



GOBEYONDPROCUREMENT



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HOW TO CHOOSE THE BEST SUPPLIER

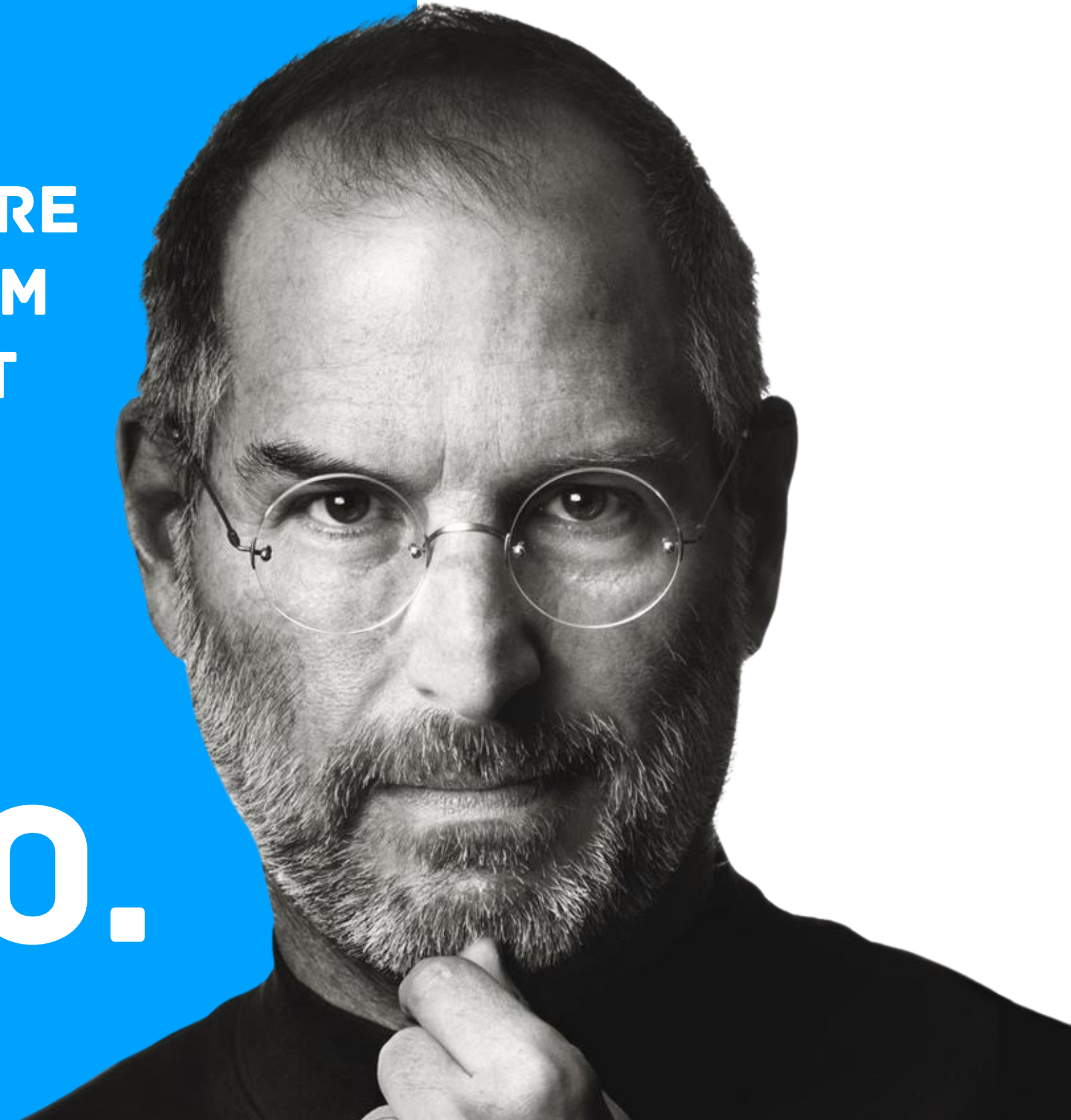
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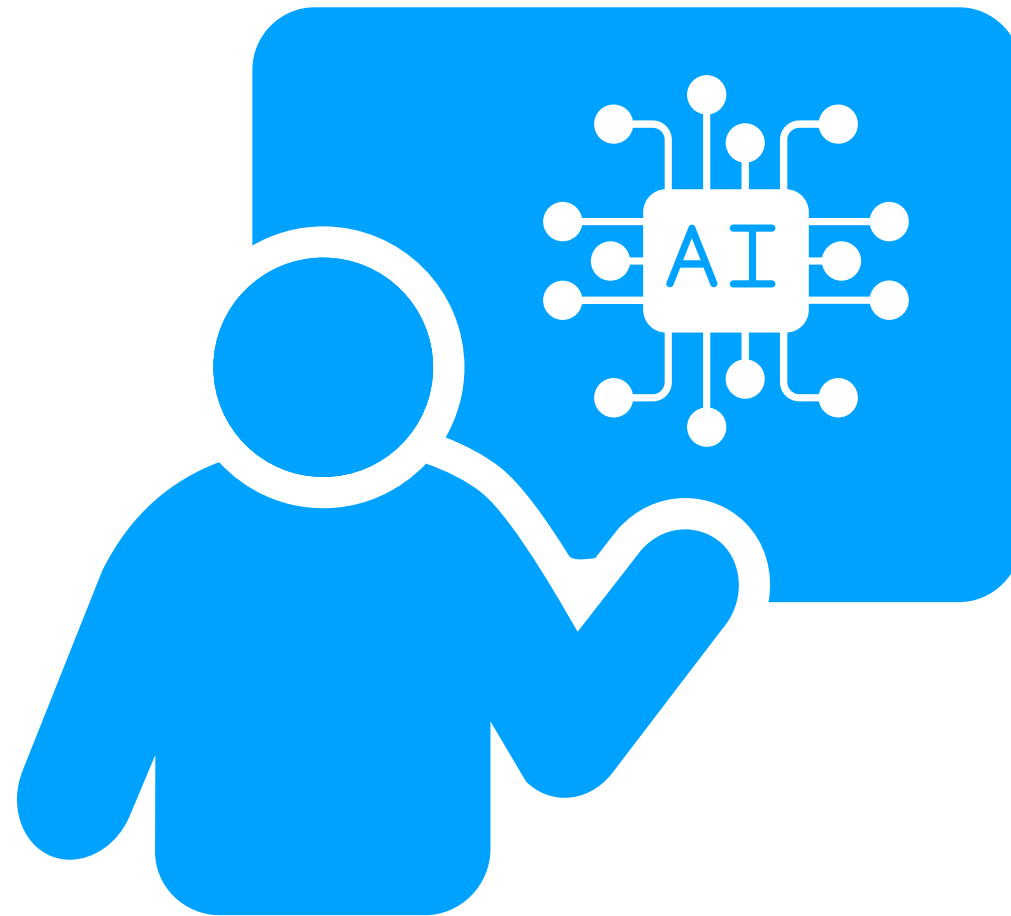
QUESTION

**WHO SHOULD HAVE MORE EXPERTISE
(INTELLIGENCE) ABOUT DELIVERING
THE SERVICE
THE CLIENT OR THE VENDOR?**

**IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO HIRE
SMART PEOPLE AND TELL THEM
WHAT TO DO; WE HIRE SMART
PEOPLE SO THEY CAN**

**TELL US
WHAT TO DO.**

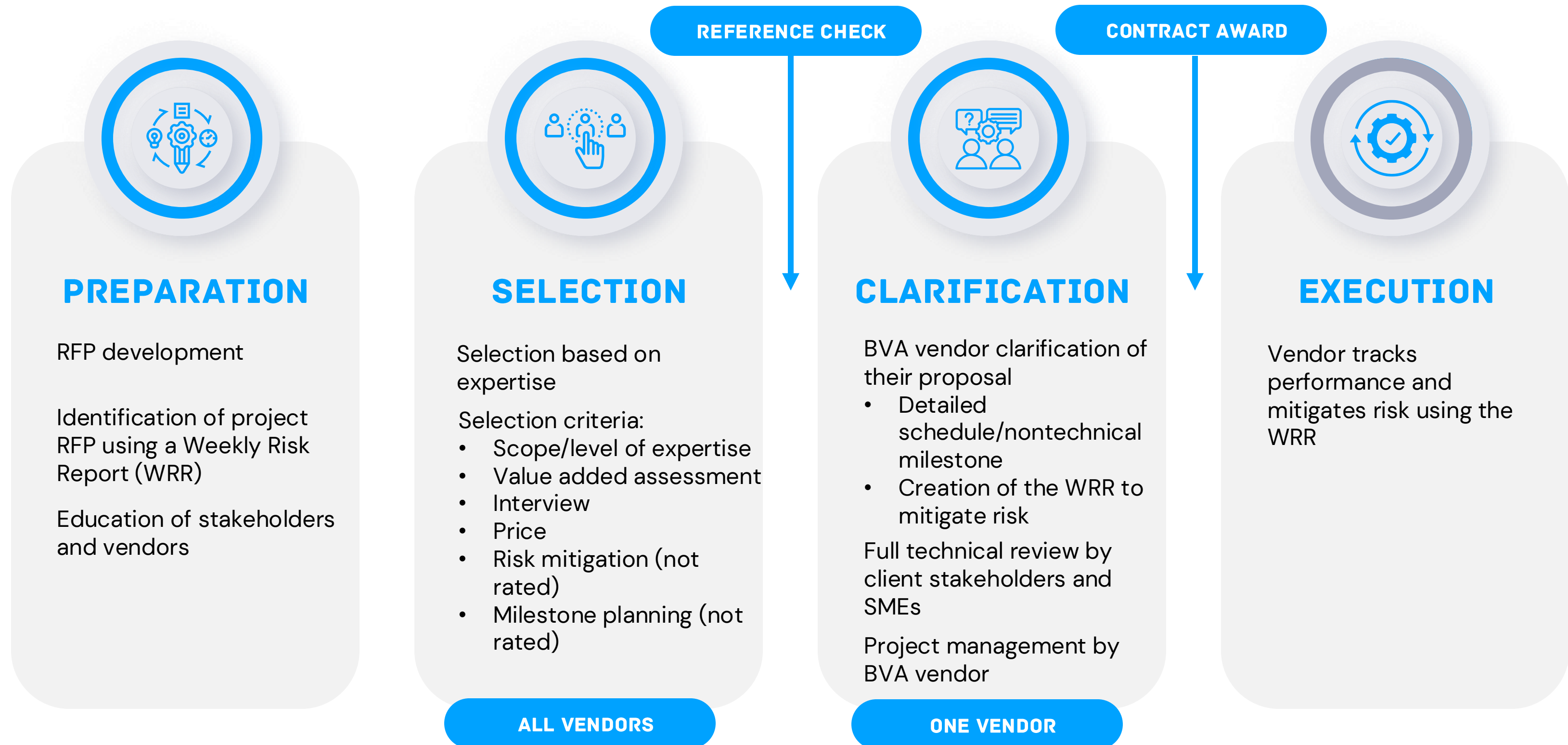




USE-CASES IN PROCUREMENT

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BEST VALUE APPROACH AI – FOUR PHASES



PREPARATION PHASE



PREPARATION

Maximum budget

Pre-bid session

Identification of project RFP using a Weekly Risk Report (WRR)

Education of stakeholders and vendors



Create RFP document (Maximum budget, current situation, desired situation, scope, measurable and observable objectives (metrics), requirements)



Educate project team members/vendors about the BVA AI



Organize a pre-bid session in which all vendors are informed about the utilization of metrics and selecting their best team supported with references

CASE STUDY

WE ARE GOING TO PROCURE ...

USE-CASES IN PROCUREMENT

DEFINE MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES AND KEY RESULTS

AI can assist in defining **measurable** and **observable** project objectives and requirements



PROMPT: Generate a list of measurable and observable objectives for the procurement of a construction project.

- Ensure that each objective is specific, tied to key performance metrics, and directly observable during the project lifecycle.
- Focus on areas such as cost efficiency, timeline adherence, vendor compliance, and quality assurance.
- Additionally, include a table of max. 5 performance metrics, columns: column 1 #, Column 2 Description performance metrics, Column 3 Unit, Column 4 target value, no PDF or Excel needed.

HOUSING RENOVATION PROJECT

#	Description Scope / Requirements	Client Scope / Results	Vendor Scope / Performance metrics	Ref. nr.
1	# of projects	1		
2	Max. Leadtime design phase	6 months		
3	Max. Leadtime execution phase	24 months		
4	% projects on time	100%		
5	% cost overrun unforeseen	< 3%		
6	Quality (# delivery remaining points)	Max. 5		
7	Social Return on Investment (SROI)	2%		
8	Resident satisfaction (timely and frequent communication, minimal disruption, quality delivered, clear expectations and responsibilities.	8/10		
9	Average Client Satisfaction (?/10)	8/10		

DATA CENTRE DECOMMISSIONING

#	Description Scope / Requirements	Client Scope / Results	Vendor Scope / Performance metrics	Ref. nr.
1	# of projects	1		
2	# devices	400		
3	# procedures	8		
4	% Data Centre Infrastructure Management (DCIM) accuracy	100%		
5	% Downtime	0%		
6	# leads of skills	18		
7	Average IT Community Population (# of stakeholders)	200		
8	Average Time Deviation (%)	0%		
9	Average Cost Deviation (%)	0%		
10	Average Client Satisfaction (?/10)	8/10		

LEGACY SOFTWARE REBUILD

Assignment description and results				
Definition	Unit	Client Scope / Results	Vendor performance numbers	Ref #
Project scope				
Project (build and manage legacy applications)	# projects	1		
Total expected development time	# months	4		
Logins	# logins per month	ca 30.000		
Quality & Reliability				
Documentation (Manual)	% Complete	100%		
User Acceptance Test	# blocking issues before production	0		
Speed (Performance front-end)	# Seconds	< 1		
Application availability	Percentage per month	99,8%		
First Time Right	Percentage per month	85%		
Technical Debt Ratio	Percentage per sprint	< 25%		
Call to fix	Resolution time in hours	36		
Value for the end user				
User satisfaction	Score per quarter	≥ 8 (Scale 1–10)		



AGILE TEAM HIRE

Assignment description and results				
Definition	Unit	Client Scope / Results	Vendor performance numbers	Ref #
Speed & Predictability				
Sprint Velocity	Story points per sprint	30 – 50		
Lead Time for Change	Days per feature	< 3		
Sprint Burndown	Percentage per sprint	85%		
Quality & Reliability				
Deployment Success Rate	Percentage per deployment	95%		
First Time Right	Percentage per month	85%		
Technical Debt Ratio	Percentage per sprint	< 25%		
Mean Time To Recovery (MTTR)	Uren per incident	< 4		
System Uptime	Percentage per month	99,90%		
Value for the end user				
Feature Adoption Rate	Percentage per sprint	65%		
User Satisfaction Score	Score per quarter	≥ 7 (Scale 1–10)		

SAFE 6.0 TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Assignment description and results				
Definition	Unit	Client Scope / Results	Vendor performance numbers	Ref #
Project scope				
Project (Agile transition / SAFe 6.0 implementation)	# Projects	1		
Employees	# Employees	1400+		
Teams	# Teams	74		
Business units	# Business units	3		
Agile Release Trains	# ART's	3-5		
Objectives (after performing baseline measurements)				
Reduction of lead time in decision-making	% Percentage acceleration	30% - 50%		
Deployment success rate	% first time right	80%		
Deployment rate	% Increase in the number of deployments	100%		
Reduction of technical debt backlog items	% percentage per sprint	20% - 40%		
Improvement Mean Time To Recovery (MTTR)	% percentage improvement MTTR	50%		
Time to market	% Percentage acceleration	40% - 50%		
Time	% percentage delivered according to PI planning	80%		
Burn rate	% Percentage according to predicted burn rate achieved	90%		
Documentation (manuals)	% complete	100%		
SAFe Maturity Assessment Score	# Level of all dimensions (steps)	3		
Customer satisfaction				
Employee satisfaction	Score per quarter	≥ 7 (Scale 1-10)		
Customer satisfaction	Score per half year	≥ 7 (Scale 1-10)		



HIRING A BUYER

#	Description Scope / Result	Client Scope / Results	Vendor performance numbers	Ref. nr.
1	# Procurement projects per year	12 projects		
2	Average Time in Days to Execute Procurement Project	25 days		
3	Negotiation results (%)	10%		
4	Documentation completed (% based on internal audit)	100%		
5	Average customer satisfaction (1 low – 10 high)	8		
6	Average supplier satisfaction (1 low – 10 high)	8		

SELECTION PHASE



SELECTION

Selection based on expertise

Selection criteria:

- Scope/level of expertise
- Risk mitigation
- Value added
- Interview
- Price (not rated)

ALL VENDORS



Increased speed and simple to understand [no technical expertise is required to understand]



No personal preferences or subjectivity



Substantiated with performance information (metrics) relevant and specific to the assignment/project

SELECTION CRITERIA



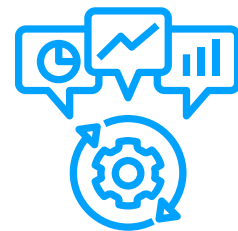
PROJECT CAPABILITY DOCUMENTS

The Level of Expertise/Scope and Value-Added assessment are used to evaluate a vendor's proposal.



LEVEL OF EXPERTISE/SCOPE, VALUE-ADDED & RISK ASSESSMENT

These documents provide insight into the expertise level of the vendors related to the client's scope/requirements and risks outside of the control of the vendor.



MINIMIZE DECISION MAKING

Verifiable performance data (metrics) incl. reference numbers minimizes human decision making.



MINIMIZE THINKING BY USE OF METRICS (DATA)

Maximum of one page per document and anonymized (no vendor name).

PERFORMANCE METRICS, WHICH ONE A, B, C

#	Description Scope / Result	Client Scope / Results	BUYER			Ref. nr.
			A	B	C	
1	# Procurement projects per year	12 projects	3	20	12	
2	Average Time in Days to Execute Procurement Project	25 days	50	17	25	
3	Negotiation results (%)	100%	70%	100%	90%	
4	Documentation completed (% based on internal audit)	10%	30%	15%	10%	
5	Average customer satisfaction (1 low – 10 high)	8	7	8.5	–	
6	Average supplier satisfaction (1 low – 10 high)	8	4	8	–	

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5	Average customer satisfaction (1 low – 10 high)	8	8	8	8	
6	Average supplier satisfaction (1 low – 10 high)	8	8	8	8	

WHY WE USE PERFORMANCE DATA (METRICS)

- Simple
- Everybody understands
- Accuracy
- Minimizes the need for decision making
- Predicts the future
- Differentiates vendors
- Creates transparency
- Require clients to know less, think less, and make little to no decision
- Shows expertise

QUESTION

**HOW WOULD YOU IDENTIFY AN
EXPERT (HUMAN INTELLIGENCE)?**

WHAT HAVE EXPERTS HAVE IN COMMON?



LISTENS



OBSERVES



THINK LESS

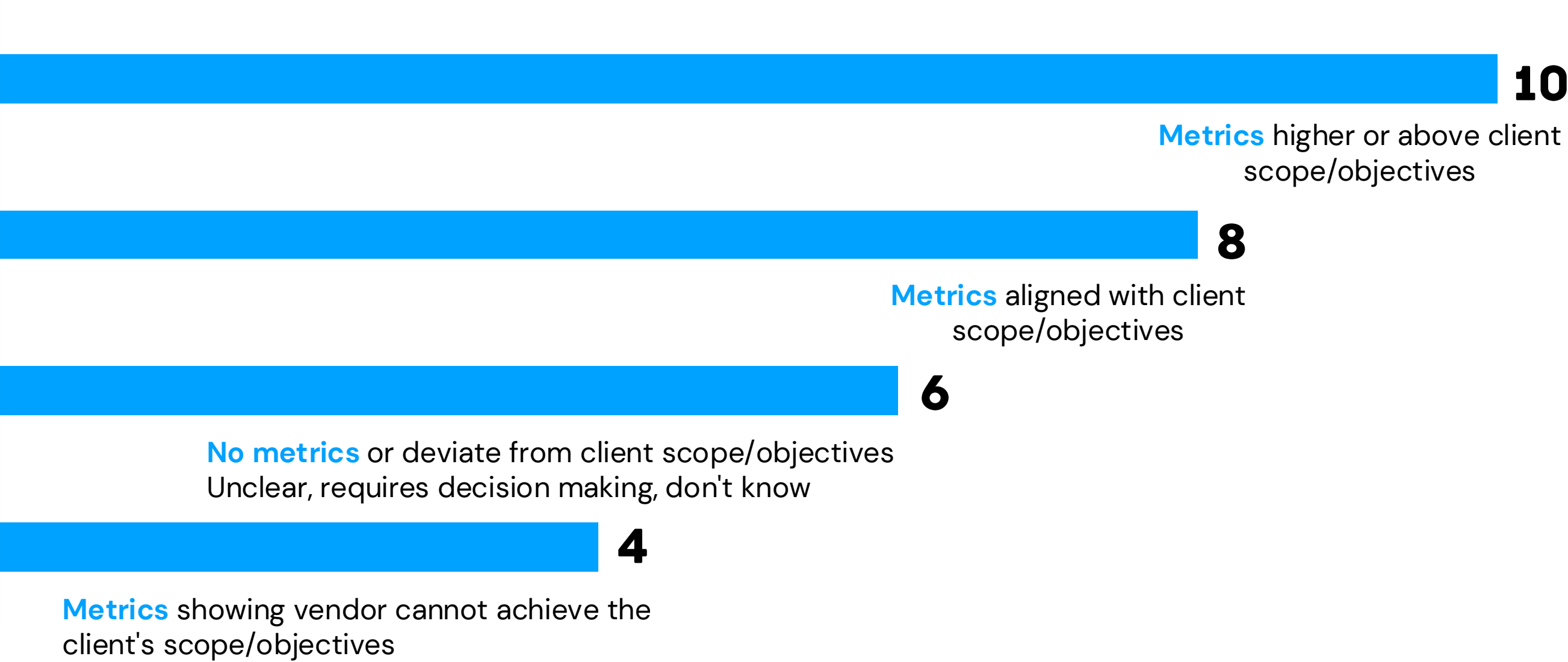


LITTLE & CALCULATED RISKS

INTERVIEW GUIDELINES

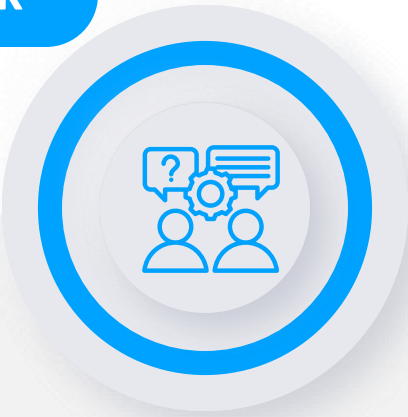
- Only key personnel (max. 2 to 3 individuals)
- Individual interviews, no group sessions
- As short as possible (max. 30 minutes)
- Limited number of questions
- Recording is recommended
- One interviewer, additional project team members observe and listen
- Metrics to support expertise (human intelligence)
- Nontechnical

RATING MODEL



CLARIFICATION PHASE

REFERENCE CHECK



CLARIFICATION

BVA vendor clarification of their Risk Mitigation Plan

- Detailed schedule/nontechnical milestone
- Creation of the WRR to mitigate risk

Full technical review by client stakeholders and SMEs

Project management by BVA vendor

ONE VENDOR



A 1-to-2-week period for the vendor to explain their Risk mitigation plan and scope in detail to the client



The vendor takes the lead and take away any client concern



The vendor is responsible for bringing together all the expertise of the key stakeholders to deliver a complete plan

QUESTION

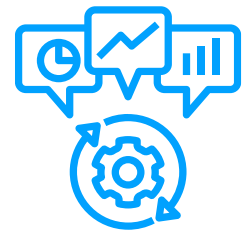
**WHO SHOULD TALK MORE AND WHO
SHOULD LISTEN MORE DURING THE
CLARIFICATION PHASE?**

KEY OBJECTIVES CLARIFICATION PHASE



CLARIFICATION OF THE RISK MITIGATION PLAN (RMP)

A period for the BVA vendor to add its RMP/scope in detail to the client



VENDOR CENTRIC

The BVA vendor takes the lead



PLANNING

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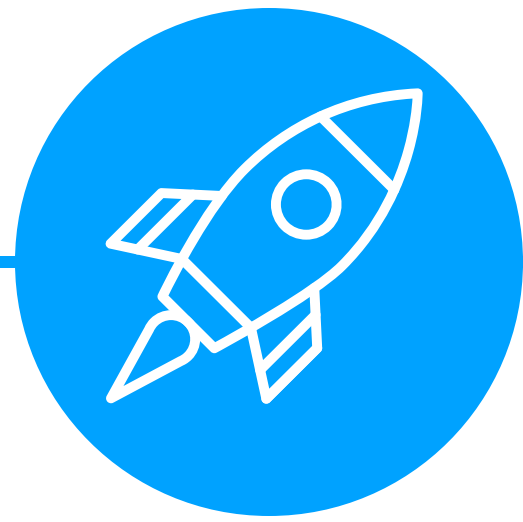
STEPS IN THE CLARIFICATION PHASE



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COMPLETION

- The vendor finalizes the plan and the Client agrees
- Final meeting with all stakeholders

DELIVERABLES “CLARIFICATION PHASE”



**MANAGEMENT
SUMMARY**



VENDOR SCOPE
(In scope / Out of scope)



**DETAILED PROJECT
OVERVIEW**
(RACI)



MILESTONES PLAN



RISKS



COST



**PERFORMANCE
DATA**
(KPI's)



**RISK
MANAGEMENT PLAN**



**CHANGE MANAGEMENT CONTROL
PROCEDURE**
(Weekly Risk Report)

EXECUTION PHASE

CONTRACT AWARD



EXECUTION

Vendor tracks performance and mitigates risk using the WRR



Vendor is responsible for quality control

Keeping track of deviations from the initial plan [drawn up in the implementation phase] including [time, costs, quality] and risk management measures



Client carries out quality assurance

Ensures that the Contractor carries out quality control via Change management control



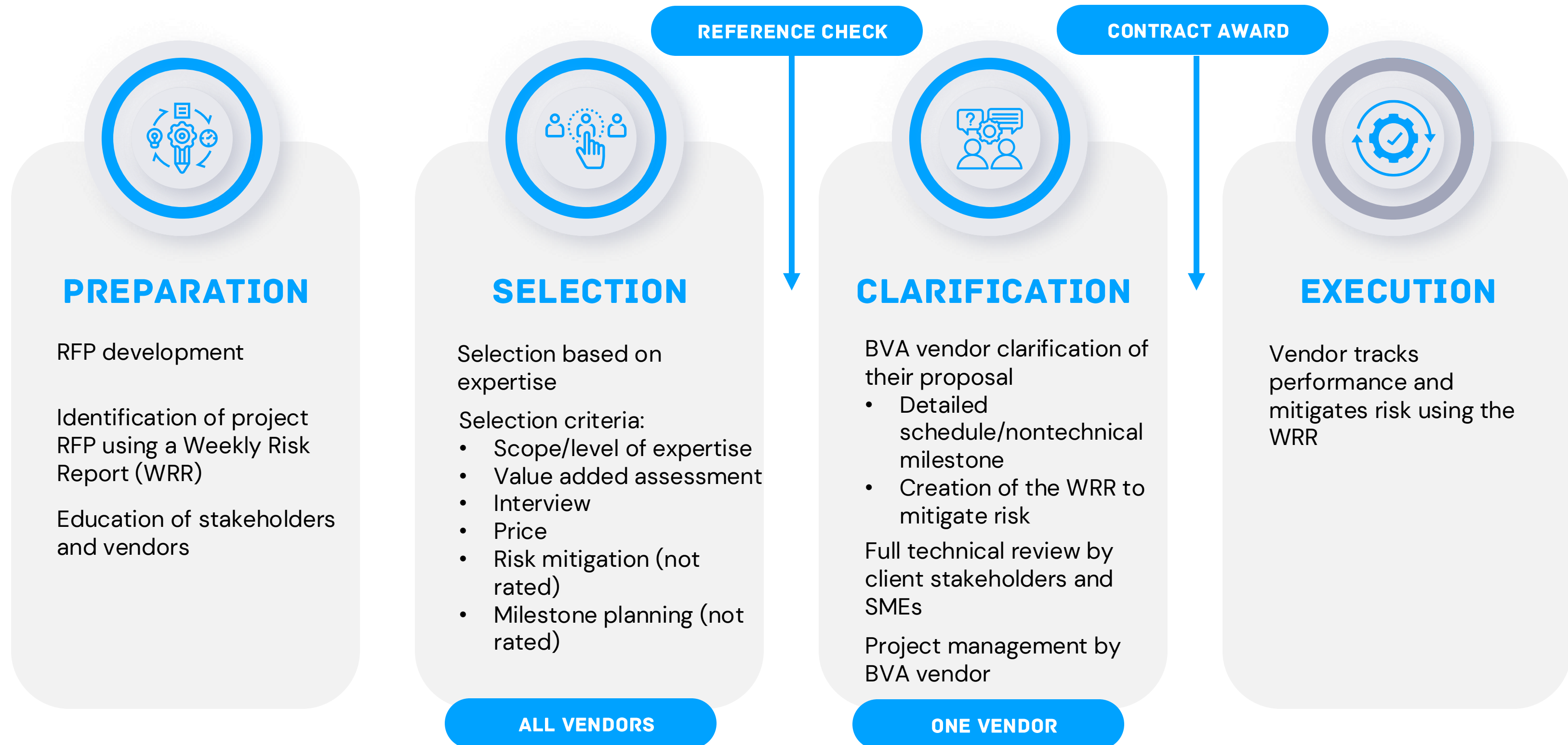
Weekly Risk Report is shared on a weekly basis by the vendor

- ✓ Governance
- ✓ Risk mitigation plan
- ✓ Cost & time deviations
- ✓ Performance data / KPI's

WEEKLY RISK REPORT

WRR			
Project name: Y719 Week number: 32		Number of open issues/risks: 42	
Budget		Planning	
		Start date	26-9-2023
Awarded price	€ 1.155.966	Awarded price	19-6-2024
Current Expected Costs	€ 1.813.388	Current Expected Costs	6-11-2024
€ Above Budget	€ 657.422	€ Above Budget	140
€ Caused by client	€ 544.994	€ Caused by client	140
€ Caused by vendor	€ 0	€ Caused by vendor	0
€ Unforeseen	€ 112.428	€ Unforeseen	0
% Above Budget	56,87%	% Above Budget	52,43%
% Caused by client	47,15%	% Caused by client	52,43%
% Caused by vendor	0,00%	% Caused by vendor	0,00%
% Unforeseen	9,73%	% Unforeseen	0,00%

BEST VALUE APPROACH AI – FOUR PHASES



CLIENT METRICS TRADITIONAL VS BEST VALUE AI

#	Criteria	Unit	Traditional Procurement	BEST VALUE	% Difference
1	The process minimizes the time it takes to deliver the project/service	1 - 10	5.0	9.0	80%
2	The process forces the supplier to pre-plan and identify and minimize risks before the project begins	1 - 10	5.8	8.8	53%
3	The process is simple and easy to implement	1 - 10	5.8	8.2	43%
4	The process is efficient (minimizes cost, time, and effort)	1 - 10	4.8	8.8	85%
5	The process identifies the highest performing and lowest costing	1 - 10	7.3	8.6	19%
6	The process minimizes risk to the client	1 - 10	7.5	9.0	20%
7	Overall satisfaction with the process	1 - 10	5.5	8.8	61%

Client project evaluation Data centre decommissioning (May 2022, N=6)

CLIENT METRICS TRADITIONAL VS BEST VALUE AI

#	Criteria	Unit	Traditional Procurement	BEST VALUE	% Difference
1	The process minimizes the time it takes to deliver the project/service	1 - 10	5,0	7.0	56%
2	The process forces the supplier to pre-plan and identify and minimize risks before the project begins	1 - 10	2,0	9,0	330%
3	The process is simple and easy to implement	1 - 10	5,0	8,0	69%
4	The process is efficient (minimizes cost, time, and effort)	1 - 10	4,0	8,0	90%
5	The process identifies the highest performing and lowest costing	1 - 10	5,0	8,0	56%
6	The process minimizes risk to the client	1 - 10	4.0	8,0	100%
7	Overall satisfaction with the process	1 - 10	5,0	8,0	66%

Client **project evaluation** Medical Bucky's project (December 2022, N=5)

CLIENT METRICS TRADITIONAL VS BEST VALUE AI

#	Criteria	Unit	Traditional Procurement	BEST VALUE	% Difference
1	The process minimizes the time it takes to deliver the project/service	1 - 10	4,3	8,4	98%
2	The process forces the supplier to pre-plan and identify and minimize risks before the project begins	1 - 10	5,3	8,6	64%
3	The process is simple and easy to implement	1 - 10	4,8	8,4	77%
4	The process is efficient (minimizes cost, time, and effort)	1 - 10	4,0	9,0	125%
5	The process identifies the highest performing and lowest costing	1 - 10	5,8	7,0	22%
6	The process minimizes risk to the client	1 - 10	5,8	7,8	36%
7	Overall satisfaction with the process	1 - 10	6,0	8,4	40%

Client project evaluation Crew Horizon (May 2025, N=6)

CLIENT METRICS TRADITIONAL VS BEST VALUE AI

#	Criteria	Unit	Traditional Procurement	BEST VALUE	% Difference
1	The process minimizes the time it takes to deliver the project/service	1 - 10	3.5	9.0	157%
2	The process forces the supplier to pre-plan and identify and minimize risks before the project begins	1 - 10	4.0	8.7	117%
3	The process is simple and easy to implement	1 - 10	3.5	8.7	148%
4	The process is efficient (minimizes cost, time, and effort)	1 - 10	5.0	9.0	80%
5	The process identifies the highest performing and lowest costing	1 - 10	7.5	7.7	2%
6	The process minimizes risk to the client	1 - 10	6.0	7.7	28%
7	Overall satisfaction with the process	1 - 10	5.5	9.7	76%

Client project evaluation Housing renovation project 240 apartments (September 2024, N=3)

CLIENT METRICS TRADITIONAL VS BEST VALUE AI

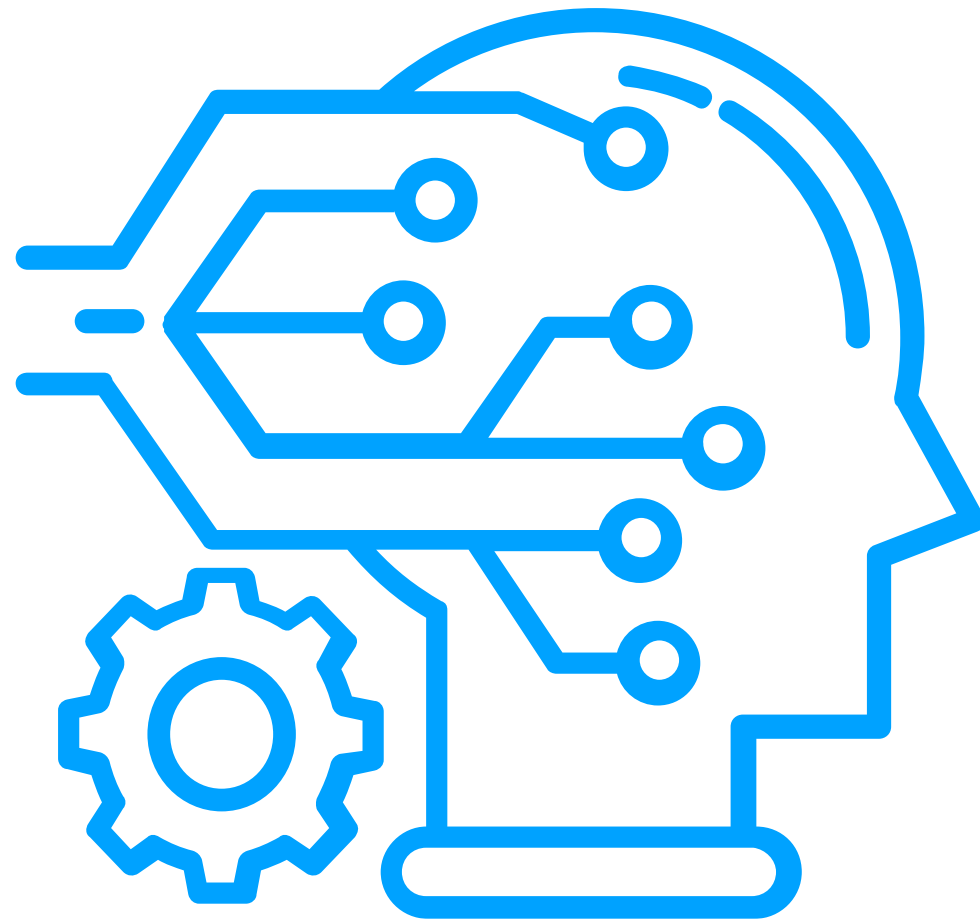
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1	The process minimizes the time it takes to deliver the project/service	1 - 10	4,0	8,6	115%
2	The process forces the supplier to pre-plan and identify and minimize risks before the project begins	1 - 10	5,0	9,0	80%
3	The process is simple and easy to implement	1 - 10	4,5	8,8	96%
4	The process is efficient (minimizes cost, time, and effort)	1 - 10	4,3	8,8	103%
5	The process identifies the highest performing and lowest costing	1 - 10	5,3	9,0	69%
6	The process minimizes risk to the client	1 - 10	5,3	8,6	61%
7	Overall satisfaction with the process	1 - 10	4,8	9,2	93%

Client project evaluation DISCS (September 2025, N=6)

CLIENT METRICS TRADITIONAL VS BEST VALUE AI

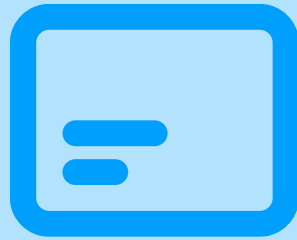
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2	The process forces the supplier to pre-plan and identify and minimize risks before the project begins	1 - 10	5,0	8,5	70%
3	The process is simple and easy to implement	1 - 10	4,0	8,5	113%
4	The process is efficient (minimizes cost, time, and effort)	1 - 10	4,0	8,5	113%
5	The process identifies the highest performing and lowest costing	1 - 10	5,0	8,5	70%
6	The process minimizes risk to the client	1 - 10	4,0	8,0	100%
7	Overall satisfaction with the process	1 - 10	4,0	9,5	138%

Client project evaluation SAFe (September 2025, N=4)

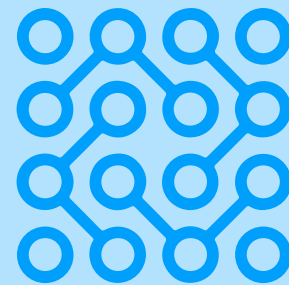


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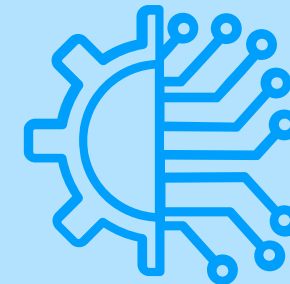
LEARNING OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED?



HOW TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY



PREDICT PROJECT SUCCESS



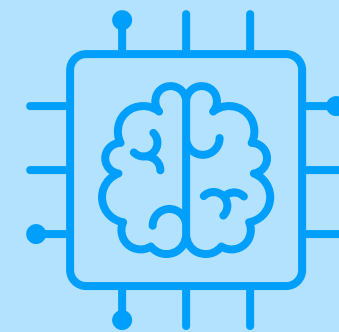
USE PERFORMANCE METRICS



IDENTIFY & UTILIZE EXPERTISE



AVOID POOR DECISION MAKING



KEEP IT SIMPLE

**PEOPLE LOVE SHOOTING
DOWN NEW IDEAS**





SUMMARY

PROCUREMENT PROFESSIONAL OF THE FUTURE



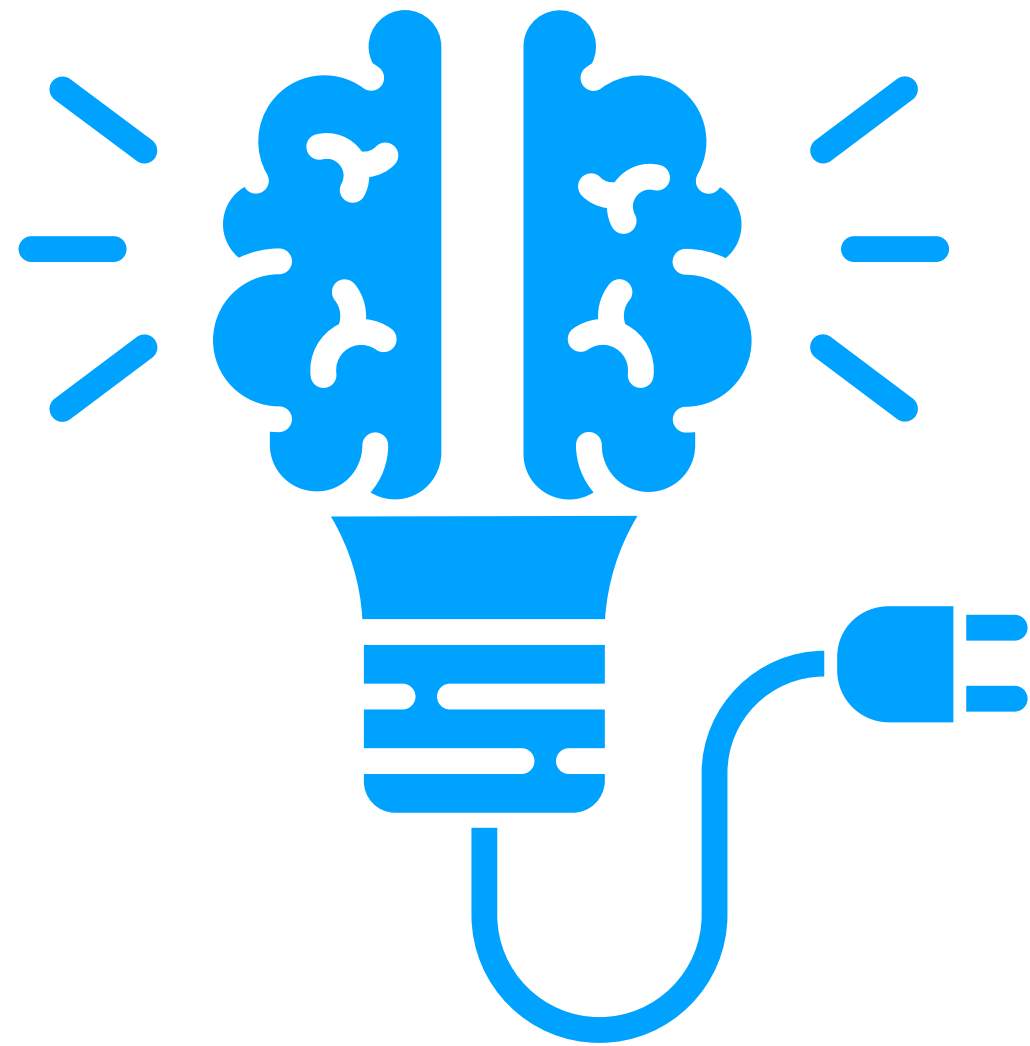
BEST VALUE APPROACH AI

- Win-win
- Initial conditions (**observation**)
- Identify expertise
- To measure is to know (**data**)
- Transparency (**performance metrics**)



TRADITIONAL PROCUREMENT

- Win-lose
- Surprises (**financial**)
- Micromanagement
- No transparency
- Relationship and trust



Q & A



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