Vendor Management Workshop



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# Agenda

1 Introductions

Process / Case Studies



# Market Perspective

Vendor landscape, licensing options, policy highlights



# Market Perspective





Include experienced negotiators on your staff or you will pay more, in both the short and long term.

- Gartner Group



# Negotiations



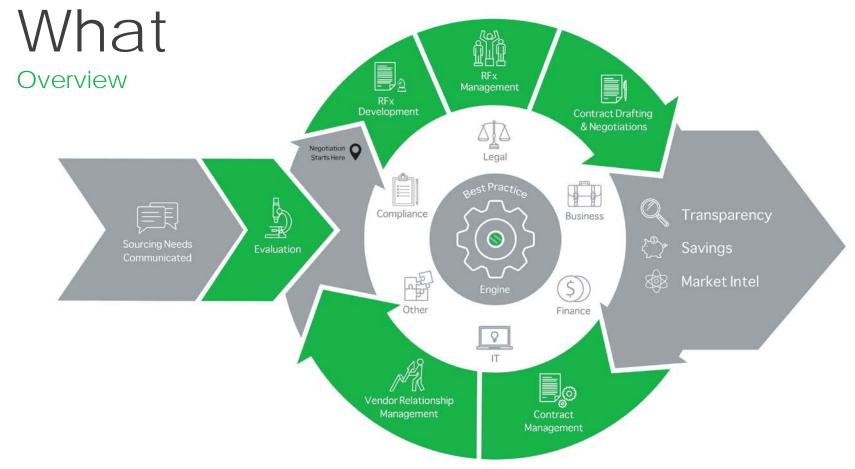
Negotiations and the "Relationship"



# Process / Case Studies

Review of Process, Real Customer Stories and Lessons Learned







# Case Study (1)



#### Background

- 2 companies running same project simultaneously using same supplier pool
- 1 company followed process and supported the negotiations; the other did not
- Supporting company is 2x the size of non-supporting company
- Major Business Software Supplier(s)
- Mission critical App



- Supporting company paid  $\frac{1}{2}$  the price over 5 year period of non-supporting company
- Non-supporting company got initial term license, must pay additional fees for perpetual.
- Supporting company received perpetual license up front



### Best Practices

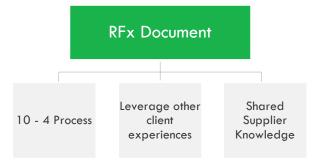
#### RFx Development



RFx Development

Proven process to help articulate your requirements and develop how you will measure supplier information.

- Information = Power
- Control Information flow through process



#### **Lessons Learned**

Stick to a proven process

Leverage market intelligence

Utilize well developed tools



# Understanding the Vendor

#### RFx Development



RFx Development

#### The Vendor

- Intensive Training
- Primary goal
- "Partnership"
- Four "cardinal sin" questions
  - 1. Time
  - 2. Budget
  - Team members
  - 4. Management

#### **Lessons Learned**

Use expert negotiators

Know your vendor

Understand the Vendor's "Information Mining"

Act as a team



# Case Study (2)



#### Background

- No negotiations up front, Deal done by Sr. VP
- Single use product
- 7 year term \$1MM, Average 52% annual maintenance
- Renegotiated deal after 5 years (Loss of \$300K of term)
- Paid \$1.4MM more
- Signed up for 8 additional years maintenance at an average annual cost of 34%

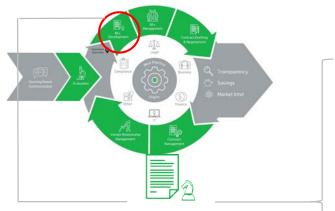


- Company is paying MUCH more than is necessary.
- No recourse today.
- Sr. VP has left the company



### Best Practices

#### RFx Development



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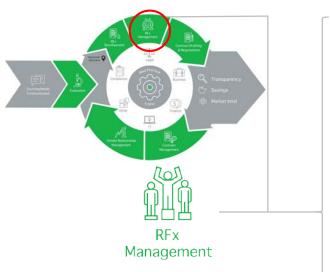
#### **Negotiator Responsibilities**

- Control information
- Train team members
- Process owner
- Balances terms & conditions
- Negotiates dollars
- Utilizes an agreed-upon strategy
- Balances business person's role



## Process

#### RFx Management



Maintain a single point of contact to maximize leverage.

Fair & balanced process for all suppliers

Control the flow of information, increase your leverage.

Mitigate backdoor selling and end runs to executives

- Criteria is well known
- Criteria categories:
  - Must have
  - Important to have
  - Nice to have
- Fairness
  - Questions & clarifications
  - Emails
  - Bidders' conference

#### **Lessons Learned**

Single Point of Contact

Information is Power

**Expert Negotiator** 



# Case Study (3)



#### Background

- Existing term license, Hosted
- Over \$3MM invested
- No RFP process
- Multiple charge points, Supplier took them to "the Cleaners"
- Can replace over  $\frac{1}{2}$  of functionality for < 20% of cost
- Poor agreement, No termination clause, Narrow license grant, Paid perpetual fees for term agreement



- Dropped monthly costs by 42% saving \$350k annually
- Converted term license to perpetual license, saving \$1MM at end of term
- Amended agreements with broad license grant



### Process

#### Contract Drafting and Negotiations



- Contract is Part of the RFP
- Decision matrix
- Vendor scoring
  - Matrix
  - Outcomes
- Demos
- Trials
- Proof of Concept
- Executing the negotiation
- Executing the contract

#### **Lessons Learned**

Objective scoring

Use a proven process throughout

Knowledge is power



## After the RFx

#### Contract Drafting and Negotiations



Negotiations are a combination of knowledge, skill, and art.

Market Intelligence

Combine all organizational requirements into contracts



# Case Study (4)



#### Background

- RFP run correctly
- Team trained in what to or not to say to vendors
- Team member goes to lunch with colleague.

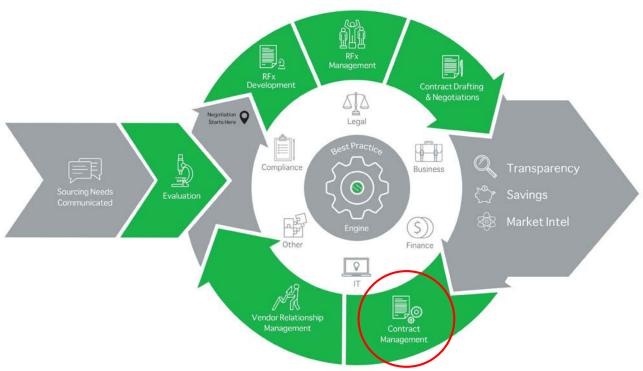


- Lost all leverage
- Paid \$500,000 more than expectations.



# Contract Management

#### Overview

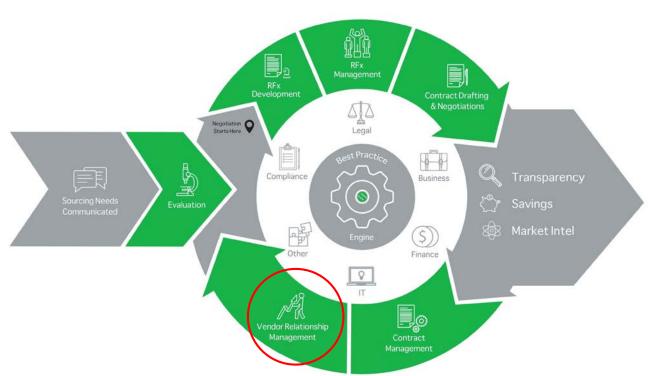


Contract management is the ongoing monitoring of the agreement that's been signed to ensure that the obligations and dates agreed to are met.



# Vendor Relationship Management

Overview



Vendor Relationship Management is the daily management of the relationships of your company's most critical vendors; following their SLAs, KPIs and other criteria to assess their overall performance.



# Top 5 Takeaways

#### **Lessons Learned**

- 1. Work as a team in the best interests of your company
- 2. Sole point of contact to control information flow (normally the negotiator)
- 3. Lower company Liability
- 4. Lower company Expenses
- 5. Use professional negotiators to get there



# THANKS

"A million dollars saved can be five million dollars earned." - Roth

