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Faced with the challenges of streamlining and efficiency, CERN has recently implemented a leading-edge e-procurement solution which generates savings by automating the high-cost business processes previously associated with recurrent low-value purchases. The solution, which benefits both the supplier & the customer, is rapidly expanding and we observe significant interest in other large organisations following suite. The challenge now is to create a vision for SME participation (both as suppliers and/or customers) and question if emerging grid technologies may provide a canvass for such a picture.

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