

Developing a High-Performing Statement of Work and Current Conditions

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Agenda

- Refresher & Resetting
- Overview on SOWs
- Workshop
- Content & Structure of a High-Performing SOW
- The Importance of Current Conditions
- Summary & SOW Assessment Handout



Refresher

...way back in February!



Understand the Industry

Clients, or Buyers of Construction, are in competition with each other for the same limited pool of skilled personnel

When work is plentiful, what kind of Client does a Good Contractor want to send its Best People?



What does a "Client of Choice" Look Like?

- Fair
- Transparent
- Open
- Values expertise & preplanning
- Does not micromanage

- Listens
- Consistent across the organization
- Wants their engineers & contractors to make a fair profit
- Pays on Time



Results of being a "Client of Choice"

Vendors want to work for you over other owners

Vendors send you their best teams

Vendors spend the time to put together an accurate proposal

Your personnel know how to work with experts



Solicitation Document

Solicitation

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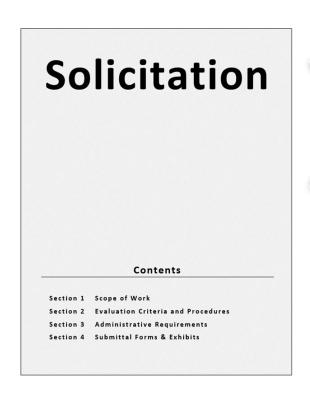
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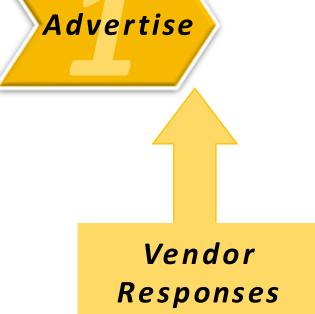
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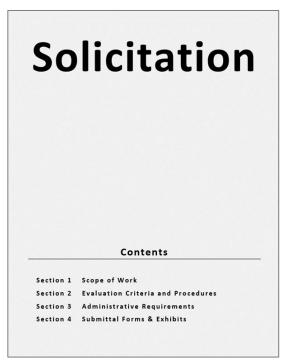


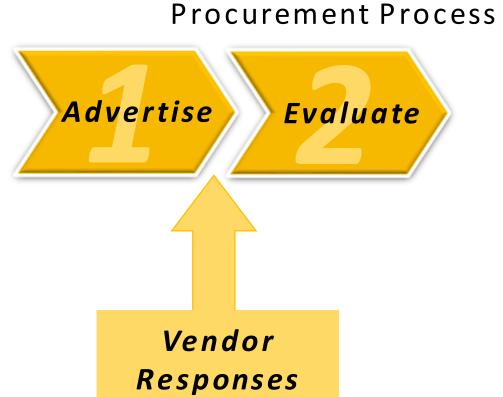
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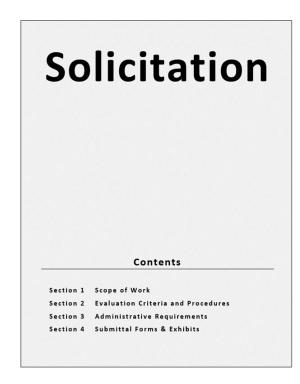
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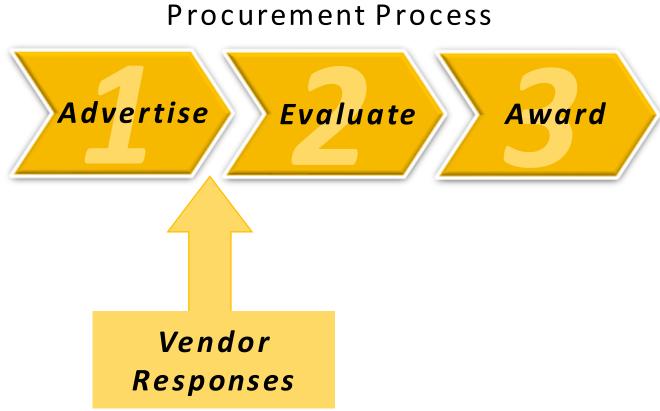






3) Award Contract











3 Types of Solicitations Based On Award Factors

3 Solicitation Award Factors

1. Award based on Cost only



2. Award based on Qualifications only



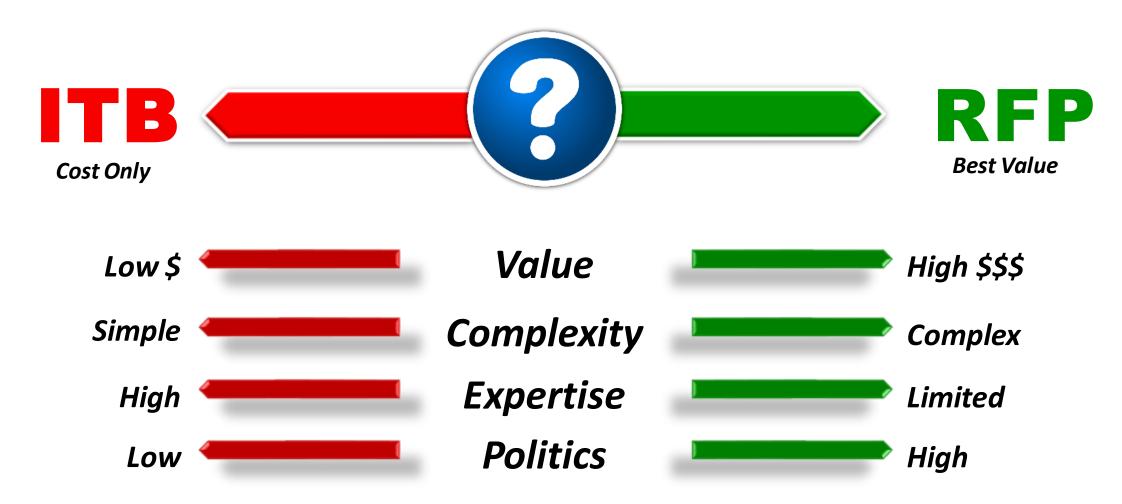
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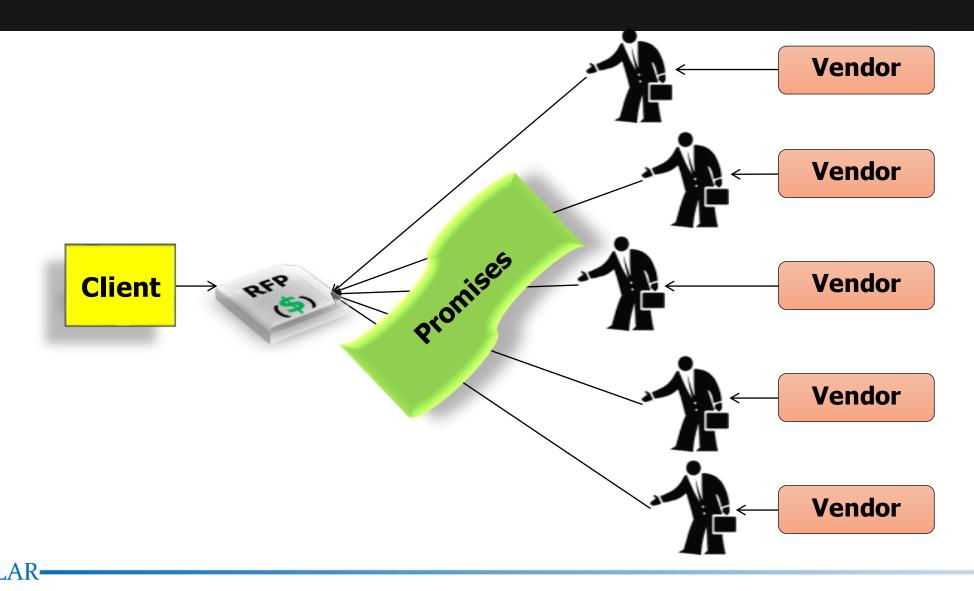


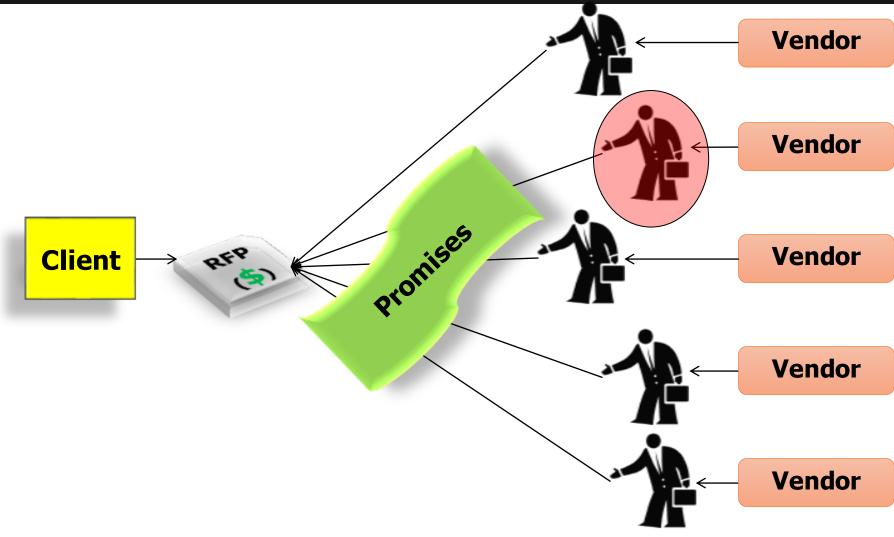


Different Types of Solicitations

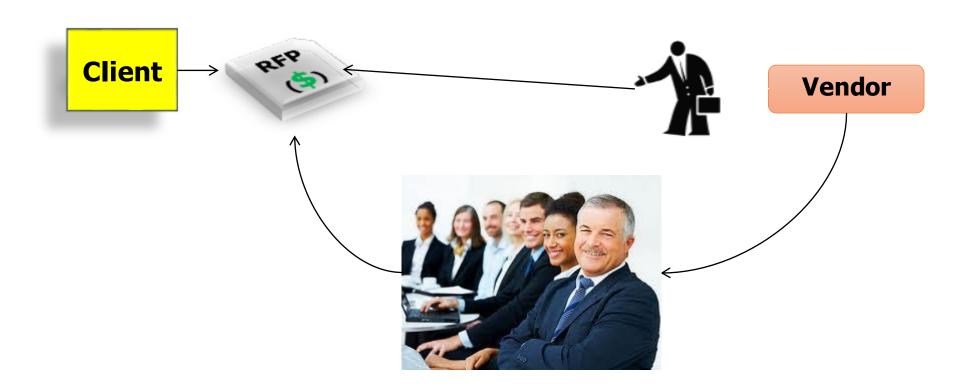




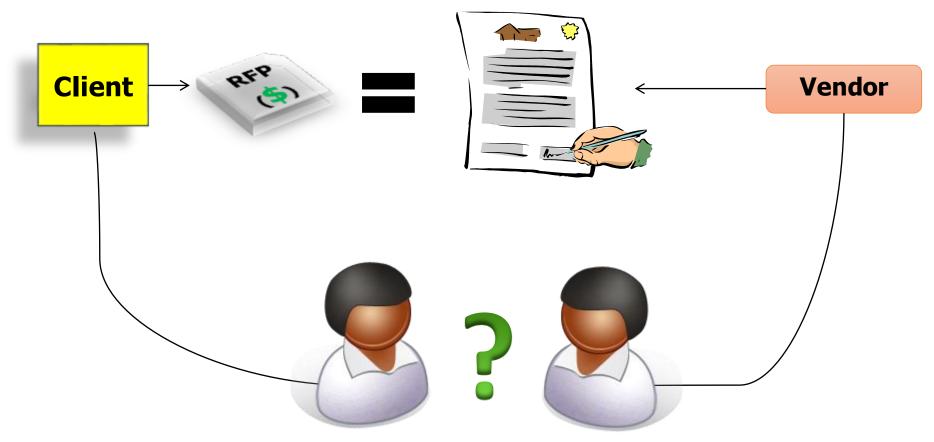














Training Schedule & Topics

Date	Training Topics
Wednesday, October 28 @ 1pm – 3pm	Statement of Work (SOW) workshop
Friday, October 30 @ 1pm – 3pm	SOW details, Current Conditions, Criteria & Weights
Tuesday, November 10 @ 10am – 12pm	RFP Procedures, Preparing the RFP, Schedule
Tuesday, November 17 @ 1pm – 3pm	RFP Evaluation Matrix & Proposal Review
Thursday, December 10 @ 1pm – 3pm	Pre-qualification Programs, Disputes, Debriefing
Monday, December 14 @ 1pm – 3pm	Organizational Transformation & Change



Overview



Organizing a High-Performing RFP

RFP

Request for Proposal



Information Technology (IT)
Software Implementation Template

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Take A Quick Step Back...



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What is the Goal of the RFP?



Goals of the RFP?

- Make it difficult to determine your needs?
- Confuse vendors?
- Frustrate vendors?
- Increase the odds of missing a requirement?



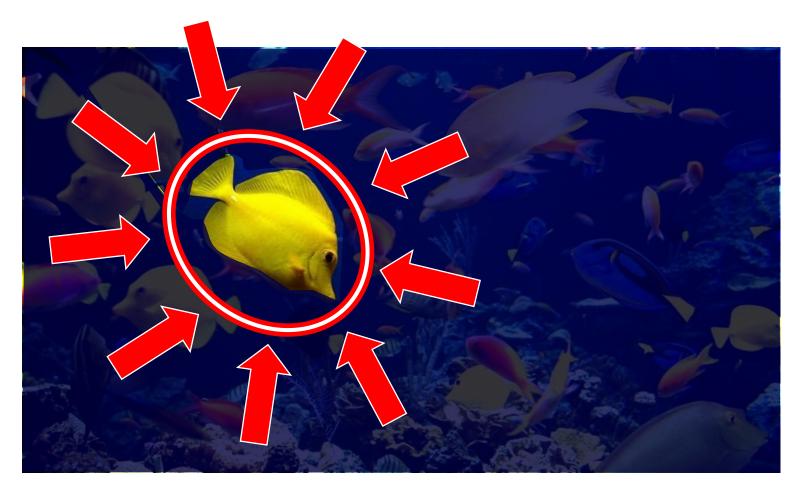


Always Remember...Vendors Have Options!





You Want To Look More Attractive Than All Other Current Owners!!!





If You Look Dangerous....





So how do we attract more High-Performing Vendors?



Starts With Your Solicitation!

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How the Client will Evaluate and Select the vendor

DEFINITION: Statement of Work (SOW)

• The Statement of Work (SOW) is an <u>essential</u> part of any solicitation.

Describes <u>what</u> you are looking to purchase, acquire, or achieve.



Terminology

All are Included...

- Statement of Work (SOW)
- Scope of Work (SOW)
- Specifications or Minimum Specifications
- Requirements or Minimum Requirements
 - Business Requirements
 - Technical Requirements
 - Functional Requirements
- Minimum Qualifications





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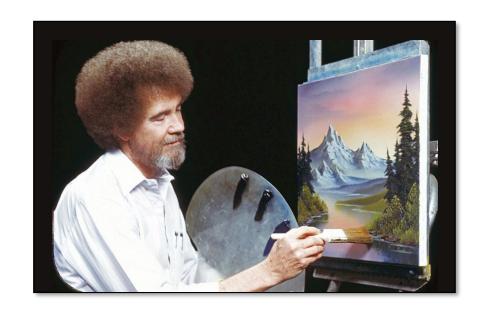
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RFSQ

Whatever Type of Solicitation You Issue... ... A High-**Performing** SOW is **Crucial!**

The Goal of the SOW



- Paint the picture of what success looks like
- Describe what it will take to make you 100% satisfied (what are the outcomes & achievements)
- A good SOW assures that all of the vendors propose a proper solution (that meets your needs)





Pull up the "SOW Workshop" Handout



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W = White | B = Black | R = Red | S = Silver

SOW Workshop Form TEAM MEMBERS: **VEHICLES:** \$14,000 Toyota \$18,000 14 \$16,000 Dodge \$22,000 Honda SEDAN Ford \$21,000 \$15,000 \$23,000 \$28,000 Honda \$19,000 6 Toyota \$29,000 18 \$24,000 VAN 19 Dodge \$29,000 Chrysler \$25,000 Chevy \$38,000 Honda \$35,000 Audi \$35,000 10 11 BMW \$60,000 LUXURY Porsche \$105,000 Ferrari \$125,000 FEEDBACK: SCENARIO #5 Vehicles Selected (#): Level of Satisfaction with requirements (1-10) (10 = Extremely Satisfied & 1 = Extremely Dissatisfied): SCENARIO #8

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Summary of Objectives

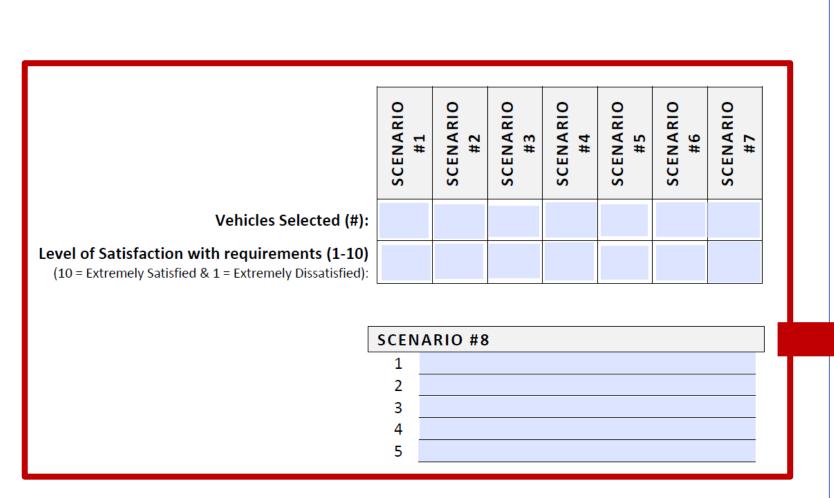
 You will play the role of a salesperson for a <u>Car Dealership</u>.

 Your task will be to identify the 'best' vehicle for a customer based on your current inventory of vehicles.





Workshop Form



Evaluation Form

TEAM MEMBERS:

VEHICLES:

	1	Kia	\$14,000
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FEEDBACK:

Vehicles Selected (#):

Level of Satisfaction with requirements (1-10) (10 = Extremely Satisfied & 1 = Extremely Dissatisfied):

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Breakout Rooms

Reminder: you can share screens in the breakout

 Please take a screenshot of the scopes before heading into breakout rooms.

- When you are done you can re-join main room.
 - A poll will be launched in the main room to submit your choice.



• I need to purchase a vehicle.

What is the best deal that you can offer me?

I will be back at the end of the week to purchase the vehicle!

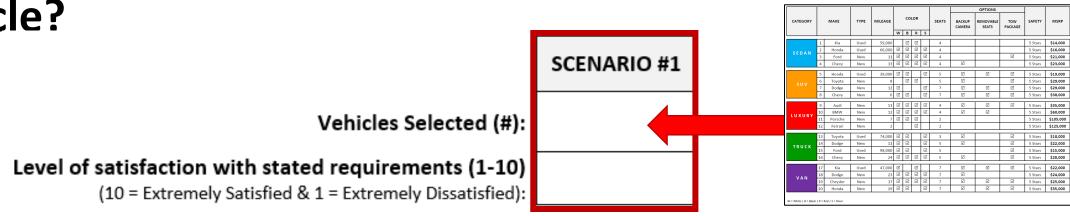


OBJECTIVE: Identify the vehicle you selected for this customer

Scenario #1:

- I need to purchase a vehicle.
- What is the best deal that you can offer me?
- I will be back at the end of the week to purchase the

vehicle?





Most Common Feedback...

What does "best-deal" even mean?

Open-ended SOW = free for fall, price-gauging, etc.

• Some teams will pick most expensive option / Others pick the cheapest

 Many teams are frustrated and annoyed and didn't really spend much effort?



Clarify Assumptions...

 The Salesperson can only offer 1 vehicle (cannot offer multiple options)

- The Salesperson really wants to make the deal
 - -(would rather not 'lose' the deal or see client purchase a vehicle from the dealer across the street)



- Here are my expectations:
 - -Need a new vehicle, not used
 - Need 5-star safety rating
 - -Would like it to be black or silver
 - -Would like Back-Up Camera
 - -Probably an SUV (3 kids plus 2 adults)

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Vehicles Selected (#):

Level of satisfaction with stated requirements (1-10)

(10 = Extremely Satisfied & 1 = Extremely Dissatisfied):





Feedback...

- Most Common:
 - SUV Dodge @ \$29k
 - SUV Chevy @ \$38k
 - VAN Chrysler @ \$25k
- Which cost option should the dealer pick (if you can only pick one)?
- It was clearly helpful to have more information?
- What was missing?



Feedback...

Be clear on your expectations:

- -Need a new vehicle, not used
- Need 5-star safety rating
- -Would like it to be black or silver
- -Would like Back-Up Camera
- -Probably an SUV (3 kids plus 2 adults)

Mandatory Requirements?

Desired Items?



Here are some of my expectations:

- Need a new vehicle, not used
- Need 5-star safety rating
- Do not want a red-colored vehicle
- -Would like Back-Up Camera
- Need at least 5 seats (3 kids plus 2 adults)
- -Must be able to go/take it camping in the forest
- -My maximum budget is \$27,000

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Discussion

Was it helpful to have the budget?

Was it helpful to know the purpose/goals/objectives of the vehicle?

Need a new vehicle, not used
Need 5-star safety rating
Do not want a red-colored vehicle
Would like Back-Up Camera
Need at least 5 seats (3 kids plus 2 adults)
Must be able to go/take it camping in the forest
My maximum budget is \$27,000



Here are some of my expectations:

- Prefer a new vehicle, not used
- Would like a 5-star safety rating
- Would prefer a red vehicle
- Would prefer a sedan or SUV
- I plan to use the vehicle to take my small boat to the lake on occasion
- I generally only have 1-2 people in the vehicle, but may have a few more when going to the lake
- Do not want a van
- A maximum budget of \$75,000

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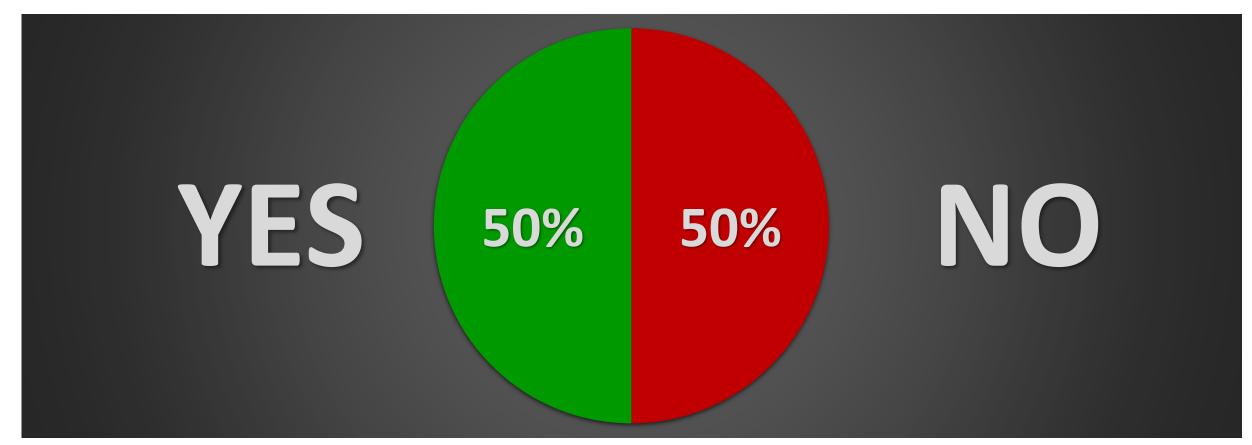
Was it helpful to know the purpose/goals/objectives of the vehicle?

Is it OK to release your budget when you have more money than you need?

Will you always get price-gauged?



Research Shows That...





Procurement...

 Generally, most professionals have been trained/educated to not share the budget.

- Most common response:
- "If we give them our budget, they will all raise their price"



Here are some of my expectations:

- Need a truck
- Must be a new vehicle (not used)
- I will be using this to tow my construction trailer
- Must have back-up camera
- Would prefer a lighter color (white or silver)
- I have a maximum budget of \$20,000

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LUXURY	9	Audi	New	11	V	☑	V	☑	4	V	✓	✓	5 Stars	\$35,00
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Discussion

Does client have enough money to meet all expectations?

What are the options?

What would happen if you didn't release the budget?



What Happens if we DON'T Share the Budget:

 Vendors can't offer solutions to a problem they don't know

 Increases the chance of significantly delaying the procurement (or even cancelling the project) ("blame game" and frustrations - prices are too high and we don't have options!")

Slows everything down!



What Happens if we DO Share the Budget:

- Helps all Vendors better understand the intent and scope
- High-Performing Vendors can help minimize this risk
- Helps you learn why the budget is "off" (vendors can explain in detail by their estimate differs from your budget)
- Speeds things up (you have options, ideas, and "proof" of why you need more money)



Here are some of my expectations:

- Must be a Nissan Truck
- Must have a tow package
- Must have back-up camera
- Must be white
- I have a maximum budget of \$30,000

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Discussion

Would this be acceptable in Public Procurement?

 Cannot specify a product (unless there is clear justification), must allow "or-equal"



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 - The vehicle must come with synthetic engine oil
 - The vehicle must have windshield wipers
 - I was born in May
 - I have 3 younger brothers
 - My brothers live in the same State
 - I work for an IT company
 - I would like a new car, not used
 - I generally work 40-45 hours per week
 - I really like my current vehicle
 - I get headaches from the smell of cigarettes
 - Do you think I need a tow package
 - My house has really cool carpet
 - I do not want a red or yellow vehicle
 - I have set aside extra funds for the 'right' vehicle
 - Vehicle must have a 4-speed automatic or better
 - The vehicle should get great MPG

- Vehicle must come with 2 sets of keys
- Vehicle must come with full tank of gas
- I am open to any color vehicle
- I've never been camping
- How do you take a shower in the forest?
- If I get a vehicle, is 5-star better than 4?
- Would like to purchase by end of the week
- Would really like a luxury sedan
- I think SUV's are really cool
- I currently drive a 4-door sedan
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Discussion

• Is providing more information in the Statement always better?

What happens if your requirements accidentally conflict?



General Feedback...

Most common requests from the Dealerships:

- Budget
- Schedule
- Background about intended use or purpose (family, luxury, work truck, etc.)
- Technical requirements



Key Takeaways



Common Responses...

- Quality of Statement impacts level of vendor frustration/satisfaction
- Quality of Statement impacts how much time & effort vendors spend
- Budget is critical
- Purpose is just as important as technical specs
- Not enough information can frustrate vendors
- Too much information can be just as bad
- All you need is for one vendor to be honest, to get the best deal

Sharing the Budget



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There are two possible scenarios:

- Scenario #1 = More Budget than We Need
- Scenario #2 = We <u>Don't Have Enough</u> Budget



Which is more common?

- Scenario #1 = More Budget than We Need
- •Scenario #2 = We Don't Have Enough Budget



How often do we have more money than we need?



Not the most common scenario

• Experience = our budgets are "tight" most of the time.

Therefore, price gouging is more perceived than reality.



- But let's say we do have more money than we need.
- Price gouging is a possibility in these scenarios.



Potential Risk:

Client's Budget (\$\$) - Vendor Proposals? -



Client's Scope



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Your Budget

\$100,000



1 = \$99,999



2 = \$99,900



3 = \$99,975



4 = \$99,500



5 = \$99,986



Think About...

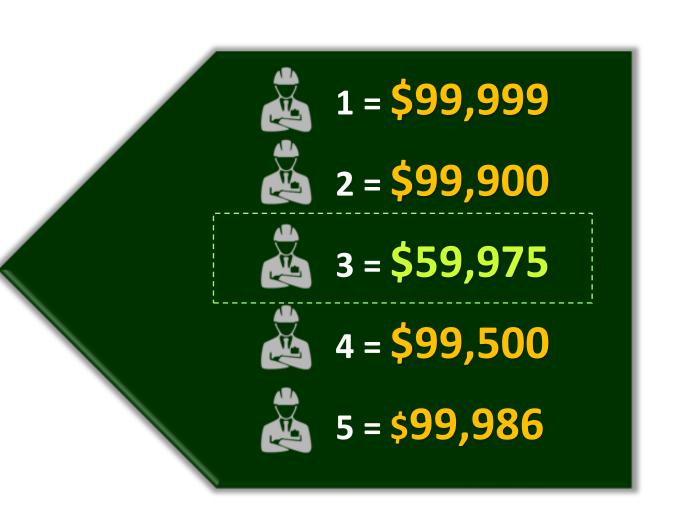
- What type of vendors would do that?
- What can throw-off this strategy?
- Who do low-performers care about?
- What is a low-performers greatest advantage?





It Only Takes 1 Vendor To Be Honest!!!

Your Budget \$100,000





Can A "Low-Performer" Give You High Performance?



(by definition, they are a low performer)



If they cannot give you high performance, what is a low-performer's only other strategy?

Be cheap!

(Since they can't change their current level of performance, they must strive to be the cheapest)



What does the data say?



New Health & Education Building (DBB)

(1st time this organization ever shared their budget!)

Budget: \$21 Million

Average Proposal: 13% below budget (\$17½ to \$20M)

Total Score

87

55 44

69

58

No	Criteria	Detailed Weight	Vendor 1	Vendor 2	Vendor 3	,	Vendor 4	١	/endor 5	Vendor 6	١	/endor 7
1	Lump Sum	30	\$ 18,044,000	\$ 18,043,000	\$ 19,675,000	\$	17,490,000	\$	18,570,000	\$ 17,778,000	\$	17,710,000
2			6.4	1.6	1.6		5.2		1.0			2.8
	Risk Assessment			4.0	4.6		2.0					2.4
4	Value Added			3.4	1.4		4.2		1.2			5.0
	Interview - Project Manager			1.8								3.4
6	Interview - Site Superintendent		5.4	2.6						10.0		1.8
7	PPI Average Rating (all entities)			9.46	9.74		8.61			9.44		9.67

Research Does Not Prove That Providing Budgets Will Result In Higher Costs

In Summary...

Analyzed 248 RFPs that shared their Budgets

Shared Budget = \$222 Million

Average Proposals = \$143 Million (36% below budget)



- Not the most common scenario.
- Lots of reasons why price gouging may not occur.
 - Still have price competition.
 - Only takes 1 honest vendor to negate price gouging.
 - Low performers may be tempted, but their advantage is price.
- Data shows that price gouging does not occur very often.
- Budget information is only an advantage to High Performers.
- Vendors are much more likely to raise prices due to...
 - Their perceived level of risk
 - How much they need the work
 - And their perception of the Client!

Client's Scope

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Client's Budget ($$)
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 - -Increases the chance of cancelling the project
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 - -Gives advantage to low performers who "promise" a low cost (initially)
 - -Slows everything down!



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- What happens if we do share the budget:
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 - -Gives High-Performing Vendors a chance to stand out.
 - -Helps all Vendors better understand the intent and scope.
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Should We Share the Budget?

- Yes! It is a best practice because it...
 - -Minimizes risk
 - Helps high-performing vendors stand out
 - -Makes you a more attractive client
 - —Is supported by the data

- Of course, not every organization is comfortable.
 - -That is normal! Training & awareness helps!



Handout: The Budget

To Share or Not to Share? That is the Question!

The Budget

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Our recommendation

If your project has a budget, share it. Put it right into the RFP/solicitation docs. Not a budget range or approximation, but the actual budget. The amount of money you, as the client, actually have that you can actually spend. No tricks, no hidden contingency, but the actual number, raw and exposed. Let the vendors know how much money you have...

Share your budget

but of course, you have to do this in the right way, and with the right procurement process, and with the right training for both your project team AND especially the proposing vendors.



Nevertheless, you may be thinking right now: "Share my budget? That's crazy talk!" 888 Let us explain.

First, some context

Initially, the big fear most clients have in sharing their budget is: "Won't vendors artificially raise their prices to meet my budget? They'll turn my money into their profiti" But first ask yourself this: "How often do I have more money than I need? How often is my budget bigger than my scope?"

For most organizations the answer is almost always Never. But it does happen sometimes, so let's say that on 5% of your projects your budget isn't "tight." This means that 95% of projects have tight budgets, essentially more scope than budget. When this occurs, you are asking vendors for more scope than you are able to afford.

For those times when the budget is tight, let's look at both options:

The 95% of Projects



MORE THAN **ENOUGH MONEY** 5% OF YOUR PROJECTS

Option 1 What happens if I don't share the budget?



The budget is commonly the single biggest risk to the project. If it is not shared, your high performing The budget is commonly the single biggest risk to vendors cannot use their expertise to help you minimize your biggest risk.



Withholding your budget, gives low performers an advantage. A low performer's only competitive advantage is that they're cheap (initially).

Taking the biggest risk out of consideration in your evaluations makes it more difficult for high performers to differentiate themselves and easier for lower performers to look more attractive. A "good deal" may just be the beginning of problems



If the prices come in too high, it causes frustration, the blame-game, the potential of canceling the project, etc.

It can lead to inappropriate scope shaving, "value-engineering," and aggressive negotiating. These all cause inefficiency and waste additional time & effort.



The advantage is we don't have to worry about price gouging from vendors. But if you don't have enough money to begin with, this potential advantage doesn't exist.

Option 2

Benefits to Sharing the Budget



High performing vendors can use their expertise to help you minimize your budget risk within their proposals. This may come in the form of cost-saving ideas, innovative scope alternatives, etc. It makes the proposals more valuable & your interviews more productive.

It is easier for high performers to differentiate themselves in your evaluation process.

High performing vendors can use their expertise to provide cost-savings and value-adding innovations. Any such ideas that are contained within a proposal will inherently need to be specific to your project. Thus, it even helps minimize the boilerplate nature of many proposals.



It helps the vendors better understand the intent of your scope and purpose. A scope with a budget not only defines the needs and desires of the client, it does so within the framework of their constraints and resources.

Advantage #4:



(\$) (*) If your evaluations are set up properly, vendors can explain, in detail, why your budget and their estimated pricing differ.

Often, client project teams are under pressure to make a project happen, even when the project team feels the budget is inadequate. They try to convince their superiors that the budget is wrong, but often to no avail. The evaluation process can be used to help clarify reality and provide the project team with more, and better, cost information that can be used in discussions with supervisors and executives.

If you share your budget, and you have more money than you need, vendors may raise their prices up to your budget. But if 95% of the time you are tight on money, then

In our experience, there are more advantages to sharing the budget.

The other 5% of Projects

If you share your budget and you do have more money than you need, then price gouging is now an actual possibility. The good thing is that it just takes one honest vendor to keep the competition in check. In other words, it only takes one vendor to submit a fair and realistic price to negate ALL potential price gouging of other vendors. Vendors know this and rarely artificially raise their prices based upon a client's budget. They are more likely to raise prices based upon perceived risk and how badly their company needs the work.

Vendors are always looking to gain evaluation points everywhere they can, which means a lower price. Price is still heavily weighted in Simplar's XPD selection process with additional cost controls and protections in place. You will never get "burned" on price if you run the right procurement process. In any solicitation process, it is optimal to share your budget 100% of the time.



The Reality

There is no real risk in sharing your budget. Only perceived risk. We recommend always sharing your project budget and using XPD.



The Simplar XPD approach gets you faster procurements, more competition, higher performance, and better project and service

Sharing the budget is just one concept that the best clients use to get the best vendors with the best pricing. Simplar helps your organization become a "Client of Choice."

Review the major **Pros & Cons** of releasing the budget.



Look Ahead

Friday, October 30 @ 1pm Details of an Effective SOW & Current Conditions



Thank You!



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