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Commercial Contract Negotiation and Administration

Latest strategies and techniques for achieving greater value for money and improving contract performance

Workshop Included: MANAGING VENDOR RELATIONSHIPS & PERFORMANCE

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Participating organizations

AbbVie Inc.
Aird & Berlis LLP
Allen-Vanguard Corporation
Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.
Goodmans LLP
Grant Thornton LLP
MacDonald Dettwiler and Associates Inc.
Mann Symons LLP
McCarthy Tétrault LLP
Metrolinx
TELUS Communications Company
The Regional Municipality of York
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Two-Day Event!
MANAGING CONTRACTUAL RISK

Perhaps the most important function of a contract is its role in managing risk. Risk allocation practices seek to distribute specific risks based on an analysis of which party is best able to evaluate, control, manage and assume the risk. This session will look at how to develop a proactive strategy to deal with risk in your contracts.

- Risk identification
- Assessing risks
- Evaluating and estimating contractual risk management issues
- Practices for risk avoidance and mitigation
- Risk sharing by outsourcing or insurance
- Risk management throughout the contract life cycle: monitoring controlling risk

OUTSOURCING CONTRACTS

With technologies, company objectives and the economic environment constantly changing, committing to a successful long-term outsourcing relationship requires a flexible and innovative contract. Unfortunately, many outsourcing deals are structured with fundamental flaws that limit the potential for success and makes change more difficult to achieve. This session will explore proper contracting for achieving service delivery objectives within a complex, multi-vendor outsourced environment.

- Negotiating outsourcing agreements that reflect your strategy & objectives
- Adding flexibility and scalability to your outsourcing contracts
- Establishing effective governance processes
- Measuring performance of service providers & linking it to contractual remedies
- Avoiding the most common pitfall of outsourcing

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COURSE PROGRAM

CONTRACT TERMS TO ENFORCE PERFORMANCE

Commercial contracts should clarify each party’s role in the business relationship and establish effective means to enforce performance. Good enforcement procedures enhance predictability in commercial agreements. This discussion details key terms and conditions to be negotiated for effective contract enforcement.

- Main contract enforcement mechanisms
- Drafting enforceable rights, obligation and exclusion/limitation clauses
- Establishing the terms for termination
- Setting up effective terms for warranties and indemnities
- Monitoring contract performance
- Focusing on the scope, validity and enforceability of clauses

RESOLVING DISPUTES

With the growing complexity of commercial contracts, it is prudent to establish clear and effective strategies for resolving disputes in commercial agreements, as contract disputes are the most problematic aspects of contract administration. This session will explore how to minimize the risk of future disputes in business contracts and the best way to resolve disputes should they arise.

- Drafting dispute resolution clauses: deciding on a model
- Creating a dispute resolution mechanism
- Negotiating & drafting of commercial arbitration clauses
- Resolving business disputes through litigation or alternatives
- Workings of the doctrine of frustration
- Inclusion of constructive performance obligations

CYBER-SECURITY RISKS

Businesses and government are attempting to enhance cyber security within their supply chains. This session will examine how to manage the risks associated with cyber attacks.

- Managing cyber security requirements for IT systems
- Key drivers of supply chain cyber risks
- Developing mitigation strategies to minimize financial impact
- Identifying and assessing risks during proposal review and response
- Risk identification & risk monitoring
- Adapting your security efforts to today’s business: legal and privacy trends

UNDERSTANDING, PREVENTING & DETECTING FRAUD

Procurement and contract-related fraud costs government, businesses and individuals countless amounts of money. However, it is often difficult to detect, as it can take on numerous forms, such as inflated purchase prices, phantom purchases, bribery, corruption, kickbacks, conflicts of interest, performance issues and predatory practices. This session will explore best practices for preventing and detecting contract and procurement fraud.

- Identifying fraud exposures and symptoms related to contracting and procurement
- Recognizing the red flags of procurement and contracting fraud
- Proactive fraud prevention and detection tools
- Options in organizational design, technology and processes to prevent and detect fraud
- Practical approaches to investigating fraud in contracts and procurement
- Processes used to detect fraud in routine audit activity

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CLAUSES

There is a wide range of challenges facing contract management executives when negotiating deals involving intellectual property. IP becomes a crucial issue in many types of deals, with the contractual issues relating to ownership, use and disclosure of IP are often confusing and confused. This presentation will zero in on these issues.

- Collaboration/joint ownership and title/ownership Issues
- Release of IP
- Infringement warranties
- Scope of Indemnity
- IP ownership, customer and supplier agreements
- Improvements and grant back

IT CONTRACTS

Developing a better understanding of what remains the same and what changes in the variety of IT contracts that are in use today will help you to ensure that the technology tools used by your organization support its business objectives rather than causing problems. This session will examine a variety of types of IT agreements, their key provisions and related risks including risks relating to:

- Data protection
- Licensing agreements
- Multiple jurisdictions
- Termination
- Third-party rights

NEGOTIATING AND ADMINISTERING INTERNATIONAL CONTRACTS

This presentation will provide practical advice on negotiating international agreements as well as best practices for carrying out the responsibilities and duties associated with contract administration and the handling of the challenges that typically arise during the life of an international contract.

- Negotiating and structuring international acquisitions
- Key issues when entering into international contractual relationships
- Common provisions that govern international contractual relationships
- Corruption and other legal considerations
- Impact of treaties and conventions on business agreements
- Managing risk in international business transactions
- Dispute resolution for international transactions

MANAGING CONTRACTS IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

This session will explore how TELUS for identifies, monitors and manages risk and uncertainty over the life of a contract.

- Identifying, analyzing, responding to and controlling risks inherent in contracts
- Creating, maintaining, and improving good commercial contractual risk management processes
- Assessing risks prior to entering contracts
- Risk identification and assessment techniques
- Risk monitoring to control risk throughout the contract life cycle

WORKSHOP

MANAGING VENDOR RELATIONSHIPS & PERFORMANCE

Managing vendor relationships throughout the contract life cycle, from negotiations through to implementation and delivery is a key accountability of supplier management. This workshop will examine best practices for how you manage your supplier relationships through effective governance models. Developing a governance model and ensuring that you have an understanding of your arrangement is key to being able to proactively stay on top of your contract.

- Establishing the right model to manage the relationship within your organization
- Examining terms for flexibility to exit or introduce competition with other suppliers
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