ORISS

Online Rail Industry Supply System

Product Facts

ORISS is the new website for rail industry suppliers to use when receiving purchase orders and submitting invoices with major railroads. This service is an alternative to the EPIRA service, and was given the name ORISS by its service provider – Transentric. ORISS is governed by an association of purchasing executives from all major railroads.

ORISS allows suppliers who do not have electronic data interchange (EDI) capabilities to comply with railroad e-commerce requirements. With ORISS, you only need an Internet connection. From the ORISS website, you can view purchase orders posted electronically by railroads, and you can also submit invoices electronically for payment. ORISS is available for a nominal monthly fee of $25.

Key Benefits

- Reduces monthly subscription fees
- No delays – railroad purchase orders available immediately when posted
- No delays – supplier invoices routed immediately to railroad systems
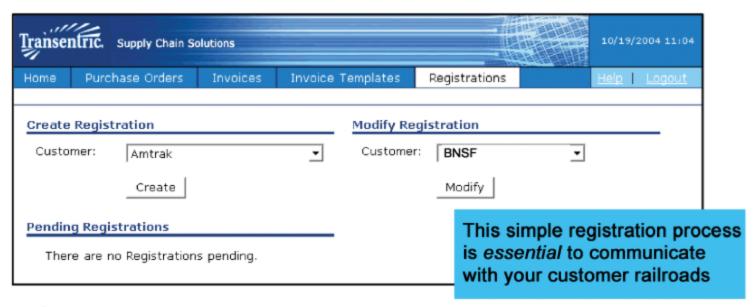- Data is secure for both suppliers and railroads

Key Features

- Three levels of service:
    1. *"ORISS with Purchase Orders and Invoicing"* for suppliers who both receive purchase orders and submit invoices. Requires monthly fee.
    2. *"ORISS with Material Invoicing Only"* for suppliers who wish to invoice without a purchase order. No monthly fee.
    3. *"ORISS with Fuel Invoicing Only"* for DTL suppliers. No monthly fee.
- Suppliers can manage relationship with all major railroads from one website
- Invoicing is easy – you can create invoices directly from purchase orders and save templates for routine invoices
- Website access protected by user ID and password
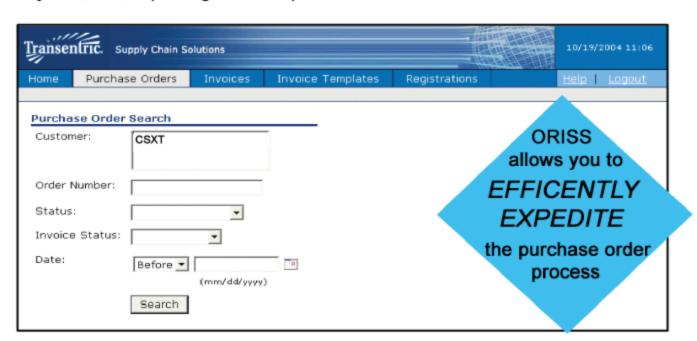- Suppliers do not need to install software or change computer systems

How it Works:

To use the ORISS system, you must first obtain authorization from your customer railroads. During the registration process, you will be issued an ID number by the railroad. In addition, the railroad will electronically approve your registration, and instruct you as to which level of ORISS service you require.

After you have been directed to ORISS by a railroad, you must complete a simple registration process on the ORISS website. Following registration, you will receive an e-mail from Transentric with your ORISS user ID and password.

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Create Registration

Customer: Amtrak [▼]

Create

Modify Registration

Customer: BNSF [▼]

Modify

Pending Registrations

There are no Registrations pending.

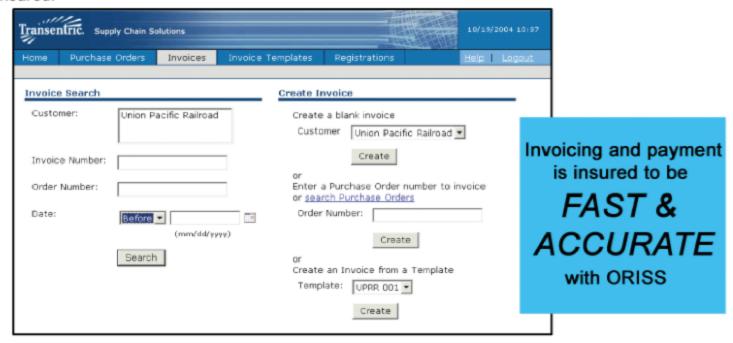> This simple registration process is *essential* to communicate with your customer railroads

Once you have a user ID and password, you can register to work with additional railroads. Each railroad will issue you a unique ID number and approve your registration.

If you are a supplier that is using the "ORISS with Purchase Orders and Invoicing" level of service, simply log on to the ORISS website and you can access any purchase orders placed with you by your customer railroads. With ORISS, you do not have to wait for snail mail, faxes that never arrive, or purchasing agents that forget to email you a copy of the order. The purchase order is sent directly to ORISS from the railroad's purchasing system; thus, expediting the entire process.

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Purchase Order Search

Customer: CSXT

Order Number:

Status: [▼]

Invoice Status: [▼]

Date: Before [▼] [   ] [📅]
(mm/dd/yyyy)

Search

> ORISS allows you to **EFFICENTLY EXPEDITE** the purchase order process

When it is time to bill the railroads, suppliers on any service level simply go to ORISS and create the appropriate invoice. ORISS translates the entry into an electronic message that is sent directly to the railroad's purchasing system. Payment is expedited and accuracy is insured.

ORISS makes it simple for you to do business with railroads! You do not need to invest in expensive tools to participate in electronic commerce.

Getting Started

This information was given to you by a railroad you supply. You are either a supplier using the current EPIRA system or a supplier new to electronic communication with a railroad. Either way, the process is simple!

Follow these steps:

1. Talk to your railroad purchasing agent to verify which level of service you need
2. Make sure you have an ID number. If you do not have an ID from the old EPIRA system, ask your railroad purchasing agent for a number
3. Follow the instructions on the attached document "Moving to Transentric"
4. Enjoy ORISS for simple communication for your railroad purchase orders and invoices!