



FUTURE OF SOURCING

2021 Editorial Calendar

Q1: A Seat at the Table

- **January** - Sourcing/Procurement Careers (interviews with industry thought leaders, the importance of mentors, career pathways)
- **February** - Training and Development (importance of certifications, continuing education, training for sourcing/procurement teams)
- **March** - Leadership (team dynamics, change management, stakeholder alignment)

Q2: Purpose-Driven Procurement

- **April** - Sustainability (CSR, supplier diversity, social impact sourcing)
- **May** - Risk/Governance (cybersecurity, risk outlook/trends/threats, supply chain risk, GRC, frameworks)
- **June** - Talent (future of work, diversity and inclusion, contingent workers, millennial workers, statistics)

Q3: Tried and True Best Practices

- **July** - Contracts/Negotiations (best practices, RFX topics, common pitfalls, management process and lifecycle)
- **August** - Supplier Relationship Management (supplier innovation, Vested business model, monitoring)
- **September** - Strategic Sourcing (category management, total cost of ownership, tail spend, sourcing business models)

Q4: The Future of the Industry

- **October** - Innovation (procurement influencers/pros to know: buy-side and sell-side, team structure, new ideas)
- **November** - Procurement/Supply Chain Technology (artificial intelligence/machine learning/RPA, implementation, best practices, common pitfalls)
- **December** - What's Hot for 2022 (forward-looking trends and outlooks)

