

Enanta reaps the benefits of procurement automation

Enanta chose SciQuest for integrated materials management and eprocurement. SciQuest's software-as-a-service (SaaS) procurement system required minimal effort from Enanta's IT department, and minimal training for purchasing managers, researchers and others using the system. It also allowed Enanta to implement custom controls within the purchasing group, allowing purchasing managers to promote preferred vendors to employees and consolidate orders for additional savings.

KEY CHALLENGES

Enanta's manual, paper-intensive procurement system required researchers to search through printed catalogs, write down items and send email to the purchasing group, where a purchase order was eventually created and submitted to a supplier. Inaccurate details often led to multiple phone calls for both requisitioners and suppliers.

With more than 5,000 chemical containers in inventory, receiving, transferring and disposing of containers was an equal challenge for Enanta. At least 10 percent of all materials were missing from their inventory system, and three separate systems were required for receiving materials. Infrequent updates led to unreliable information. As a result, researchers often placed orders for items already in stock or on site.

Enanta needed a solution that could:

- Result in "hard savings" of at least 10 percent of annual budget for materials
- Free up time for procurement personnel to focus on savings
- Integrate both procurement and materials management, providing total access to all on-site materials
- Enable a critical mass of supplier content quickly, while taking advantage of discounts from vendors participating in the Massachusetts Biotechnology Council
- Provide a simple and cost-efficient enterprise procurement system that required minimal training and implementation time

INDUSTRY:

Life Science

EMPLOYEES:

50+

LOCATION:

Watertown, Massachusetts

CLIENT SINCE:

2002

SCIQUEST SOLUTIONS:

Spend Director
Science Catalog
Requisition Manager
Order Manager

TECHNOLOGY ENVIRONMENT:

Solvent Account System
Chem ACX
ActivityBase

Headquartered in Watertown, Massachusetts, Enanta Pharmaceuticals uses cutting-edge chemistry technology and drug discovery capabilities to create new small-molecule drugs.

Enanta Pharmaceuticals

sciQuest™

RESULTS TO-DATE

- Significant organizational time savings and productivity gains due to an integrated, automated process
- Faster, more accurate reconciliation of stockroom inventory
- Improved safety due to more accurate and complete visibility of inventory
- 50 percent reduction in the number of containers requiring waste disposal

