

2011

IT Procurement Courses


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Your IT Spend: Strategy,
Cost & Tendering Support



Introduction

Our courses are focused solely on IT Procurement, to help your team drive the best from your IT suppliers and your IT budget.

Our trainers are all IT Procurement experts, with qualifications from the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply,  backed up by years of experience dealing with IT suppliers day in, day out.

The courses may be taken in any order, although there is a benefit to completing courses 1 to 3 first, as these three form a useful foundation for courses 4 onwards.

All courses are run within a week, allowing you to attend as few or as many as you wish.

1. IT Commercial Awareness and Savings Techniques (1 day)
2. IT Negotiation Skills and Driving the Best Deal (1 day)
3. Successful Outsourcing, procuring Saas & IT Services (1 day)
4. Advanced Software Procurement (1 day)
5. IT Supplier Performance Management (1 day)

Our training centre is located in the City of London, it's a Reed Learning facility, so is a fully equipped and pleasant environment, with easy transport links.

Please see page 10 for the timetable of courses, and for pricing and bulk discounts see page 9.

For general enquiries please contact Debbi at Deborah.Ward@turnstoneservices.com

To book any of our courses, please fill out the booking form at the back of this document, or to make credit card bookings phone 0207 936 4373.

The syllabus for each of the courses are overleaf.

1. IT Commercial Awareness and Savings Techniques

Summary

This course will enhance your commercial skills in buying IT goods and services, increase your confidence with suppliers and ability to reduce cost. It will help you to manage the commercial risk inherent in any IT contract, through practical real world examples.

Key Benefits

1. *Risk Mitigation*: Understand key contractual clauses and their commercial implications. Reduce your exposure and risk of being caught out when disputes arise
2. *Service Improvement and Cost Control*: Ensure that service contracts deliver what they are meant to, learn the different cost mechanisms and how to use them to your favour
3. *Reusable Materials*: take away from the course a reference pack which you can use when preparing for, during and after your own supplier negotiations

Audience

- IT managers and staff
- Procurement Managers and Sourcing Specialists
- Professionals whose role includes IT Supplier Management

Syllabus

- IT Disasters: how not to buy IT
- Business and Contractual risk management
- The Procurement Process
- Forming a Contract
 - Dangers such as the 'accidental contract'
 - Key commercial terms and best practice clauses in IT contracts
 - Statements of Work and essential components
- Specific IT spend categories
 - Software – the procurement checklist
 - Hardware agreements – looking beyond the kit
 - IT Services – ensuring your implementations deliver on time, on budget, on quality
 - Telco's - negotiating fixed line and mobile telephony contracts
- Mid-term benchmarking and renegotiations
- Overview of Supplier Performance Management

Booking

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2. IT Negotiation Skills and Driving the Best Deal

Summary

We explore each of the key stages, with the tools and techniques used at each stage. Through a process based on facts, we remove emotion from the negotiating table and provide a structured approach. We cover all negotiating levers, including, your ideal, realistic and fallback positions. The course culminates in a customer/supplier practice negotiation, run in a safe environment (without video) where delegates can try out the new techniques and receive feedback from our procurement experts.

Key Benefits

1. *Cost Saving* - avoid making costly mistakes when negotiating IT contracts
2. *Negotiation Success* - understand how to achieve that elusive win-win contract
3. *Ensure ongoing supplier performance* - include risk mitigation, service improvement and price reduction in your negotiations

Ideal for

- IT managers involved in managing suppliers
- Sourcing Specialists and Commercial Managers
- Project Managers

Syllabus

- What is negotiation?
- The aims and objectives of an IT Procurement negotiation
- The stages of negotiation
 - When does a negotiation start?
 - Preparation, preparation, preparation
- Negotiation techniques
- Style and Body Language
- Offers and concessions
- Selling & Buying IT: tricks of the trade, including pricing, and some countermeasures
- Putting it into practice: a real-life example
- The Long Run: what happens after the contract is signed?

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3. Successful Outsourcing, Procuring SaaS & IT Services

Summary

The procurement of large scale IT services can be challenging, with many examples of failed project in the press. This course outlines the fundamentals for ensuring a successful contract and project delivery.

Key Benefits

1. *Commercial Risk* – understanding the critical risks and how these can be avoided
2. *Cost* – assessing different cost models and how to ensure best value over the changing life of the contract
3. *Timescales* – ways to assure a smooth process running to expected timescales

Audience

- IT Project and Programme Managers
- Sourcing Specialists
- IT Procurement Managers

Syllabus

- IT Outsourcing Disasters – why have projects failed?
- What is Outsourcing?
 - Why outsource
 - Types of Outsourcing
 - Outsourcing goals
- Setting objectives and planning
- Defining the need – requirements and the base case
- Approaching the market
 - Identifying appropriate suppliers
 - Number of suppliers to involve
 - Setting boundaries – both internal and external
- Evaluating responses
- Commercials and cost models
- Contract negotiations – use of Letters of Intent and model clauses
- Transition and managing the supplier

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4. Advanced Software Procurement

Summary

Understand successful the range of charging mechanisms used by suppliers, how they protect their revenue stream and gain practical advice on how to mitigate the commercial risk inherent in every software contract. The course includes a valuable checklist of negotiation points for any software procurement.

Key Benefits

1. *Commercial risk* - see the common risk areas and how to avoid them
2. *Cost* – avoid making costly mistakes when negotiating software licences
3. *IPR* – understand it's commercial significance in software negotiations

Audience

- IT teams managing software suppliers
- Software buyers
- Project Managers and Commercial Managers

Syllabus

- What is a software licence?
- Key features of software licences
 - Shrink-wrap, volume licensing, subscription
 - Software licence & development agreements
 - Escrow
- Key commercial considerations for buying software
 - Cost models
 - Pricing strategies of software suppliers
 - Tools to probe cost, overheads and profit
- Core Contractual clauses
 - IPR ownership and Modifications
 - IT warranties
 - Warranty exclusions including loss of data, minor interruptions or errors
 - Service descriptions, change management, software support
- Commercial implications of using Open Source Software
- The software buyers checklist

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5. IT Supplier Performance Management

Summary

A wide portfolio of IT suppliers requires careful management to extract the best value and keep your risk as low as possible. Course delegates will gain the skills and techniques to drive exemplary performance from their suppliers. During the course we will identify which suppliers need full supplier management and why, undertake a formal supplier risk assessment, and gain an understanding of contractual risk and how to handle it.

Key Benefits

1. *Continual improvement* - understand how to drive high and improving supplier performance
2. *Performance Issues* – learn how to close these down before they snowball
3. *Time saver techniques* - Prioritise the right activities with the right suppliers

Audience

- IT managers involved in managing suppliers
- Sourcing Specialists and Commercial Managers
- Project Managers

Syllabus

- Supplier Performance Management defined
- Examining failure – case studies of poor performance and its effect
- Why manage suppliers after contract signature?
- Turnstone Categorisation of Suppliers - The Relationship Spectrum
- Attitude and approach
- Activities within Suppliers Performance Management
- Controlling cost variation
- Conducting Performance Reviews
- Solving Performance Issues
- Supplier Risk Assessment

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The courses shown below are due for launch during late 2011, please check back with us.

6. OJEU procurement: A commercial approach to compliance and competition

Pricing

The flat rate for a single delegate on a course is £595.

Our discount structure applies on a sliding scale to the total number of courses booked.

So this will apply whether you wish to book one delegate on several courses, or many delegates onto one course. The discount break points are shown in the table below.

Total Number of courses booked*	Cost per Course per Delegate
1 to 3	£595
4 to 7	£550
8 +	£495

*This is calculated as the total number booked within any twelve month period.

To hear more about any of the courses please contact Debbi Ward on 0207 936 4373, or email deborah.ward@turnstoneservices.com.

See over for the course schedule and for the booking form.

Course Schedule

	Sept 2011	Nov/Dec 2011
1. IT Commercial Awareness & Savings Techniques	Mon 19th	Mon 28th
2. IT Negotiation Skills & Driving the Best Deal	Tue 20th	Tue 29 th
3. Successful IT Outsourcing, procuring Saas & IT Services	Wed 21st	Wed 30th
4. Advanced Software Procurement	Thurs 22nd	Thurs 1st
5. IT Supplier Performance Management	Fri 23rd	Fri 2nd

Training Course Booking Form

Fill out and fax back to 0207 936 4373 or scan/email to deborah.ward@turnstoneservices.com

Point of Contact	
Your Name	
Company Name	
Email Address	
Office Address	

Delegate Information						
No.	Delegate Name	Role in Company	Delegate Email Address	Delegate Mobile No.	Course Number	Course Date
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Billing Details	
Unless courses are paid by credit card, invoices for bookings will be sent to the Billing Contact Email Address for payment. Please add any purchase order details necessary below.	
Purchase Order Number	
Billing Contact Name	
Billing Contact Email Address	
Invoice Address	
Billing Contact Phone number(s)	

By returning the completed form, you agree to accept the terms and conditions overleaf.

A VAT invoice and joining instructions will be issued to acknowledge your booking.
 Please contact us if you do not receive this within seven days of booking.

Methods of payment are shown in the booking terms and conditions.
 Invoice payments must be made within the timescales stated in the booking terms and conditions overleaf.

Booking Terms and Conditions

In these Terms and Conditions the following definitions apply:

“Training Provider” means the person or persons delivering the training course

“We” or “Us” means Turnstone Services Ltd

“You” means the customer booking the course

Fees

The fee for an event covers all written materials and refreshments (excluding lunch).

Payment Terms

A VAT invoice will be issued at the point of booking. Payment is due within 30 days of the invoice date or 21 days prior to the first course date, whichever is the sooner. We reserve the right to refuse admission and to release course places if payment is not received on time. You will be informed in writing if this occurs.

Payment may be made by BACS transfer or credit card. Instructions on how to pay are included on the VAT invoice. Payments are fully refundable in the event of cancellation subject to the cancellation conditions below.

All course fees quoted are exclusive of Value Added Tax which should be added to the amount shown at the ruling rate at the time of booking the course. If You fail to make any payment when due we reserve the right to levy a late payment charge calculated at the rate of 2% per month accruing daily from the date the invoice becomes due for payment.

Cancellation Charges

If you need to cancel your booking your cancellation must be received, in writing, at least 21 days before the event. If payment has been made a refund will be arranged. If payment has not been made the booking will be cancelled from our system and we will send you a credit note. Cancellation charges vary with notice period as below and are a % of the original booking fee:

21 days or more before the event 10% + VAT
20 days or less before the event 100% + VAT

An additional invoice will be sent for this charge, together with a credit note or refund in respect of the original invoice. Note that a substitute delegate can be named at any time before the course begins, without any cancellation charge.

Transfer Charges

If you wish a delegate to transfer to another event your request must be received, in writing, at least 21 days before the event, stating the date, name of the course and delegate you wish to transfer. The new course date must be within six months of the original. Transfer charges vary with notice period as below and are a % of the original booking fee:

21 days or more before the event FREE
20-14 days before the event 10% + VAT
13 days or less before the event 20% + VAT

Please note that a delegate can only transfer twice from an event within 12 months of the original booking. A transfer can only take place once payment has been received.

Course Changes

We reserve the right to improve the specification and format of its courses for your benefit without notice to you.

The location and date of the course will be as advised to you at the time of booking. We reserve the right to change the location of the course and will advise you as soon as this change is known.

We reserve the right to cancel or reschedule any course and will advise you as soon as this change is known. We will use all reasonable endeavours to avoid changes of this nature. When this is unavoidable we will refund in full all monies paid by you, or at your option apply all monies to a rescheduled or alternative course.

Warranty and Liability

You accept that it is your responsibility to verify that the courses are suitable for the requirements of the delegate attending a particular course and that the delegate has the necessary level of competence to be able to achieve the objectives of the course.

Our liability for loss and damage shall be limited to a claim for damages. The maximum aggregate liability will be the charges for the course out of which the loss or damage has arisen. We will not be liable for indirect, special or consequential loss (including loss of anticipated profit or data), howsoever arising, even if we have been advised of such potential loss.

Copyright

The copyright and all other intellectual property rights in all course materials shall remain the sole and exclusive property of Turnstone Services Ltd. You undertake that you will not copy or permit the photocopying of course materials, nor disclose or permit the disclosure or sell or hire the same to third parties, nor use the same for running your own courses.

Important Note

Your completed booking form and these terms and conditions form a legally binding contract. If the programme takes place but you are unable to attend, whether for reasons within or beyond your control, the above conditions in relation to transfers and cancellations will apply.

We accept no responsibility for loss occasioned to any person acting or refraining from action as a result of the information disclosed by the Training Provider during the event.

All bookings on our events are subject to the above terms and conditions and your acceptance of them constitutes a legally binding contract under English law. You will be deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions at the time of booking by signing and returning our booking form, unless we hear from you within five days of you returning the signed booking form. Once delegates have attended the course, we reserve the right to use the delegate's company logo and feedback comments on publicity materials for future courses.