Q: Do I have to use Coupa?
A: Yes. Gates MRI expects suppliers to use Coupa to manage POs, submit invoices, and maintain supplier information.

Q: How can I tell if a PO or request is from Gates MRI?
A: Gates MRI’s customer name in Coupa is Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and its Subsidiaries. POs specific to Gates MRI will have a PO Number prefix of “MRI”. SIM Forms will have Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute in its title.

Q: Do I need a backing document to submit an invoice?
A: Yes, it is required to have a backing document for invoices. Invoices submitted with no document will be rejected until a purchase order (PO) or other approved document is presented.

Q: Is PO acknowledgement required?
A: Yes. POs must be acknowledged within 2 business days of receipt.

Q: How do I request a PO change?
A: If you do not agree with the specifics of a PO, use the comment functionality to contact Gates MRI to request a PO change within 2 business days of receipt.

Q: When can I submit an invoice?
A: Invoices can be submitted only after service have been rendered or goods have been received.

Q: I have an MSA or GTC with Gates MRI. What are my governing terms for payment?
A: If your company has a Master Service Agreement (MSA) or General Terms and Conditions (GTC) with Gates MRI, those terms and conditions will supersede the ones contained within a Purchase Order (PO).
MANAGING YOUR COUPA SUPPLIER PORTAL (CSP) ACCOUNT

Q: How much does it cost to join the Coupa Supplier Portal (CSP)?
A: The CSP is free of charge for suppliers.

Q: Where do I register for the CSP?
A: You can request an invitation to join the CSP at supplierhelp@gatesmri.org. Alternatively, visit https://supplier.coupahost.com.

Q: Why didn’t I receive the email invitation to join Coupa?
A: Check your spam/junk, promotions, updates, or social folders. Occasionally, emails from Coupa get routed to these folders rather than your primary inbox.

Q: Why can’t I register for the CSP?
A: If you received the email and cannot register, check “I’m not a robot”. If there is another issue, contact supplier@coupa.com.

Q: How do I register if the previous admin/CSP account owner left the company?
A: Contact your IT department or your customer. Your IT department may be able to grant you temporary access to a former employee’s email to change CSP account information. Alternatively, contact supplierhelp@gatesmri.org requesting them to update your contact information and reinitiate a connection in Coupa.

Q: Where do I sign in to the CSP?
A: https://supplier.coupahost.com

Q: How do I cancel my CSP account?
A: Ask the customer to inactivate you in the system.

Q: Why don’t I get password reset emails?
A: Check your spam/junk, promotions, updates, or social folders. Occasionally, emails from Coupa get routed to these folders rather than your primary inbox.

Q: What do I do if I am not the admin/owner of my CSP account, but I can’t log in or don’t have access?
A: Contact your admin to activate your account and/or set your permissions.
EXTERNAL RESOURCES

Product Documentation by Coupa
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