reduce lead time variability

To reduce lead time variability, IBM Sterling Supply Chain Visibility equips your enterprise with a supply chain process modeler to create milestones and configure targeted alerts that detect and notify you when predetermined lead-times have been missed. Real-time visibility into the location and balance of inventory helps you reduce lead-time variability, inventory stock-outs, and expediting costs throughout your global supply chain network.

## Improve supplier compliance

To improve supplier compliance, IBM Sterling Supply Chain Visibility is designed to help enable you to track and report on established performance metrics, then drill down into details associated with each metric. You can better track various aspects of supplier timeliness, accuracy and fill rates and compare them to user defined thresholds to alert when a specific order is out of compliance even before the order has shipped.



**Enhance visibility**

IBM Sterling Supply Chain Visibility provides visibility across your supplier and carrier networks by including non-EDI suppliers and carriers with those that are EDI enabled to provide electronic status updates. With the additional visibility into shipment moves from outsourcing partners, you can better determine bottlenecks, noncompliance, and locate orders that are stagnating at cross docks, intermodal transfer points, and during receiving.

Accelerate time to benefit and ROI with the following capabilities:

Capability	Description
Exception management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive purchase order lifecycle tracking</li> <li>• Create custom alerts based on user defined criteria</li> <li>• Alert routing and management</li> <li>• Real-time estimated time of arrival (ETA) based on carrier status updates</li> <li>• Real-time snapshot of supply chain events and performance information</li> </ul>
Process modeling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create milestones and track the order lifecycle through situation specific order flows</li> <li>• Configure alerts to identify and notify when exceptions occur in the inbound order flow process</li> <li>• Define tolerance specific to pre-set supply chain thresholds outside of which an alert will be raised</li> </ul>
Performance monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Configure key performance indicators to measure supplier delivery performance over time</li> <li>• Drill down into details associated with each metric</li> </ul>
Trading partner connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Route transactions from EDI networks through IBM Sterling Supply Chain Visibility</li> <li>• Leverage IBM® Sterling Supplier Portal to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Enable non-EDI suppliers to view purchase orders, order changes, order acknowledgements, and payment remittances</li> <li>– Create UCC-128 compliant advance shipment notices (ASN), labels and packing slips, request shipment routing, and process invoices</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Leverage the IBM® Sterling Transportation Management System's Carrier Portal to:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Enable non-EDI carriers to submit shipment statuses online</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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