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Key concepts, processes, and best practices for acquiring goods and services efficiently and ethically.

1. What Is Procurement Management?

Aspect	Description
Definition	The systematic process of acquiring the goods, services, and works an organization needs to achieve its objectives.
Goal	Obtain the right quality, at the right price, from the right source, at the right time, while minimizing risk and maximizing value.
Scope	Includes planning, sourcing, negotiation, contracting, ordering, receiving, payment, and performance monitoring.
Stakeholders	Internal: end-users, finance, legal, operations, senior management. External: suppliers, regulators, logistics partners.

2. Core Procurement Processes

1. Needs Identification & Specification

- Conduct demand analysis (forecasting, usage trends).
- Develop clear, measurable specifications (technical, functional, regulatory).

2. Market Research & Supplier Identification

- Perform market intelligence (price trends, supplier capabilities).
- Build a supplier shortlist using criteria such as capacity, reliability, sustainability, and compliance.

3. Sourcing Strategy

- **Make-or-Buy Analysis** – decide whether to produce in-house or outsource.
- **Sourcing Method** – e.g., competitive bidding, direct negotiation, e-procurement, framework agreements.

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4. Tendering / Solicitation

- Prepare and issue Request for Information (RFI), Request for Proposal (RFP), Request for Quotation (RFQ), or Invitation to Tender (ITT).
- Ensure transparent, non-discriminatory communication with all potential suppliers.

5. Evaluation & Supplier Selection

- Use a weighted scoring matrix (price, quality, delivery, risk, ESG criteria).
- Conduct due diligence checks (financial health, certifications, references).

6. Negotiation & Contracting

- Negotiate terms: price, payment, delivery schedule, warranties, penalties, confidentiality, IP rights.
- Draft a contract that includes: scope, performance metrics, change order procedures, dispute resolution, exit clauses.

7. Order Management & Fulfillment

- Issue purchase orders (PO) or service orders.
- Track order status, manage logistics, and confirm receipt.

8. Inspection & Acceptance

- Verify quantity, quality, and compliance with specifications.
- Record acceptance or raise non-conformance reports.

9. Invoice Processing & Payment

- Match PO, receipt, and invoice (three-way match).
- Apply agreed payment terms; manage early payment discounts or penalties.

10. Performance Monitoring & Supplier Relationship Management (SRM)

- Track KPIs: on-time delivery, defect rate, cost variance, sustainability metrics.
- Conduct regular supplier reviews, address issues, and explore improvement initiatives.

11. Record Keeping & Auditing

- Maintain documentation for compliance, audit trails, and future reference.

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- Archive contracts, communications, and performance data per regulatory requirements.
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3. Procurement Management Frameworks & Standards

Framework / Standard	Focus	Typical Use
ISO 9001	Quality management	Aligns procurement with overall quality system.
ISO 20400	Sustainable procurement	Guides integration of environmental, social, and economic considerations.
CIPS Procurement Cycle	End-to-end process	Widely adopted in public and private sectors.
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