

Suplari Launches Data Assistant, an AI Agent for Automated Procurement Data Management

The AI agent ingests data in any format, fixes faults without escalating to a person, and repairs its own connectors when source systems change.

SEATTLE, WA, UNITED STATES, August 19, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Suplari](#) today announced the launch of Suplari [Data Assistant](#), an AI agent that owns the full lifecycle of procurement data ingestion and transformation. It reads incoming data in whatever form a source system produces, loads it into the customer's Suplari environment, corrects faults without escalating to a person, and repairs connectors when upstream systems change.

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The launch targets the step where most procurement AI programs stall. Getting data in is unglamorous work, and it

is where the time goes. HFS Research (2025) found that 65% of procurement leaders cite [poor data quality](#) as their biggest barrier to scaling AI. Most teams are not blocked by the sophistication of their models. They are blocked by the pipeline that feeds them.

The timing matters because of what procurement teams are being asked to do instead. Many are mid-way through orchestration programs or P2P replacements that will not deliver measurable savings for six to nine months, and are deferring everything else until those land. Data foundation work is the exception. It is the prerequisite that makes each of those programs work, and it is the one that can start returning value inside the current fiscal year. The problem is not the first load. It is every load after it.

Procurement data rarely arrives twice in the same shape. A source system gets upgraded and a new column appears. A business unit goes missing. An account code changes. The identifier that links an invoice to its purchase order is absent.

Each of those is a small break. Traditionally each one produced the same sequence: an error code, an escalation, and a person somewhere fixing it by hand before anyone could run a

report.

The same fragility applies to connectors. A pipeline that has run cleanly for eleven months stops working in the twelfth because a field was renamed upstream. Nobody notices until the numbers look stale. Diagnosing and repairing that break is routine, repetitive, and expensive, and it recurs across every system a procurement team touches.

What Suplari Data Assistant does

1. Ingests data in the form your systems produce it

The Data Assistant accepts Excel, CSV, Word, PDF and zip archives, including bulk sets of contract PDFs. Data can arrive three ways. Customers send it directly, push it through an API integration, or let a Suplari connector pull it from a source system such as an ERP or P2P platform. The agent identifies what each file contains and determines where the data belongs. No mapping template is required.

2. Corrects faults without escalating

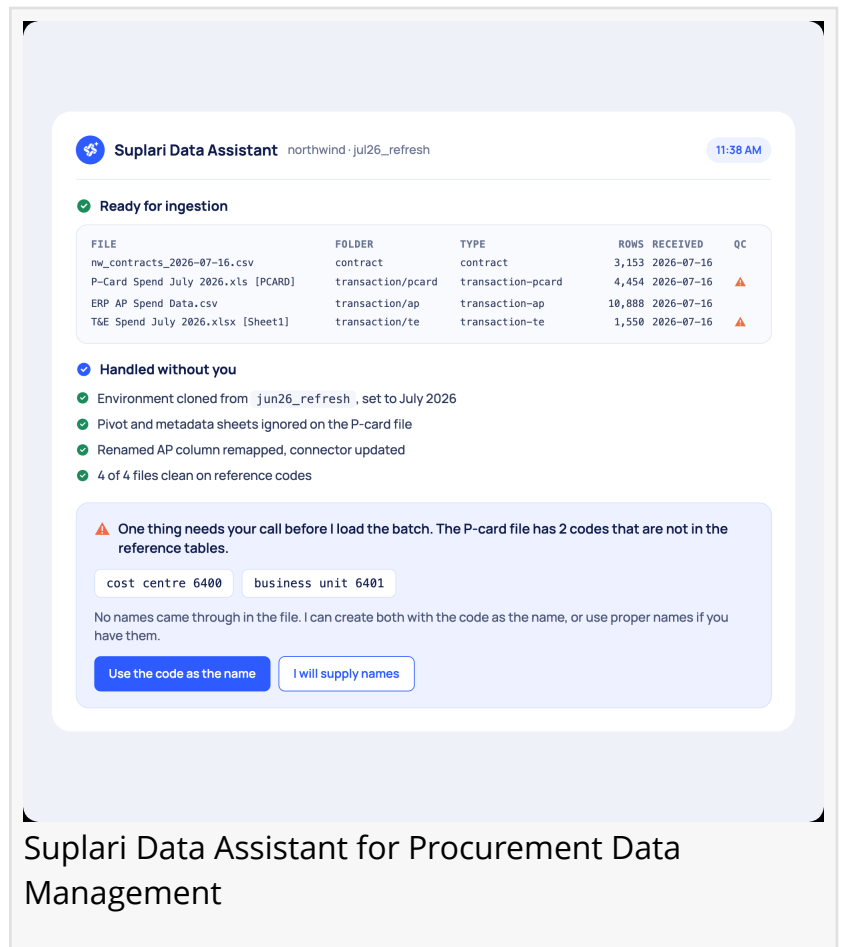
Data faults that used to trigger an error and a handoff are resolved by the agent. Only genuine ambiguities reach a person, and they arrive as a specific question rather than an error code. The agent applies each answer to future cycles, so the volume of intervention falls over time.

3. Repairs connectors when source systems change

The Data Assistant monitors every connector for data drift and structural change. When a break occurs it remediates what it can and updates the connector. Pipelines stay live through schema changes and format shifts.

4. Works on the cadence the business runs on

The agent works on whatever cadence a business runs on, from a scheduled refresh to data that arrives continuously, and keeps the pipeline live in between. Procurement, finance and the business are not waiting on a preparation step to complete before they can look at their own



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numbers.

5. Remembers how each organization works

The agent holds a persistent understanding of which sources feed which datasets, how often a customer refreshes, and which environment they use. That memory is what allows it to act on new data without being told what to do with it each time.

6. Records what it did

Every run, transformation and automatic fix is recorded against the flow that produced it. Customers get a readable narrative alongside the technical detail, showing what happened to their data and why.

Executive comment

"Connectors always break. That is the unglamorous reality of enterprise data, and it is exactly the work this agent is best at," said Jeff Gerber, CEO and Co-founder of Suplari. "We have automated data ingestion for years. What is different now is that the agent can own the whole lifecycle. It detects issues, it remediates them, and it understands when data drifts or a connector needs updating. Our goal is to take the pain out of data management, so procurement teams can focus on elevating their strategic impact."

Why this is different from a traditional spend data connector

Enterprise data connectors are configured once, by hand, against the shape a source system happens to have on the day of implementation. They have no view of what the data means and no ability to respond when it changes. When a field is renamed or a format shifts, the connector does not adapt. It fails, or worse, it keeps running against data it no longer understands.

Data Assistant is not a fixed mapping. It monitors the connectors it owns for drift and structural change, remediates what it can, and updates the connection itself. The difference is not the number of systems supported. It is what happens on the day one of them changes.

Why this is different from general-purpose AI

A general-purpose model can read a spreadsheet and answer a question about it. It cannot produce data that persists inside a system where enrichment, classification, analytics and filtering are already built. The output is a one-off. It is a static answer, or a session that has to be rebuilt from scratch the next time you need it, usually with engineering help.

Data Assistant delivers data into a platform where all of that capability is reusable, governed and traceable from the moment the data lands.

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