Zycus' Premier Procurement Conference

22-24 September 2025

AGENDA



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Dana Point, California

Day 1: 22nd Sep 2025

	Pacific Time (PT)
Conference Registration	3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Icebreaking Activity	6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Welcome Reception – Cocktails & Dinner	7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

Day 2: 23rd Sep 2025

	Pacific Time (PT)
Networking Breakfast	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Conference Sessions (Headliner Stage)	**8:00 AM - 12:00 PM**
Welcome Address & Day at a Glance **Emcee:** Alexa Bradley, Zycus	8:00 AM - 8:10 AM
Crossing the Horizon: Agentic AI in Procurement and Why It Matters **Speaker:** Micky Keck, Gartner	8:10 AM - 8:40 AM
Beyond S2P to I2O: Intake to Outcomes with Agentic AI **Speaker:** Aatish Dedhia, Zycus	8:40 AM - 9:10 AM
PwC's S2P Implementation Playbook: From Complexity to Clarity **Speakers:** Meghan Murray, PwC Holly Gannon, PwC	9:10 AM - 9:40 AM
IBM + Zycus Partnership: Addressing Tail Spend the Agentic AI Way **Speakers:** Kuntha Chelvanathan, IBM Bikash Mohanty, Zycus	9:40 AM - 10:10 AM
Networking Coffee Break	10:10 AM – 10:30 AM
Starting Out or Scaling Up: Real-World S2P Transformation Stories **Panelists:** Steven Linville, Health Alliance Plan of Michigan Opi Gahunia, Belden Khairul Azman, DRB-HICOM BERHAD **Moderator:** Amanda Prochaska, Wonder Services	10:30 AM – 11:00 AM
VistaPrint's Large Scale S2P Replacement: 25 Countries, One Vision, Zero Limits **Speaker:** Mukul Agrawal, Vista - A Cimpress Company (Formerly known as VistaPrint)	11:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Watch the Merlin AI Agents in Action: From Intake to Outcomes **Speakers:** Bikash Mohanty & Shiv Agarwal, Zycus	11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
Networking Lunch	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Conference Sessions — 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Pathfinders Stage 1

- **Opportunity on the Horizon: How to Use AI Agents to Navigate Volatility & Business Risk**
  Speaker: Alla Valente, Forrester

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Torchbearers Stage 2

- **Curtiss-Wright's S2P Reinvention: Real Value with Merlin Intake**
  Speaker: Josh Patterson, Curtiss Wright

Pathfinders Stage 1

- **Procurement Agents at Work: From Slack to Sourcing, Driving Real Outcomes**
  Speaker: Patrick Reymann, IDC

1:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Torchbearers Stage 2

- **No Longer Business as Usual: Tate & Lyle's AI Turning Point**
  Speaker: Dave Everett, Tate & Lyle
  Host: Omid Ghamami, Procurement and Supply Chain Management (PSCM) Institute

Pathfinders Stage 1

- **AI Benchmarks 2025 & Beyond: Procurement ROI, Efficiency, and Value**
  Speaker: Chris Sawchuk, The Hackett Group

Torchbearers Stage 2

2:00 PM - 2:30 PM

- **Unlocking Potential: Driving Business Impact with Procurement Technology**
  Panelists:
  Mark Cooledge, SIRVA
  Abbie Eastman, Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)
  Jimmy Ramirez, Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT)
  Moderator: Jill Robbins, Business Fierce

Pathfinders Stage 1

- **8% Procurement Savings: Building the case for Agentic AI Adoption**
  Speaker: Andrew Bartolini, Ardent Partners

Torchbearers Stage 2

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

- **Go-Live to Go-Value: Implementation & Change Management Best Practices**
  Panelists:
  Dharmang Shelat, IBM
  Baptiste Collot, Trustpair
  Moderator: John Modesto, Zycus

- **Networking Coffee Break** — 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

Focused Networking & Live Product Demonstration — 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

- Prescheduled Meetings
- Demo Pod 1 – Merlin Intake
- Demo Pod 2 – Tailwind
- Demo Pod 3 – Source-to-Pay

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Gala Awards Night	5:00 PM – 9:30 PM
■ **Relax & Get Ready for the Gala Evening**	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM
■ **Assembly for the Gala Evening Departure**	5:30 PM - 5:45 PM
■ **Vehicles Depart from the Hotel**	5:45 PM
■ **Gala Awards Night & Dinner**	6:00 PM – 9:30 PM
■ **Depart for the Hotel**	9:30 PM

Day 3: 24th Sep 2025

Pacific Time (PT)

■ **Networking Breakfast**	7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
Conference Sessions (Headliner Stage)	**8:00 AM - 10:00 AM**
■ **Final Day Welcome & Highlights** **Emcee:** Alexa Bradley, Zycus	8:00 AM - 8:10 AM
■ **Disruptive Sourcing Shift: AI-Driven Intake + Autonomous Negotiation = Real Impact** **Speaker:** Kaitlynn Sommers, Gartner	8:10 AM - 8:40 AM
■ **CPONext (US Edition) Launch & AI Agent Quest Winners' Announcement** **Presenter:** Shekhar Varma, Zycus	8:40 AM - 8:50 AM
■ **Procurement Transformed: Panasonic's Digitalization and the Agentic AI Edge** **Panelists:** Tyler Simcox, Panasonic Vidhi Shethia, Panasonic **Moderator:** Anna McGovern, Pondview Consulting	8:50 AM – 9:20 AM
■ **From Delta to ISM: Procurement Excellence & AI-Intake in Practice & Perspective** **Panelists:** Kandyss Watson, Delta Air Lines Tom Derry, ISM **Moderator:** Arthur Raguette, Zycus	9:20 AM – 9:50 AM
Focused Networking & Live Product Demonstration	**9:50 AM – 11:00 AM**
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■ **Lunch**	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
■ **AI Council Meet (Member-Only)**	12:30 PM – 1:30 PM



We look forward to seeing you at Horizon US 2025!

For any questions reach out to us at: horizon2025@zycus.com

