Course Competency

MAN 4570 Purchasing for Industry

Course Description

Students will learn purchasing for industry concepts and theory, including negotiation skills: mastering the art of deal making strategies, contracts: bidding, evaluation, negotiation & award, purchasing management, tendering & supplier selection, vendor qualification: managing performance & contract compliance, (3 hr. lecture) Prerequisite: None

Course Competency	Learning Outcomes
Competency 1: The student will understand purchasing fundamentals, by:	 Numbers / Data Critical thinking Information Literacy
 Showing how to conduct a purchasing process, identify the best potential suppliers and effectively prioritize requisitions. Categorizing suppliers, such as sole source, single source, preferred and approved. Demonstrating when to use competitive bidding, negotiation, or both. Conducting competitive bidding using solicitation tools such as RFP's and RFQ's. Utilizing price analysis, cost analysis, and total cost of ownership (TCO) analysis to evaluate supplier pricing and offer. Evaluating the use of contracts, purchase order, or other method of ordering for certain purchases. Deciding when to select the most appropriate shipping terms for a purchase. Understanding legal issues impacting the terms and conditions that govern supplier obligations. 	

Competency 2: The student will explore Microsoft Excel to create purchasing models by:	 Numbers / Data Critical thinking
 Assessing competitiveness of supplier pricing through developing "Should Cost Models." Assessing elements of supplier capabilities by creating weighted average supplier scorecards. Utilizing Excel's decision support features for procurement analysis. Comparing bids, analyze spend, and track supplier performance by creating charts. Utilizing PivotTables, functions, and subtotals to summarize large amounts of purchasing data. Developing "Target Pricing Models" for negotiation strategy. Demonstrating drilling down into complex purchasing spreadsheets by using filtering, conditional formatting, and VLOOKUP. Utilizing macros to free up time for strategic purchasing work. 	
Competency 3: The student will comprehend Purchasing Best Practices by:	Critical thinking Information Literacy
 Strategically measuring purchasing performance. Implementing a buying plan. Selecting suppliers by using crossfunctional commodity teams, scorecards, and total cost of ownership analysis. Improving vendor performance through a supplier performance management program. Understanding how to: Optimize supplier relationships Improve risk management Map and improve processes Leverage technology such as eProcurement and Internet Reverse Auctions Conduct benchmarking Achieve efficiency through the systemization of purchasing operations 	

Utilize a strategic plan	
Competency 4: The student will review Contracts: Bidding, Evaluation, Negotiation & Award by:	 Critical thinking Information Literacy
 Defining the bidding cycle and strategies. Identifying the different options of bidding. Learning ways to maximize value of supplies and services. Defining the essential bid documentation. Applying best practices in screening vendors and prequalification. Identifying different negotiation styles and tactics. Developing advanced practices in bidding and evaluation process. Defining the contract pre-award and post award activities. 	
Competency 5: The student will review vendor qualification: managing performance & contract compliance, by:	 Communication Critical thinking Information Literacy
 Understanding the structure for a sustainable vendor qualification program. Exploring checklists and other vendor qualification documents. Determining how to determine the best potential vendor. Identifying what a potential vendor needs to supply before qualification. Recognizing how to estimate costs and time associated with vendor qualification. Defining common pitfalls to avoid when qualifying vendors. Developing meaningful performance measures. Learning how to use those performance results for continuous improvement. 	

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