

PROCUREMENT ADVISORS ADR INTERNATIONAL LAUNCH ONLINE LEARNING TOOL FOR BUYERS AND SUPPLY MANAGERS

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Procurement specialists ADR International (<http://www.adr-international.com>) have launched an Internet-based training resource to help purchasing and supply management professionals improve their skills.

The ADR Academy (<http://www.adracademy.com>) is one of a range of learning options offered by ADR International and the Institute for Supply Management in the United States after they joined forces earlier this year to provide high quality training in procurement and supply management.

The online Academy offers training programs anywhere in the world. Anyone can log into the site (www.adracademy.com) and pay by credit card to start taking courses immediately.

Modules are standalone and take just 75 minutes to complete. They offer practical tools, hands-on exercises and case studies to help students gain a working knowledge in key areas including portfolio analysis, opportunity analysis, market analysis, price analysis, cost analysis, supplier financial analysis and global sourcing. A self-test at the end of each course validates what students have learned.

Bill Michels, CEO of ADR International (North America) said: "Companies are scrambling to keep the skills of their buyers and supply managers up to the task of responding to wildly fluctuating costs and availability of key supplies.

"They need high quality training courses that are easily and instantly available. The ADR Academy fills that need with nine key courses that anyone can take if they have internet access and a credit card."

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About ADR International (<http://www.adr-international.com>)

ADR International is one of the world's longest-standing global procurement consultancies, helping clients improve every aspect of their procurement activity. Its main areas of expertise include procurement transformation, training and development, sourcing, permanent and interim recruitment, technology and audit.

Clients include GE, Pfizer, Nokia and Alcan. ADR International also works with public sector organisations in local government, policing and the UK's National Health Service.

ADR International is headquartered in London, UK and its North American affiliate is based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. ADR International also has offices in Sydney, Australia; Johannesburg, South Africa; and Prague, Czech Republic.

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