

ANTI-BID RIGGING

RED FLAGS

WATCH OUT!

Bid riggers may be pretty sophisticated and calculating. But these are exactly their weaknesses. Bid riggers' actions to conspire, to suppress competition, and to share the spoils require order—orderly discussion, orderly implementation, and orderly march away from what you want (best value-for-money) toward what they want (absolute certainty of profits).

Get familiar with the **red flags** of bid rigging and stop them from ripping you off once and for all. Below are some odd things to look out for. If you see a **combination** of these signs, inform us and we will take care of the investigation.



1. AWOL

Regular suppliers expected to bid fail to do so.



2. CONSOLATION PRIZES

The winning bidder subcontracts work to losing bidders.



3. DÉJÀ VU

One company often wins, while others almost never win.



4. JUMP SHOTS

Sudden and identical increases in prices by bidders that cannot be explained by cost increases.



5. KILLJOYS

Bid prices drop whenever a new or infrequent bidder submits a bid.



6. MGA LAGING HANDA

A company brings multiple bids to a bid opening and chooses which bid to submit after determining (or trying to determine) who else is bidding.



7. LAST SUPPERS

Competitors regularly socialize or hold meetings shortly before tender deadline.



8. MATCHES MADE IN HEAVEN

Several bidders submit documents containing a significant number of identical cost estimates of certain items.



9. MERRY-GO-ROUNDS

The same bidders seem to take turns in winning.



10. NOT FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

A company submits a bid that obviously does not deliver on budget nor on quality as per the terms of the tender.



11. PROMO ENDS

Anticipated discounts or rebates disappear unexpectedly.



12. SAME DAY EDITS

Bid documents from different companies indicate numerous last-minute adjustments, such as erasures or other physical alterations.



13. SPECIAL LOCAL PREMIUMS

Local suppliers are bidding higher prices for local delivery than for delivery to destinations farther away.



14. TAMANG-TAMA

The winning bid is almost equal to the approved budget for the contract.



15. TAMBAK

A large difference between the price of the winning bid and other bids.

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