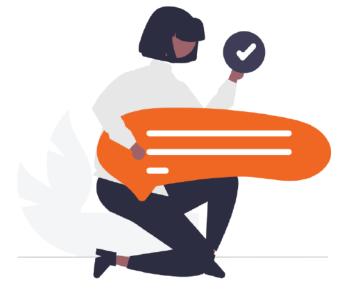


50 **Confusing** terms in **POCUREMENT**



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Procurement vs Supply Chain Management

Procurement refers to the acquisition of goods or services, while supply chain management involves managing the entire process of getting goods or services to the end user.



Supplier vs Vendor

A supplier is a company that provides goods or services to another company, while a vendor is a company that sells goods or services to customers.

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A contract is a legally binding agreement between two parties, while an agreement is a less formal commitment that may or may not be legally binding.

Incoterms vs Payment Terms

Incoterms are a set of international rules that define the responsibilities of buyers and sellers in international trade, while payment terms refer to the terms and conditions for payment.

Procurement vs Contract Management

Procurement involves acquiring goods or services, while contract management involves managing the terms and conditions of the contracts with suppliers.



Bid vs Tender

A bid is a proposal from a supplier to provide goods or services, while a tender is a formal invitation for bids.



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Purchase Order (PO) vs Purchase Requisition (PR)

A purchase order is a document that formalizes an order for goods or services, while a purchase requisition is a request for goods or services.

Category Management vs Supplier Management

Category management involves managing a group of related products or services, while supplier management involves managing relationships with individual suppliers.



Compliance vs Conformance

Compliance refers to

adhering to legal or regulatory requirements, while conformance refers to meeting specified standards or requirements.



Inventory vs Stock

Inventory refers to the raw materials, work in progress, and finished goods held by a company, while stock refers to the finished goods that are available for sale.



e-Procurement vs Procure-to-Pay (P2P)

E-procurement involves using technology to automate the procurement process, while P2P refers to the entire process of acquiring goods or services, from procurement to payment.





RFX vs Bid Package: RFX

is a generic term that refers to requests for information, proposals, or quotes, while a bid package is a set of documents that suppliers use to prepare their bids.

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Quality Assurance vs Quality Control

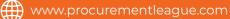
Quality assurance involves preventing defects from occurring, while quality control involves identifying and correcting defects.

Material Requirements Planning (MRP) vs Just-in-Time (JIT)

MRP is a system that uses forecasting and inventory data to plan production and purchasing, while JIT is a system that focuses on minimizing inventory levels by receiving goods or materials just in time for production.



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Outsourcing vs Offshoring: Outsourcing

involves contracting out a

business process or function to an external supplier, while offshoring involves moving the production or service delivery to a different country.



Purchase Order vs Sales Order

A purchase order is a document used to order goods or services from a supplier, while a sales order is a document used to confirm a customer's order for goods or services.

Spend Analysis vs Cost Benefit Analysis

Spend analysis involves analyzing a company's spending patterns and identifying opportunities for cost savings, while cost benefit analysis is a method for evaluating the potential costs and benefits of a project or investment.

Bill of Materials (BOM) vs Bill of Quantities (BOQ

A bill of materials is a list of the raw materials, components, and quantities required to produce a product, while a bill of quantities is a list of the materials, labor, and other costs required for a construction project.

Quality vs Quantity

Quality refers to the level of excellence or superiority of a product or service, while quantity refers to the amount or number of products or services.



Request for Information (RFI) vs Request for Expression of Interest (RFEI)

RFI is a document used to gather information about potential suppliers, while RFEI is a document used to gauge the interest of potential suppliers in bidding on a project.



Logistics vs Transportation

Logistics involves managing the movement of goods or materials from the supplier to the customer, while transportation refers specifically to the physical movement of goods or materials.





Commodity vs Specialty Procurement

Commodity procurement involves purchasing standardized goods or services, while specialty procurement involves purchasing goods or services that require specialized knowledge or expertise.

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Payment Terms vs Payment Method

Payment terms refer to the agreed-upon timeline for payment, while payment method refers to the means by which payment will be made

Service Level Agreement (SLA) vs Key Performance Indicator (KPI)

An SLA is a contract between a supplier and a customer that outlines the expected service levels, while a KPI is a measurable indicator of the performance of a supplier or a process.

Strategic Sourcing vs Tactical Sourcing

Strategic sourcing involves a long-term approach to procurement that focuses on building relationships with suppliers and optimizing costs, while tactical sourcing involves a short-term approach to procurement that focuses on meeting immediate needs.



Forward Auction vs Reverse Auction A forward auction is an auction in which buyers bid on goods or services, while a reverse auction is an auction



Incentive Contract vs Cost Reimbursement Contract

An incentive contract is a contract that provides additional incentives to a supplier for achieving certain performance goals, while a cost reimbursement contract is a contract that reimburses a supplier for all costs incurred, plus a fee.



Purchase Order vs Contract Release Order (CRO)

A purchase order is a document used to order goods or services from a supplier, while a CRO is a document used to release goods or services under an existing contract.

Make or Buy Decision vs Outsourcing

Make or buy decision involves deciding whether to produce a product or service in-house or to outsource it to a supplier, while outsourcing involves contracting out a business process or function to an external supplier.

Blanket Purchase Order (BPO) vs Standing Order (SO)

A BPO is an agreement between a buyer and a supplier to purchase goods or services at predetermined prices over a set period, while an SO is an agreement to purchase a fixed quantity of goods or services at specified intervals.



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Request for Proposal (RFP) vs Request for **Quotation (RFQ)**

An RFP is a document used to solicit proposals from potential suppliers for a project, while an RFQ is a document used to request quotes from potential suppliers for specific goods or services.



Category Management

vs Supplier Relation-

Category management involves

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category of goods or services,

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Letter of Intent (LOI) vs Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

A letter of intent is a document used to express an intent to do business with another party, while a memorandum of understanding is a non-binding agreement between parties to cooperate on a specific project.



Incoterms

Incoterms are standard-

ized trade terms used in international trade to define the responsibilities of buyers and sellers regarding the delivery of goods.



e-Procurement vs **Traditional Procure**ment

e-Procurement involves using electronic methods to manage the procurement process, while traditional procurement involves using manual or paper-based methods.



Cost Plus vs Fixed Price Contract

A cost-plus contract is a contract in which the buyer pays the supplier for all costs incurred, plus a markup, while a fixed-price contract is a contract in which the buyer pays a set price for the goods or services.



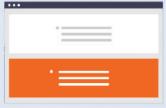


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Receiving involves accept-

ing goods or services delivered, while inspection involves verifying that the goods or services received meet the required specifications.





Invoicing vs Payment

Invoicing involves issuing an invoice for goods or services delivered, while payment involves making payment for goods or services received.



Request for Information (RFI) vs Request for Proposal (RFP)

An RFI is a document used to gather information about potential suppliers, while an RFP is a document used to solicit proposals from potential suppliers for a project.

Service Contract vs **Purchase Order**

A service contract is a contract for the delivery of services, while a purchase order is a document used to order goods or services from a supplier.

Statement of Work (SOW) vs Scope of Work (SOW)

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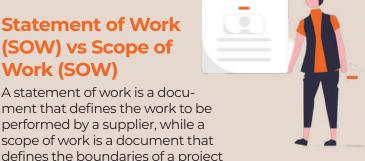
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and the work to be performed by

all parties.

performed by a supplier, while a



Supplier Performance Management vs Supplier Quality Management

Supplier performance management involves managing supplier performance in terms of delivery, cost, and service levels, while supplier quality management involves managing supplier performance in terms of product quality.



Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) vs Total Cost of Acquisition (TCA)

TCO is the total cost associated with owning and operating a product or service over its entire life cycle, while TCA is the total cost associated with acquiring a product or service.





analyzing the value of a product or service to identify opportunities for cost savings, while value engineering involves redesigning a product or service to improve its value.



Warranty vs Guarantee

A warranty is a promise by a supplier to repair or replace a product that fails due to a defect, while a guarantee is a promise by a supplier to refund the purchase price of a product if the customer is not satisfied.

Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) vs **Project Scope**

A work breakdown structure is a hierarchical decomposition of a project into smaller tasks, while project scope defines the boundaries of a project, including its objectives, deliverables, and constraints.



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Procurement vs Purchasing

Procurement refers to the entire process of acquiring goods or services, while purchasing refers to the specific act of buying those goods or services.



Payment Terms vs Payment Conditions

Payment terms refer to the time frame in which payment is due, while payment conditions refer to the specific terms and conditions regarding payment, such as payment method and currency.



Sourcing vs Strategic Sourcing

Sourcing refers to finding and evaluating potential suppliers, while strategic sourcing is a more comprehensive approach that involves analyzing spending patterns, identifying cost-saving opportunities, and building long-term supplier relationships.

Direct vs Indirect Procurement

Direct procurement involves purchasing goods or services that are directly used in the production process, while indirect procurement involves purchasing goods or services that support the production process.



Single vs Multiple Sourcing

Single sourcing means

relying on one supplier for a particular product or service, while multiple sourcing means using multiple suppliers.



Cost vs Price Analysis

Cost analysis involves examining the cost of producing or providing a product or service, while price analysis involves comparing the prices of different suppliers for the same product or service.





Procurement Process vs Procurement Policy

The procurement process refers to the steps involved in acquiring goods or services, while the procurement policy refers to the rules and guidelines that govern the procurement process.



BATNA vs BAFO

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BATNA stands for Best Alternative to a Negotiated Agreement, which refers to the best course of action a party can take if a negotiation fails. On the other hand. BAFO stands for Best and Final Offer. which refers to the final offer made by a supplier or buyer in a negotiation.





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