



The global e-Invoicing network

# E-Invoicing Technology Background

The OB10 process involves these steps:

- Suppliers submit invoices electronically in their chosen format, or through a web interface.
- The invoice data is transformed into the buyer's specified format.
- The invoice data is received directly into the buyer's accounting system.
- An HTML image of the invoice is e-mailed in parallel, for audit and approval processing. The invoice image is easily transferred to a document management or workflow system.
- A copy of the detailed invoice data is stored in a secure data warehouse for

The OB10 e-Invoice network simplifies and streamlines the complex invoice-to-pay processes between companies and their suppliers. By joining OB10, any organization can electronically deliver and receive invoices, to and from their accounting systems, in the format of their choice.

Eliminating any need for special hardware or software, the network seamlessly connects the billing and accounting platforms and automates key back office invoice processing functions for companies and their suppliers.

A single setup enables an organization to receive electronic invoices from an unlimited number of suppliers, of any size and technical sophistication. Once a supplier is enrolled in the OB10 service, the supplier can electronically send invoices to any of its customers on the network.

The OB10 Any-to-Any Data Formatting<sup>sm</sup> capability enables network members to send or receive invoices effortlessly between themselves without having to agree on formats, file specifications, or methods of communication.

OB10 provides clients with a single consolidated data stream of incoming invoices from all participating suppliers. OB10 validates invoices using the pre-defined rules of the client; which means problem invoices are flagged and the supplier is notified, eliminating costly exception processing. Suppliers benefit from enhanced information on the status of their invoices as well as more prompt and accurate payment.

Because OB10 does not require software at either the supplier or buyer end, implementation is rapid, and the result is true any-to-any connectivity.