

Contract Management

When does it start?
When does it end?
Who's responsible?

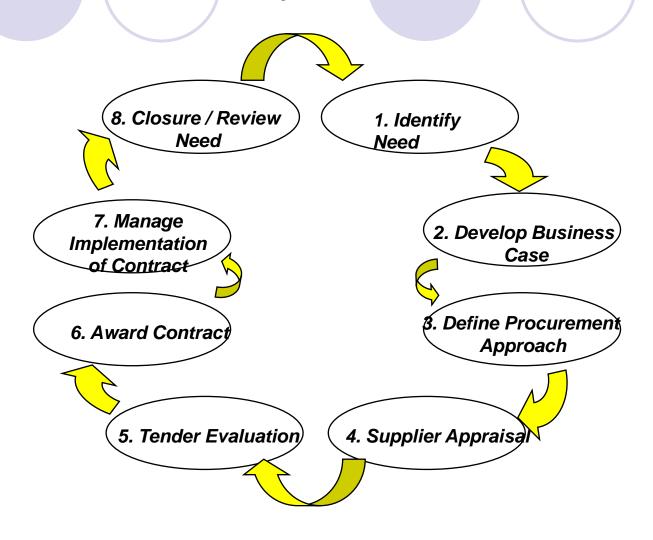
The activities of a buyer during a contract period to ensure that all parties to the contract fulfil their contractual obligations

(Bailey, Farmer, Crocker, Jessop and Jones, 2008 p.419)

Contract life cycle management "is the process of systematically and efficiently managing the contract creation, execution and analysis for maximising operational and financial performance and minimising risk"

(Elsey, CIPS Contract Management Guide, 2007)

Procurement Cycle



Contract management requires effective upstream and downstream management of the contract award

Downstream of award of contract

- 1. Changes within the contract
- 2. Service delivery management
- 3. Relationship management
- 4. Contract administration
- Assessment of risk
- 6. Purchasing organisation's performance and effectiveness review
- Contract closure

Upstream of award of contract

- Preparing the business case and securing management approval
- Assembling the project team
- Developing the contract strategy
- Risk assessment
- Developing contract exit strategy
- Developing a contract management plan
- 7. Drafting specifications and requirements
- Establishing the form of contract
- Establishing the pre-qualification, qualification and tendering procedures
- 10. Appraising suppliers
- 11. Drafting ITT documents
- 12. Evaluating tenders
- 13. Negotiation
- 14. Awarding the contract

Our focus

- Ingredients for successful contract management
- Tools for differential contract management Constructing the team and stakeholder management
- Risk management
- Relationship management
- Service delivery and performance management
- Change management
- Exit management
- Practical application of the lessons learnt

What defines successful contract management?

Conditions for successful contract management

- Arrangements for service delivery continue to be satisfactory to both parties
- Expected business benefits and value for money are being achieved
- Provider is co-operative and responsive
- Customer understands its obligations under the contract
- No disputes
- No surprises
- Professional and objective debate over changes and issues can be had
- Efficiencies are being realised.

Foundations for successful contract management

- Need for flexibility
- Willingness to adapt T&Cs to reflect change
- Clarity of contract contribution to strategic objectives
- Understanding providers business objectives and drivers
- Recognition of the provider's need to make a profit
- The right team with the right skills
- The ability of the buyer and provider managers to manage upwards in their own organisation.

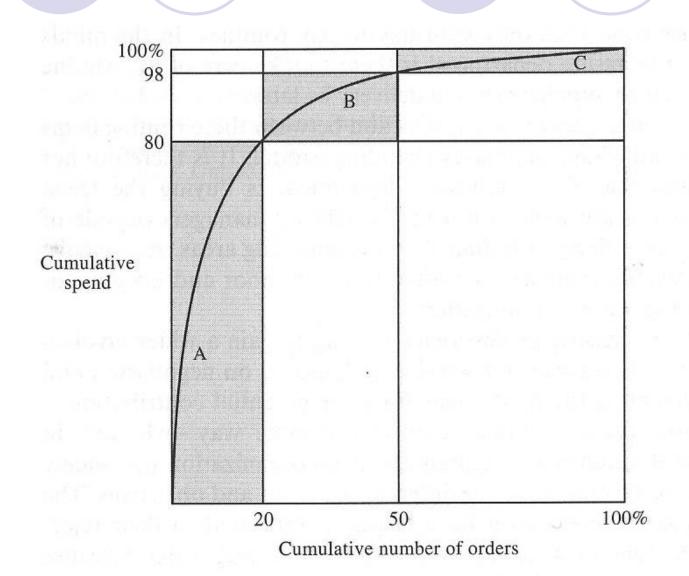
Key messages

- The contact is the agreement which is to be managed
 - it must be right
- Battle of the Forms'
 - The last shot wins
- The contract needs to be understood by the contract managers
- KPIs need to be agreed when writing the specification
- The contract must be understood by all those managing the contract
- A supplier can voluntarily add performance standards to the tender document
- It is possible to include supplier improvement plans within a contract
- Contract management approach creates the environment for determining whether or not the supplier will want to bid again

Should all contracts be managed in the same way?

Essential tools for effective contract management

Pareto and ABC Analysis



Kraljic's Procurement Positioning Model

Supply
Market
Complexity/
Risk

Bottleneck	Strategic
Routine	Leverage

Expenditure

Supplier Positioning Model of potential customers

Core Development Attractiveness of account Nuisance **Exploit**

Relative value

of account

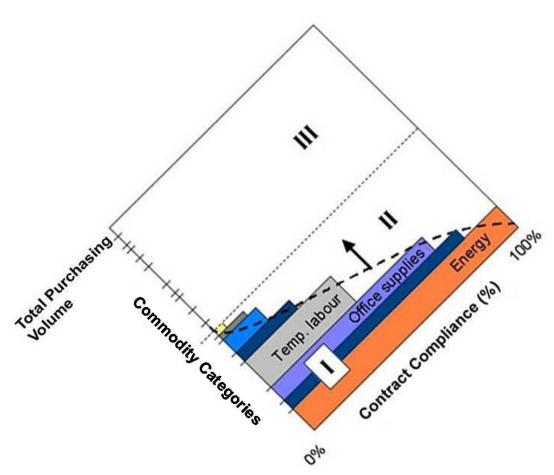
Power dependency

Attributes to buyer power relative to supplier

Buyer dominance (>)	Interdependence (=)
Independence (0)	Supplier dominance (<)

Attributes to buyer power relative to supplier

Spend analysis: Telgen's Box



Who should be involved in contract management?

The buying decision making unit

- Initiator who first suggests buying the product or service
- Influencer whose comments affect the decision made
- Decider who ultimately makes all or part of the buying decision
- Buyer who physically makes the purchase
- User who consumes the product or service

Pick a contract you are familiar with and identify the Buying DMU

Responsibility for contract management

- Buyer
- Legal services
- Buyer's internal client
- Supplier

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Stakeholder Analysis Matrix

Stakeholder	Stakeholder Interests	Assessment of Impact	Potential Strategies

Pick a contract you are familiar with and conduct a stakeholder analysis

Stakeholder Analysis

Level of interest

SUBJECTS

Low power

High interest +/-Management could encourage conditions to increase power of + ive and encourage to become Players or neutralise - ive

CROWD

Low power Low Interest

Potential rather than actual stakeholders Interest an/or power could be raised, but unlikely to be worth management time/effort

PLAYERS

High power

High interest +/-Significant stakeholders who deserve sustained management attention

CONTEXT SETTERS

High power Low Interest Can influence overall future

context Management should seek to raise awareness and develop + ive interest and convert to Players

Power

What could go wrong with a contract?

Managing risk

- Risk analysis
- Risk assessment
- Risk mitigation

Risk threat responses

- Reduction (treat)
- Removal
- Transfer
- Retention
- Share

Risk assessment

Risk	Probability	Impact	Proximity	Mitigation

Pick a contract you are familiar with and conduct a risk assessment

Relationship management

Thinking of your experience of contract management; what are the attributes of an ineffective contract management relationship?

Relationship management

- Adversarial contracting does not necessitate adversarial relationships
- Effective relationship management requires
 - Mutual respect
 - Mutual trust
 - Mutual understanding
 - Creating an open and constructive environment
 - Contributing to joint management of contract delivery

Service delivery management

Performance management

- Shaped by the original customer definition of need
- KPIs identified prior to contracting
- Likely to be directly linked to tender evaluation criteria
- KPIs should be
 - Proportionate,
 - fit for purpose,
 - easy to support by evidence,
 - accepted by key stakeholders

Pick a contract you are familiar with and identify appropriate KPIs

Performance measures

- Cost and value obtained
- Performance and customer satisfaction
- Delivery improvement and added value
- Delivery capability
- Benefits realised
- Relationship strength
- Responsiveness

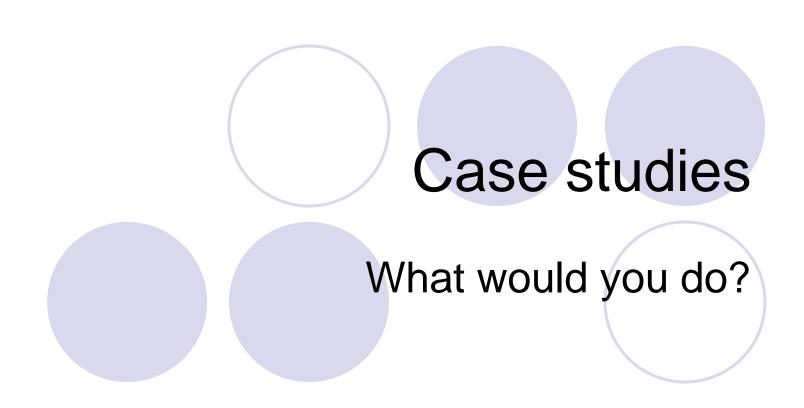


What circumstances could justify a change in the contract?

What steps are required when a change takes place?

Managing contract change

- Acceptance that change happens
- Risk management predicts what might happen and potential responses
- Changes require negotiation
- Change management control is essential
 - Due process
 - Principles of transparency, fairness, accountability and stewardship
 - Appropriate record keeping
 - Due authorisation
- Accepted changes require scheduling to minimise adverse impact
- Changes need to be communicated
- Novation and assignment



You come into the office and receive a stream of messages to contact the manager of one of the organisations sites. It turns out the telephone bill has been received and it includes a vast number of calls to 'chat lines'. The only person who should be in the building at the times the calls were made is the contract security man.

You have received the local newspaper. To your horror the front page includes a story to the effect that a party of school children were visiting the zoo (which belongs to your organisation). The teacher said that the gorilla had appeared asleep when the group arrived at the enclosure and the security man (provided through your framework agreement) said 'watch this', took a stick and started to prod the gorilla to provoke a reaction.

You have a framework agreement for broken stones, etc. It is priced on a Rise & Fall basis and spread across many suppliers who each have different contract items. Within a matter of weeks you have received similar requests from a few of the contractors for a price increase.

Your organisation has recently opened a new leisure centre. As part of the first year's high profile events the centre is hosting the World Judo Championships. It's four weeks to the event and there's no sign of delivery of the international standard judo mat you contracted for six months ago.

You are managing a regional framework agreement for employment agency staff. You receive consistent reports that back-up staff are not available within the stipulated two hour lead time. The refuse collection team normally would leave the depot at 6am but they claim that Health & Safety is compromised as they can't get access to the back-up agency staff.

At your regular meetings with a framework supplier they claim that you are paying in 60 days as opposed to the contracted 30 days, in addition you are also deducting the 2.5% settlement discount.

Your framework agreement for travel services provider informs you that they have stopped receiving Purchase Orders from a department who regularly travel. The provider contacted the department who said they didn't need to use the contract and are able to get cheaper prices elsewhere.

Your legal people have written to your director informing that the formal contract has not has not been returned by a supplier. They have contacted the supplier who claim that they have been finding it difficult to obtain the required performance bond. Delivery of the contract services has been good and there's only one month left of the 12 month contract.

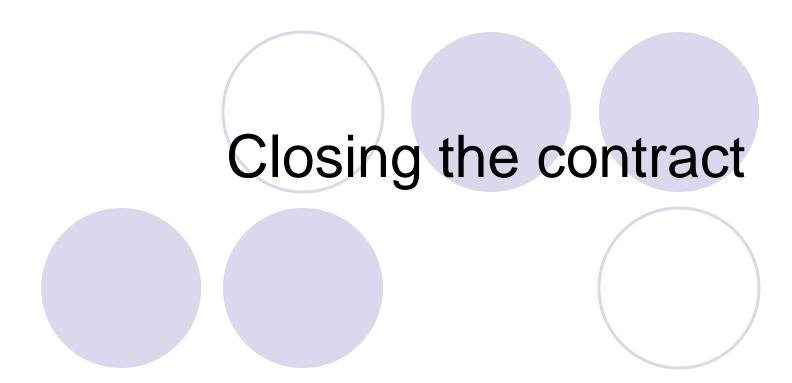
The provider of the taxi services contract is required to submit 'signed receipts of passengers' for each journey made. You learn that receipts have been received which have not been signed.

The provider of personal protective clothing has told you they can no longer provide on the fixed price contract and want to withdraw from the contract. The contract includes a clause to the effect that if the supplier fails to deliver you can make alternative provision and charge the contracted supplier for the difference in price.

The delivery of T-shirts you have received to give out free of charge with the Fun Run has your organisation's name wrongly spelt and to make matters worse the sponsor's logo is missing. The event is in two weeks and there are 25,000 T-shirts.

A delivery has been received and it's not quite to specification. There was no formal contract but when the Purchase Order was received by the supplier, the supplier replied to saying that they couldn't match the specification but would sent an alternative.

You have entered into a fixed price contract for three years. Two years into the contract the supplier says, due to extreme rises in inflation they have no choice but to increase prices.



Contract exit circumstances

- Client contractual breach or changed circumstances
- Provider default
- Frustration of contract
- End of the contract term

Contract management review

- Aims to capture the lessons learnt for improving procurement
- Should include key stakeholders
- Complete a post-contract review report
 - What worked well?
 - What didn't work?
 - What are the lessons for letting this type of contract in the future?
 - What are the lessons learnt for improving procurement performance?
- Capture and communicate