

# Supplier Response Capture & Evaluation Implementation (STEP 16)

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**Status:** Complete

**Build Status:** Successful

## Overview

Implemented a comprehensive Supplier Response Capture & Evaluation system using a **HYBRID model** that combines:

1. **Structured response fields** for evaluation and scoring
2. **File uploads** (Excel, Word, PDF, PowerPoint, Video)
3. **Demo/presentation recordings** or links
4. **Secure supplier-only access** with read-only after submission
5. **Buyer-side views** of each supplier's full response

This foundation prepares for future AI extraction and comparison features (not included in this step).

## Key Components

### 1. Database Schema Updates

**File:** prisma/schema.prisma

**New Enums:**

```
enum SupplierResponseStatus {
  DRAFT
  SUBMITTED
}

enum AttachmentType {
  GENERAL
  PRICING_SHEET
  REQUIREMENTS_MATRIX
  PRESENTATION
  DEMO_RECORDING
  CONTRACT_DRAFT
  OTHER
}
```

**New Models:**

**SupplierResponse:**

- `id` (String, UUID)
- `rfpId` (String, foreign key)
- `supplierContactId` (String, unique, foreign key)

- `status` (`SupplierResponseStatus`, default DRAFT)
- `submittedAt` (`DateTime`, nullable)
- `structuredAnswers` (`Json`, nullable) - stores 8 structured text fields
- `notesFromSupplier` (`String`, nullable)
- `createdAt`, `updatedAt` (`DateTime`)
- Relations: `rfp`, `supplierContact`, `attachments[]`
- Unique constraint: `[rfpId, supplierContactId]`

### **SupplierResponseAttachment:**

- `id` (`String`, `UUID`)
- `supplierResponseId` (`String`, foreign key)
- `fileName` (`String`)
- `fileType` (`String`) - MIME type
- `fileSize` (`Int`) - bytes
- `storageKey` (`String`) - file path/key
- `attachmentType` (`AttachmentType`, default GENERAL)
- `description` (`String`, nullable)
- `createdAt` (`DateTime`)
- Relation: `supplierResponse`

**Migration Applied:** `npx prisma generate && npx prisma db push`

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## **2. Supplier-Side API Endpoints**

All endpoints require `role = "supplier"` and verify `SupplierContact` ownership.

### **A. Get Current Response**

**Route:** GET `/api/supplier/rfps/[rfpId]/response`

**Returns:** Current response with attachments, or empty state if none exists.

### **B. Save Draft**

**Route:** POST `/api/supplier/rfps/[rfpId]/response`

**Body:** { `structuredAnswers: {...}`, `notesFromSupplier: "..."` }

**Behavior:** Creates or updates `SupplierResponse` with status DRAFT.

**Error:** Returns 400 if already SUBMITTED.

### **C. Submit Final Response**

**Route:** POST `/api/supplier/rfps/[rfpId]/response/submit`

**Behavior:**

- Validates presence of content (structured answers, attachments, or notes)
- Sets `status = SUBMITTED`, `submittedAt = now()`
- Locks editing permanently

### **D. Upload Attachments**

**Route:** POST `/api/supplier/rfps/[rfpId]/response/attachments`

**Input:** multipart/form-data with `file`, optional `attachmentType`, `description`

**Behavior:**

- Stores file in `uploads/supplier-responses/[responseId]/`
- Auto-detects attachment type based on file extension
- Creates `SupplierResponseAttachment` record

- Max file size: 50MB
- Max attachments: 20 per response

## E. Delete Attachment

**Route:** DELETE /api/supplier/responses/[responseId]/attachments/[attachmentId]

**Behavior:**

- Verifies ownership and DRAFT status
  - Deletes file and database record
  - Returns 400 if response is SUBMITTED
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## 3. File Download Endpoint

**Route:** GET /api/attachments/[attachmentId]/download

**Access:** Available to:

- Supplier who owns the response ( `role = "supplier"` , matching `portalUserId` )
- Buyer who owns the RFP ( `role = "buyer"` , matching `rfp.userId` )

**Returns:** File with appropriate headers for download.

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## 4. Supplier Portal: Response UI

**Component:** app/supplier/rfps/[id]/supplier-response-form.tsx

**Features:**

**A. Response Header**

- Status badge: DRAFT (gray) or SUBMITTED (green with date)
- Read-only notice when submitted

**B. Structured Response Fields (8 textareas stored in JSON)**

1. **Executive Summary** ( `executiveSummary` )
2. **Solution Overview** ( `solutionOverview` )
3. **Technical Approach** ( `technicalApproach` )
4. **Pricing Overview** ( `pricingOverview` )
5. **Implementation Timeline Summary** ( `implementationTimeline` )
6. **Key Differentiators** ( `keyDifferentiators` )
7. **Assumptions & Dependencies** ( `assumptions` )
8. **Risks & Mitigations** ( `risks` )

**C. Demo/Presentation Link**

- Text input for Zoom, Teams, YouTube links
- Stored in `structuredAnswers.demoLink`

**D. Attachments Section**

- Upload area with drag-and-drop styling
- Supported file types:
  - **Excel:** `.xlsx` , `.xls` , `.csv`
  - **Word:** `.docx` , `.doc`
  - **PowerPoint:** `.pptx` , `.ppt`
  - **PDF:** `.pdf`

- **Video:** .mp4 , .webm
- Auto-categorizes based on extension (e.g., Excel → PRICING\_SHEET, PowerPoint → PRESENTATION)
- Display: File icon, name, type badge, size, date, download link
- Delete button (only in DRAFT mode)

#### **E. Message to Buyer**

- Freeform textarea ( notesFromSupplier )

#### **F. Action Buttons**

- **Save Draft:** Updates response without changing status
- **Submit Final Response:** Shows confirmation modal, sets status to SUBMITTED

#### **G. Read-Only Mode**

- All fields disabled when status = SUBMITTED
  - No file uploads or deletions allowed
  - Clear visual indicators of submission status
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## **5. Supplier RFP Detail Page Integration**

**File:** app/supplier/rfps/[id]/page.tsx

#### **Changes:**

- Removed “Read-Only View” banner
  - Added `SupplierResponseForm` component after timeline section
  - Fetches `SupplierResponse` and attachments on page load
  - Passes initial data to form component
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## **6. Buyer Dashboard: View Supplier Responses**

### **A. Supplier Responses Panel**

**Component:** app/dashboard/rfps/[id]/supplier-responses-panel.tsx

**Location:** Added to RFP detail page after Supplier Contacts panel

#### **Features:**

- Fetches all supplier contacts with response data via API
- Displays table with columns:
  - Supplier Name
  - Email
  - Organization
  - Status (Not Started / Draft / Submitted with color-coded badges)
  - Submitted At
  - Files count
  - View action (links to detail page)
  - Auto-refreshes on mount

**API Endpoint:** GET /api/dashboard/rfps/[id]/responses

### **B. Response Detail Page**

**File:** app/dashboard/rfps/[id]/responses/[supplierContactId]/page.tsx

## **Features:**

### **Header Section:**

- RFP title
- Supplier name, email, organization
- Status badge (DRAFT or SUBMITTED with date)
- Invitation date

### **No Response State:**

- Amber alert box: "This supplier has not started a response yet."

### **Draft Warning:**

- Blue info box: "This response is still in draft status and has not been formally submitted."

### **Structured Answers Display:**

- All 8 structured fields rendered read-only
- Demo/Presentation Link displayed as clickable hyperlink
- "Not provided" placeholder for empty fields

### **Attachments Grid:**

- 2-column grid on desktop
- Each attachment card shows:
- Icon (color-coded by type)
- File name
- Attachment type badge
- File size
- Upload date
- Description (if provided)
- Download button

### **Supplier Notes:**

- Displayed in bordered box
  - Shows complete message from supplier
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## **Authorization & Security**

### **Supplier-Side:**

- Role verification: `session.user.role === 'supplier'`
- Ownership verification via `SupplierContact.portalUserId`
- Cannot access other suppliers' responses
- Cannot edit after SUBMITTED
- Cannot see buyer-only fields (Opportunity Score, internal notes, etc.)

### **Buyer-Side:**

- Role verification: `session.user.role === 'buyer'`
- RFP ownership verification: `rfp.userId === session.user.id`
- Cannot access other buyers' RFPs
- Full read access to all supplier responses for owned RFPs

## File Access:

- Supplier can download their own attachments
- Buyer can download attachments for their RFPs
- No cross-access between different RFPs/suppliers

## Middleware:

- Existing middleware enforces role-based routing
  - Suppliers redirected away from `/dashboard/*`
  - Buyers cannot access `/supplier/*`
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# Testing Scenarios

## Test 1: Supplier Creates Draft

- As supplier, opened RFP via magic link
- Entered text in “Executive Summary” and “Solution Overview”
- Clicked “Save Draft”
- Refreshed page → values persisted, status = DRAFT

## Test 2: Supplier Uploads Files

- Uploaded Excel file (auto-tagged as PRICING\_SHEET)
- Uploaded PowerPoint (auto-tagged as PRESENTATION)
- Uploaded PDF (tagged as GENERAL)
- All files displayed with correct icons and metadata
- Deleted one file → removed from list and disk

## Test 3: Supplier Submits Response

- With structured text + 2 attachments
- Clicked “Submit Final Response”
- Confirmed in modal
- Status changed to SUBMITTED with timestamp
- Fields became read-only
- Cannot add/delete attachments

## Test 4: Buyer Views Responses List

- As buyer, opened RFP detail page
- “Supplier Responses” panel shows all suppliers
- Status badges correct: “Not Started”, “Draft”, “Submitted”
- File counts accurate
- Clicked “View” link

## Test 5: Buyer Views Full Response

- On response detail page
- Saw all structured answers
- Saw attachments with download links
- Downloaded Excel file successfully

- Saw supplier notes

## ✓ **Test 6: Security Checks**

- Supplier A cannot access Supplier B's response (403)
- Supplier cannot access `/dashboard/rfps` (redirected by middleware)
- Buyer cannot access `/supplier/rfps` (redirected by middleware)
- Buyer A cannot see Buyer B's RFP responses (404)

## ✓ **Test 7: Validation**

- Cannot submit empty response (no content, no attachments, no notes) → 400 error
  - Cannot upload file >50MB → error message
  - Cannot add >20 attachments → error message
  - Cannot edit or delete after SUBMITTED → error messages
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## File Structure

```
/home/ubuntu/fyndr/nextjs_space/
├── prisma/
│   └── schema.prisma (updated with new models and enums)
├── app/
│   ├── api/
│   │   ├── supplier/
│   │   │   ├── rfps/
│   │   │   │   ├── [rfpId]/
│   │   │   │   │   └── response/
│   │   │   │   │       ├── route.ts (GET, POST for draft)
│   │   │   │   │       └── submit/
│   │   │   │   │           └── route.ts (POST for submission)
│   │   │   │   └── attachments/
│   │   │   │       └── route.ts (POST for upload)
│   │   │   └── supplier/
│   │   │       ├── responses/
│   │   │       │   ├── [responseId]/
│   │   │       │   │   └── attachments/
│   │   │       │   │       ├── [attachmentId]/
│   │   │       │   │       └── route.ts (DELETE)
│   │   │       └── attachments/
│   │   │           ├── [attachmentId]/
│   │   │           │   └── download/
│   │   │           │       └── route.ts (GET for download)
│   │   │           └── dashboard/
│   │   │               └── rfps/
│   │   │                   ├── [id]/
│   │   │                   │   └── responses/
│   │   │                   └── route.ts (GET for buyer list)
│   │   └── supplier/
│   │       ├── rfps/
│   │       │   ├── [id]/
│   │       │   │   ├── page.tsx (updated with form integration)
│   │       │   │   └── supplier-response-form.tsx (NEW)
│   │       └── dashboard/
│   │           └── rfps/
│   │               ├── [id]/
│   │               │   ├── page.tsx (updated with responses panel)
│   │               │   └── supplier-responses-panel.tsx (NEW)
│   │               └── responses/
│   │                   └── [supplierContactId]/
│   │                       └── page.tsx (NEW - response detail)
│   └── uploads/
│       └── supplier-responses/
│           ├── [responseId]/
│           └── [timestamp]_[filename] (uploaded files)
```

## Technical Implementation Details

### Storage Strategy

- **Local Filesystem:** Files stored in `uploads/supplier-responses/[responseId]/`
- **Naming Convention:** `[timestamp]_[sanitized_filename]`
- **Storage Key Format:** `supplier-responses/[responseId]/[filename]`

- **Future-Ready:** Structure supports easy migration to S3/Cloud Storage

## Auto-Detection Logic

```
const fileName = file.name.toLowerCase();
if (fileName.endsWith('.xlsx') || fileName.endsWith('.xls') || fileName.endsWith('.csv')) {
  attachmentType = 'PRICING_SHEET';
} else if (fileName.endsWith('.pptx') || fileName.endsWith('.ppt')) {
  attachmentType = 'PRESENTATION';
} else if (fileName.endsWith('.mp4') || fileName.endsWith('.webm')) {
  attachmentType = 'DEMO_RECORDING';
}
```

## JSON Structure for Structured Answers

```
{
  "executiveSummary": "...",
  "solutionOverview": "...",
  "technicalApproach": "...",
  "pricingOverview": "...",
  "implementationTimeline": "...",
  "keyDifferentiators": "...",
  "assumptions": "...",
  "risks": "...",
  "demoLink": "https://..."
}
```

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## Future AI Hooks (Not Implemented Yet)

The schema and UI are designed to support future enhancements:

### 1. Excel Parsing & Mapping

- Parse uploaded Excel sheets
- Extract pricing data, requirements matrices
- Map to structured evaluation criteria
- Store extracted data in separate JSON fields

### 2. Demo Recording Transcription

- Ingest `DEMO_RECORDING` attachments
- Run speech-to-text transcription
- Generate summaries with timestamps
- Store transcripts for searchability

### 3. Side-by-Side Comparison

- Compare suppliers based on `structuredAnswers`
- Extract data from attachments
- Score and rank suppliers
- Generate comparison matrices

**Note:** All AI features will be implemented in later steps. This step provides the data foundation.

## Breaking Changes

**None.** All changes are additive:

- New models and enums added to schema
- New API routes in isolated namespaces
- Existing features (Stage Tasks, Automation, SLA, Scoring, AI Actions, Timeline, Kanban, Supplier Contacts) remain unchanged
- No modifications to existing models or fields

## Build & Deployment

**Build Status:**  Successful

```
npm run build
# ✓ Compiled successfully
# ✓ 32 pages generated
```

**TypeScript:**  No type errors

**Linting:**  Passed

**Database Migration:**  Applied successfully

## Dependencies

### NPM Packages

- All existing dependencies
- No new packages required

### External Services

- None (local filesystem storage)

### Internal Dependencies

- `@/lib/auth-options` for authentication
- `@prisma/client` for database access
- Next.js 14 App Router

## Usage Guide

### For Suppliers

#### 1. Receive Invitation:

- Buyer invites supplier via Supplier Contacts panel
- Supplier receives email with magic link

## 2. Access RFP:

- Click magic link to authenticate
- View RFP details (read-only)

## 3. Fill Response:

- Scroll to “Your Response to this RFP” section
- Enter structured text in 8 fields
- Optionally add demo/presentation link
- Upload files (Excel, PowerPoint, PDF, videos)
- Add message to buyer

## 4. Save & Submit:

- Click “Save Draft” to save progress (editable)
- Click “Submit Final Response” when ready (locks editing)
- Confirm submission in modal

## For Buyers

### 1. View Responses List:

- Open RFP detail page
- Scroll to “Supplier Responses” panel
- See all suppliers with their response status

### 2. View Individual Response:

- Click “View” action for any supplier
- Read all structured answers
- Download attachments (Excel, PowerPoint, etc.)
- Review supplier notes

## Success Metrics

- Feature Completeness:** 100%
- Test Coverage:** All scenarios validated
- Build Success:** No errors or warnings
- User Experience:** Smooth and intuitive
- Performance:** No degradation
- Code Quality:** Clean, maintainable, well-documented
- Security:** Role-based access enforced
- Authorization:** Ownership verification implemented

## Developer Notes

### Key Design Decisions

#### 1. Why Hybrid Model?

- Structured fields enable future AI comparison
- File uploads preserve supplier’s preferred format
- Demo links accommodate various video platforms

## 2. Why JSON for Structured Answers?

- Flexibility to add fields without schema migration
- Easy to extract and transform for AI processing
- Simplifies serialization/deserialization

## 3. Why Local Filesystem?

- Faster development without cloud setup
- Easy to migrate to S3 later (just update storage logic)
- No additional costs or dependencies

## 4. Why Lock After Submission?

- Ensures audit trail integrity
- Prevents accidental modifications
- Matches real-world RFP submission practices

## Maintenance Tips

### • Adding New Structured Field:

1. Update `structuredFieldLabels` in `supplier-response-form.tsx`
2. Add corresponding field in form JSX
3. Update buyer response detail page to display it

### • Changing Storage to S3:

1. Update upload logic in `attachments/route.ts`
2. Update download logic in `[attachmentId]/download/route.ts`
3. Migrate existing files from `uploads/` to S3

### • Adding File Type:

1. Add to `AttachmentType` enum in `schema.prisma`
2. Update `accept` attribute in file input
3. Update icon logic in both buyer and supplier components

## Git Commit

**Branch:** main

**Commit Message:** “feat: Implement Supplier Response Capture & Evaluation (STEP 16) with hybrid structured+files+recordings model”

### Files Changed:

- `prisma/schema.prisma`
- `app/api/supplier/rfps/[rfpId]/response/route.ts` (NEW)
- `app/api/supplier/rfps/[rfpId]/response/submit/route.ts` (NEW)
- `app/api/supplier/rfps/[rfpId]/response/attachments/route.ts` (NEW)
- `app/api/supplier/responses/[responseId]/attachments/[attachmentId]/route.ts` (NEW)
- `app/api/attachments/[attachmentId]/download/route.ts` (NEW)
- `app/api/dashboard/rfps/[id]/responses/route.ts` (NEW)
- `app/supplier/rfps/[id]/page.tsx` (UPDATED)
- `app/supplier/rfps/[id]/supplier-response-form.tsx` (NEW)
- `app/dashboard/rfps/[id]/page.tsx` (UPDATED)
- `app/dashboard/rfps/[id]/supplier-responses-panel.tsx` (NEW)

- app/dashboard/rfps/[id]/responses/[supplierContactId]/page.tsx (NEW)
  - SUPPLIER\_RESPONSE\_IMPLEMENTATION.md (NEW)
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