

# Procurement contracting challenges by the numbers

Procurement teams are focused on supporting organizations through a range of activities including strategic sourcing and vendor management. Effective contract management is essential to support procurement activities yet contracting functions often face challenges such as incorporation of consistent terms, swift contract review and execution, capture of contract data and identification of contract risk.

Contract functions do not have the data needed to illustrate their value to leadership

Procurement contracts that are low to mid-complexity

Increase in average time between contract initiation and signature since 2010

Organizations do not have defined, pre-approved fallback positions to guide contracting discussions

Of contract value is typically "leaked", or lost, though ineffective contracting

### Challenges

- Slow contract turn-around times
- Undefined processes
- Inconsistent contract positions
- Lack of access to accurate contract data or analytics
- ► Low-complexity, low-value work pulling time away from highcomplexity, high-risk work
- High costs
- Disproportionate amount of time spent configuring and managing technology solutions
- Limited insight into contract risk

\*Sources: Sirionlabs; IACCM Benchmarking Report - 2019



EY Legal Managed Services teams work with procurement, the legal department and other stakeholders to provide procurement and supply chain contracting services that help organizations address the critical challenges that impede efficient and effective contracting operations. EY teams consist of legal and contract professionals trusted by global organizations to help design, improve and support each step of the procurement contracting process from initiation to signature. These teams bring years of experience and a proven technology-driven, data-oriented approach to help reduce risk and costs and take on the aspects of contracting that pull procurement and legal teams away from their primary focus areas.

#### Legal Managed Services

#### Legal and contract professionals

Experienced, scalable team of 3,500 professionals located across the globe to provide around-the-clock support

#### **Defined processes**

Pre-defined steps from intake through filing

#### Templates and playbooks

Simplified, harmonized, pre-defined and regularly refined

#### Technology

Managed by EY teams so you don't have to

#### Data analytics

Centralized access to contracts, reporting and metadata

#### **Benefits**

- Allow procurement and legal to focus on high-value activities resulting in greater job satisfaction
- Increase efficiency and responsiveness
- Promote consistency across the enterprise
- ▶ Reduce the time between contract initiation and signature
- Increase consistency in contract terms
- Reduce turn-around times by supporting automation
- Speed processes
- ► Increase transparency into data and processes
- Provide insight into supplier relationships and potential risks
- Increase access to performance metrics

The bottom line for the organization: reduced risk and increased value realization through faster procurement and more transparency into supplier relationships



EY teams take a four-step approach so that the appropriate and consistent processes and resources are in place to support contracting operations. Defined metrics, clear rules and supporting tools mean EY teams can help your organization attain the benefits of improved contracting with minimal hassle.





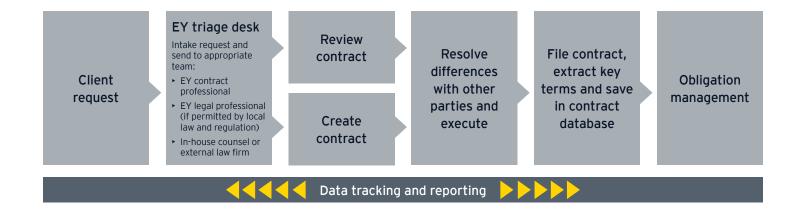




#### The contracting process in action

Once the process is agreed and resources are in place, initiating contract requests with EY teams is fast and easy. When a request is received, the EY triage desk will help to direct the request to the right resource in the right location, including an appropriate EY contracting professional, the client contract/commercial manager or the client legal professional. Work is completed in accordance with the pre-approved approach established in the governing playbooks.

Metrics will be available throughout the process to improve transparency. Deviations from standard terms will also be identified and monitored to determine whether modifications to the templates and playbooks should be considered to maintain consistency and ease of doing business.





With truly global resources that bring deep legal and procurement experience, EY contracting services help deliver meaningful and measurable benefits to clients:

#### Faster turn-around times

3 % Less time spent on average from contract initiation to contract signature due to improved processes and market-aligned

contract terms that make the organization easier to do business with

#### **Lower cost**

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Reduction in operational costs

#### Reduced risk

A consistent enterprise approach enables greater risk identification and control without compromising business responsiveness

#### Deliver greater value

Team effectiveness is improved by freeing up time for procurement to focus on higher-value activities

#### Decreased spend leakage

Better insight into supplier contracts helps deliver better management of obligations and supplier relationships and reduction of spend leakage

#### Recent examples where EY teams have helped clients

#### Improved procurement contracting for global consumer products company

Co-designed and supported purposebuilt service for the purchasing function supporting manufacturing operations in 70 countries:

- Created over 300 templates and 39 playbooks with the client's approval
- Helped establish contract database with over 6,000 relationships
- Provided team of 22 full-time professionals provide 24/7 support
- Reviewed and facilitated 37,000 contracts – and counting
- ► Reduced turn-around times by 60%

## Re-aligned support for global bank's buy-side contracts

Helped establish one consistent contract triage and review process:

- Handled review and facilitation for 75% of total contract volume
- Supported contracting needs in all necessary time zones
- Improved business response and closure times by 65%
- ► Realized 5% additional savings each year
- ► Facilitated self-service for 15% of work

# Improved buy-side contracting for global manufacturing company

Helped re-engineer processes for direct and indirect purchasing contracts:

- Created and support new triage, assignment and monitoring system
- Standardized playbooks and facilitation procedures with the client's approval
- Increased contracts reviewed from 50% to 100%
- Reduced turn-around times from five to two days
- Reduced the cost per document by 36%

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