



AI-Powered Procurement: The Future Didn't Wait

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Summary:

In this talk, we will navigate a live RFP walkthrough, from drafting specifications to evaluating bids, with AI-driven insights. You'll learn how you can streamline procurement by leveraging AI for sourcing, contract management, and supplier evaluation while ensuring compliance, enhancing decision-making, and upholding transparency. At the conclusion of this talk, you will be ready to apply best practices in prompt engineering and IT compliance for ethical, efficient procurement.