

## 855 Requirements

AAIA supports the Super Spec as the industry Best Practice for the layout and content of electronically traded supply chain documents. We are currently conducting a survey to help us understand the industry requirements for the **Purchase Order Acknowledgement (855)** document.

Currently, the Super Spec includes the Purchase Order (850), Advance Ship Notice (856), Invoice (810) and Functional Acknowledgement (997). Members have asked us to expand our offering of standard file specifications to include other documents that would add value to their business process, starting with the **Purchase Order Acknowledgement (855)**.

**Why the Purchase Order Acknowledgement (855)?** This document allows you to notify a customer of discrepancies vs. the purchase order earlier in the process; price, superseded parts, invalid part numbers, availability vs. demand. In most cases today, your customer must wait for the Advance Ship Notice or Invoice, or contact you via phone or email to obtain this information.

### **How can this document add value to your business process?**

- 855 is critical for Special Order – providing immediate electronic confirmation of what can be fulfilled
- 855 minimizes manual research and eliminates the need for customers to call, Email or fax; which are costly to your organization
- 855 enables rapid response on stock order replenishment and informs your customer of any discrepancies in advance; leading to a streamlined supply chain and quicker payment
- 855 supports Global Sourcing and sets the correct expectation for parts sourced overseas