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## The Road Less Traveled: How to Win at Purchased Services Contracting

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# Learning Objectives

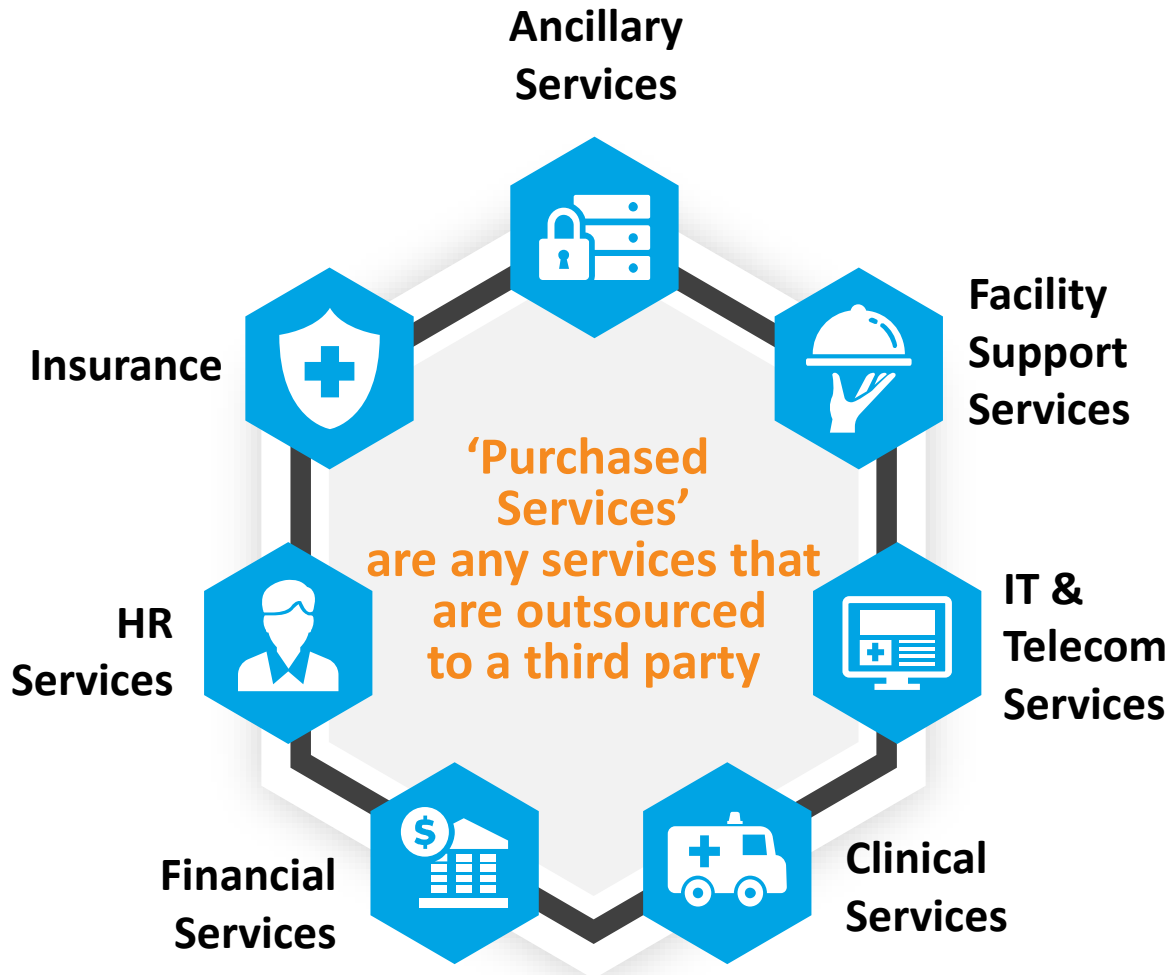
*At the end of this session, participants should be able to:*

- Recall tactics to mine through Accounts Payable data to find savings opportunities.
- Identify critical benchmarks when reviewing categories and how to dig into the details.
- Describe steps to create an end-to-end strategy for implementing new purchased services contracts and eliminate waste.

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# Purchased Services: The Road Less Traveled

# Defining Purchased Services (PS)



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# Control Surging Services Expense

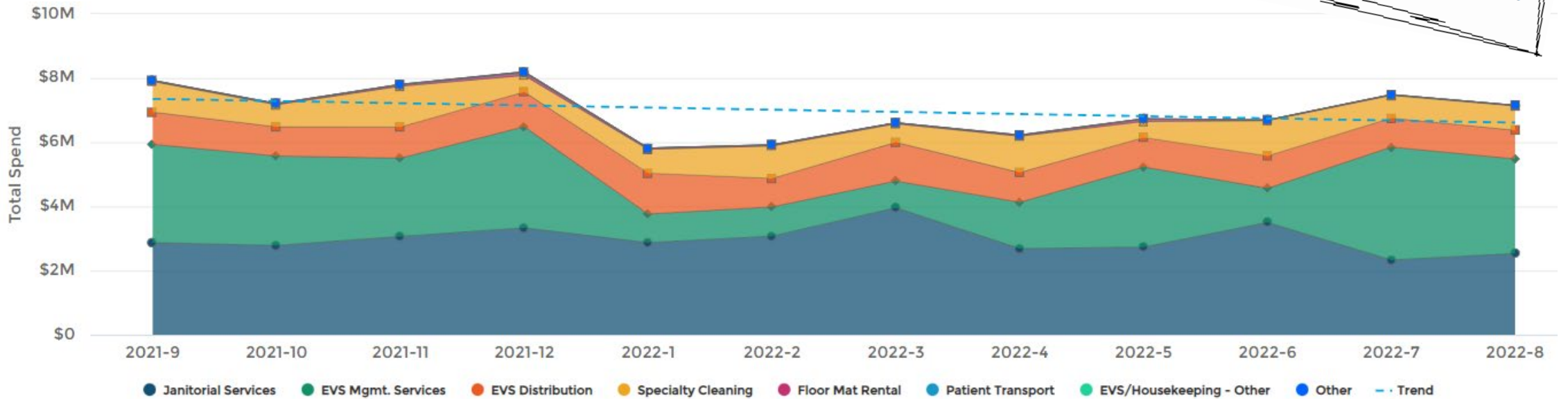
- Control pricing & rates
- Legal terms written & accepted by both parties
- Service Level requirements with risk/reward

**Employment Costs Surge Most Ever, Stoking U.S. Inflation Concern**

- Index increased 1.4% in first quarter, 4.5% from year ago
- Wages and salaries advanced 4.7%, benefits climbed 4.1%

- Bloomberg April 2022

Example: One Health System's Housekeeping costs held firm due to effective contracts



Sources: Valify AP data.  
Bloomberg, April 2022.

Source: Bloomberg.com: [link](#). Date accessed 6/16/23

# Making Sense of Your Data

- Multiple GLs per category
- Vendor names not normalized; i.e. multiple spellings
- Manual process for categorizing
- Lack of automation

## Food Distribution

## Develop proper GLs

GL	GL Description
62070	Food - Other
62540	Supplies - Paper Goods
63080	Supplies - Stores - Other
62520	Supplies - Other
62020	Food - Produce
62150	Chemicals
62140	Pharm Diet Items
62640	Supplies - Misc Food Serv
67725	Employee Qtrly Event

## Normalize Vendor Names

### JOHNSON CONTROLS

Vendor #	Vendor Name
0000002950	JOHNSON CONTROLS
0000005264	JOHNSON CONTROLS
0000137926	JOHNSON CONTROLS SECURITY SOLUTIONS
0000145417	JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION LP

### PHILIPS

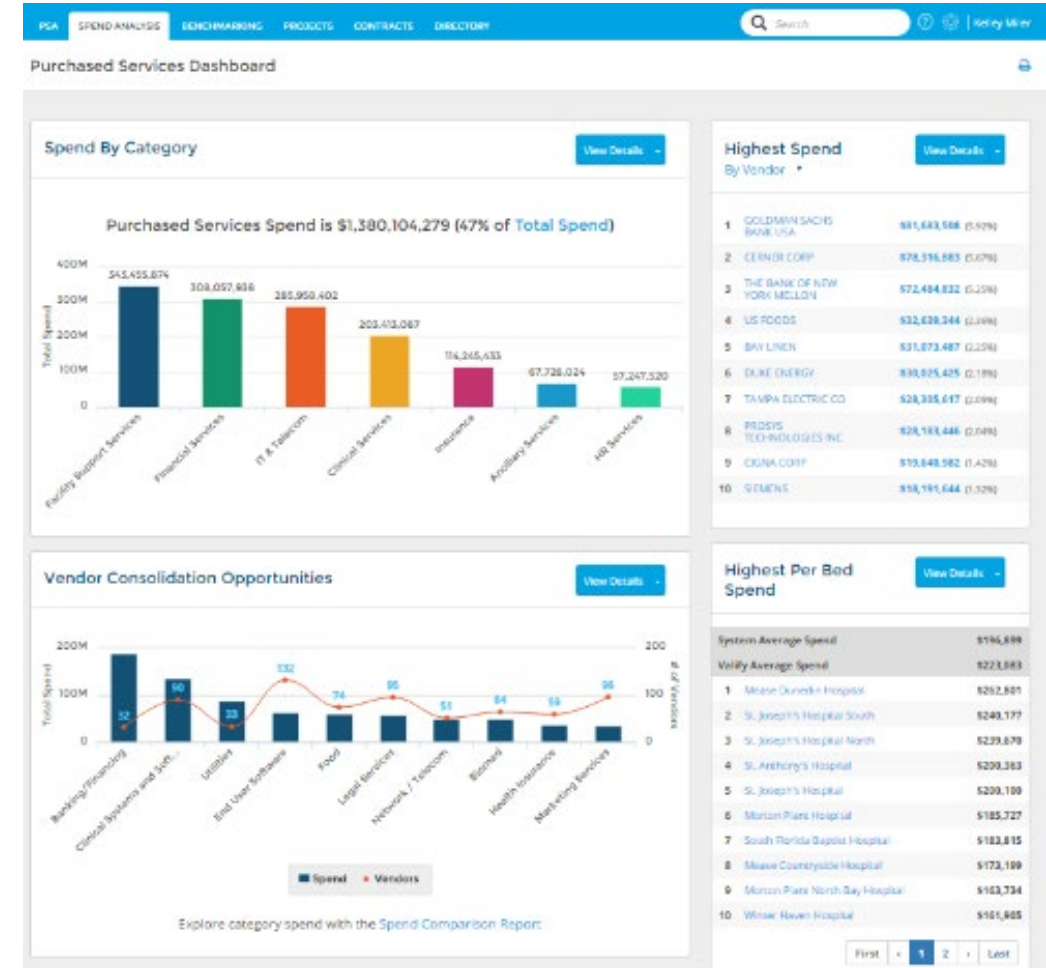
Vendor #	Vendor Name
0000004666	PHILIPS MEDICAL SYS NA
0000107447	INVIVO CORPORATION
0000004665	PHILIP MEDICAL SYSTEMS

Source: Valify AP data

# Know Where Your Dollars Are Going

## Excel vs. Spend Analytics Tools

- Get an overview of total PS spend
- Divide Purchased Services categories into “service lines”
- See largest spend by category/vendor
- Visualize consolidation opportunities
- Repeated process



Source: Valify technology





# Understanding Benchmarks & Setting a Course

# Understand Benchmarks

Can Purchased Services be measured the same way as med/surg products?

## CheckPoint benchmark

- How much *did* we spend compared to others?
- Directional related to spend

## PinPoint benchmark

- How much *should* we be spending in this category?
- Specific related to price & utilization



Source: Valify

# Savings Without Change – Is it possible?

*Willingness to change & supports lead to deeper savings*



No change = no savings



Some change = limited savings



Willingness to change = bigger savings

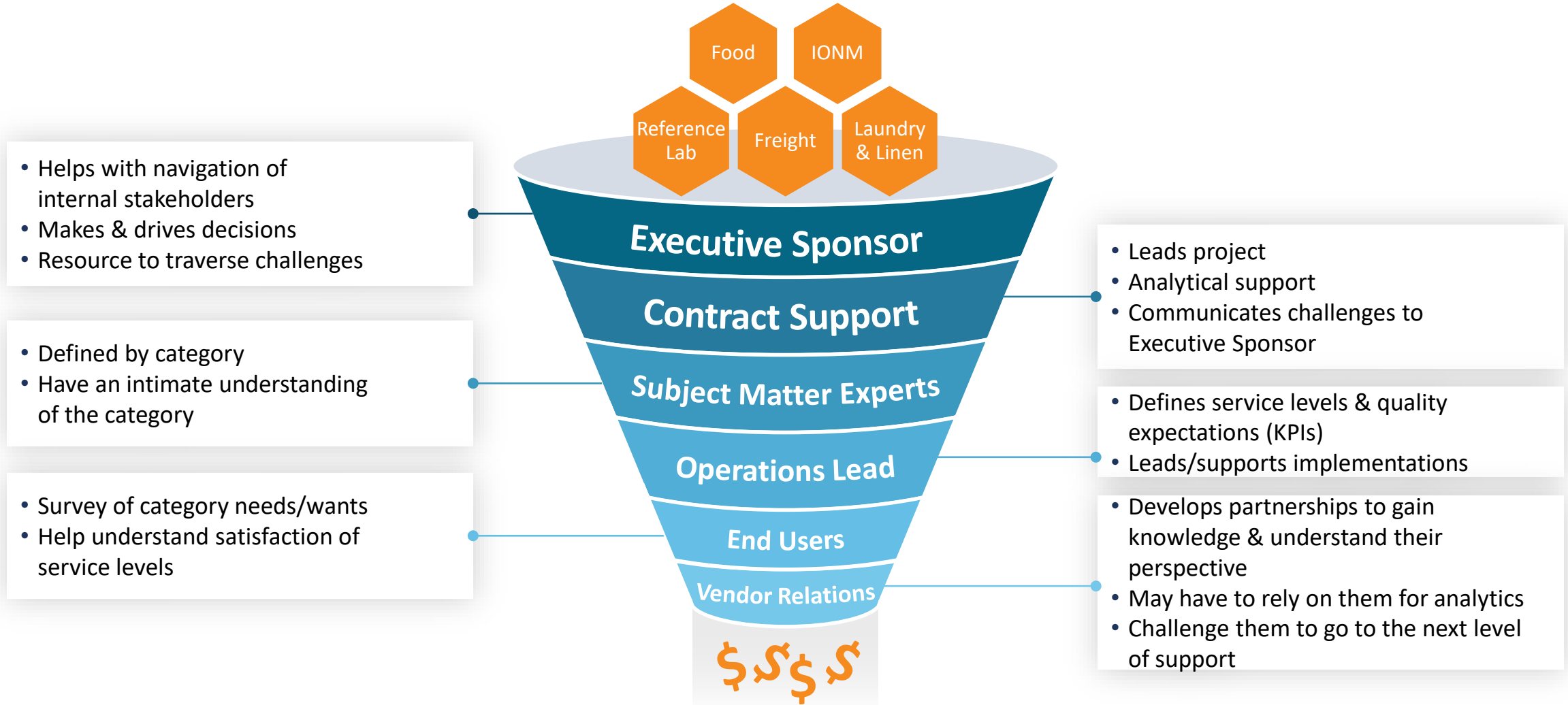
# “Quick Hits” in Purchased Services

Category	Winning Strategies
1. Elevator Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Negotiate rates on preventative maintenance</li><li>• Seek discounts off labor rates for repair services</li><li>• Reduced down payment for modernizations/new construction in addition to bid price discount</li></ul>
2. Outbound Freight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select a single supplier &amp; negotiate high discounts off list price</li></ul>
3. IT Reseller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Desktops, Laptops, Tablets, Thin Clients &amp; Peripherals</li><li>• Value: Cap Mark-ups with value added resellers w/ bulk buy opportunities</li></ul>
4. IONM Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Negotiate a cost per case</li><li>• Vendor should include disposables in cost per case</li></ul>
5. Interpretation Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review cost per modality: Over the phone, video, in-person</li><li>• Reduce in-person utilization to specific patients</li></ul>

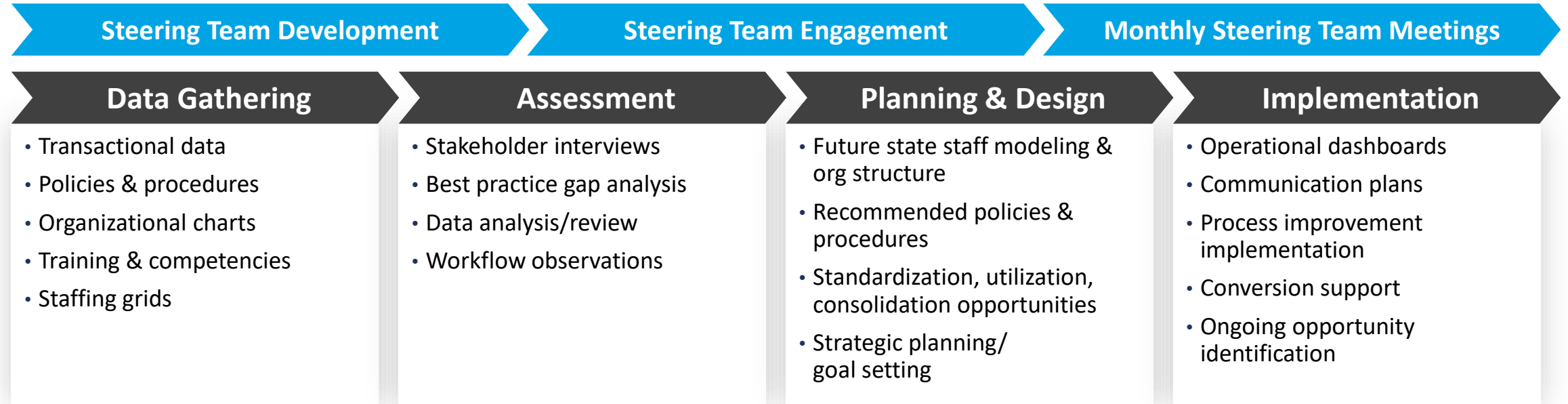
# A Few of the More Challenging Categories

Category	Winning Strategies
1. General Reference Lab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select one supplier who can provide over 90% of testing</li><li>• Change involves updating Lab Information System with all reference test codes</li></ul>
2. Food Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Covers outsourced food service operations</li><li>• Involves large number of employees</li><li>• Best to work with Environmental Services if both are outsourced</li></ul>
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# Taking a Multi-disciplinary Approach



# Create an End-to-End Strategy to Win



## Collaborative

Work with your department leaders to gather likes/dislikes & understand their processes



## Data Driven

Use data to help drive decisions toward savings



## Action Oriented

Prioritize categories by “quick wins” & long-term goals

# Case Study #1 | Interpretation Services



## Challenge

- \$5.2 million among 8 suppliers
- 91st percentile spend per adjusted patient day



## Solution

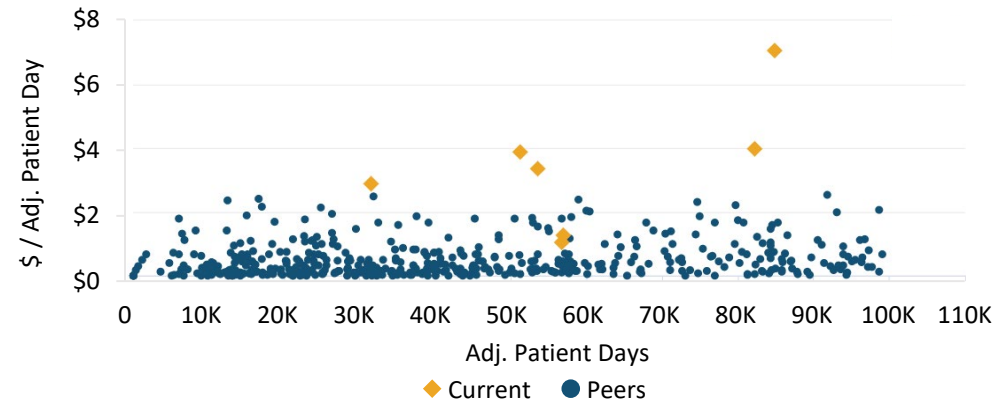
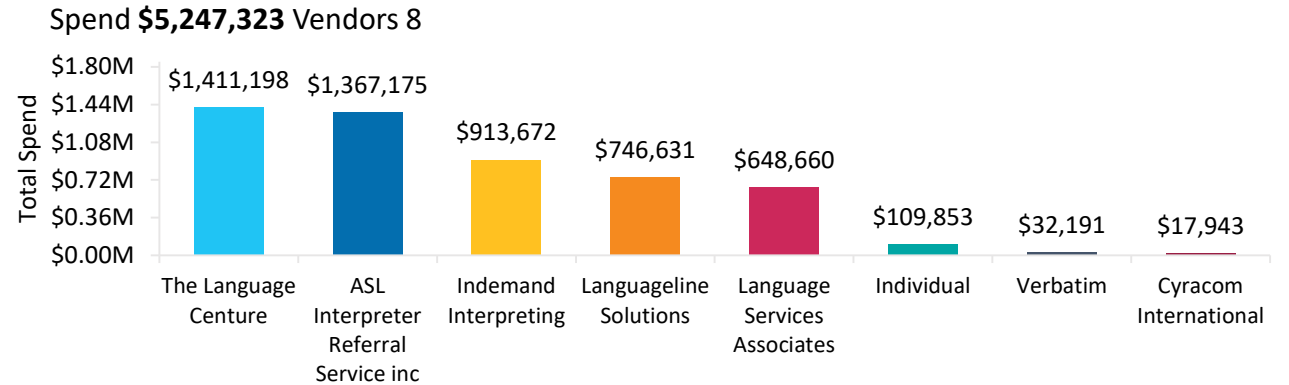
- Created RFP
- Suppliers asked to propose unit cost for each modality



## Results

- Reduced the number of suppliers to 3
- Negotiated new rates by modality

## \$507,000 Implemented Savings



\$ / Adj. Patient Day  
**91.44%**  
 Your percentile  
 n=545

Source: Valify technology



# Case Study #2 | Reference Lab



## Challenge

- \$1.6 million spend among several reference lab suppliers
- 80th percentile for spend per staffed bed



## Solution

Request for quote using line-item details sent to two GPO contracted suppliers & another incumbent

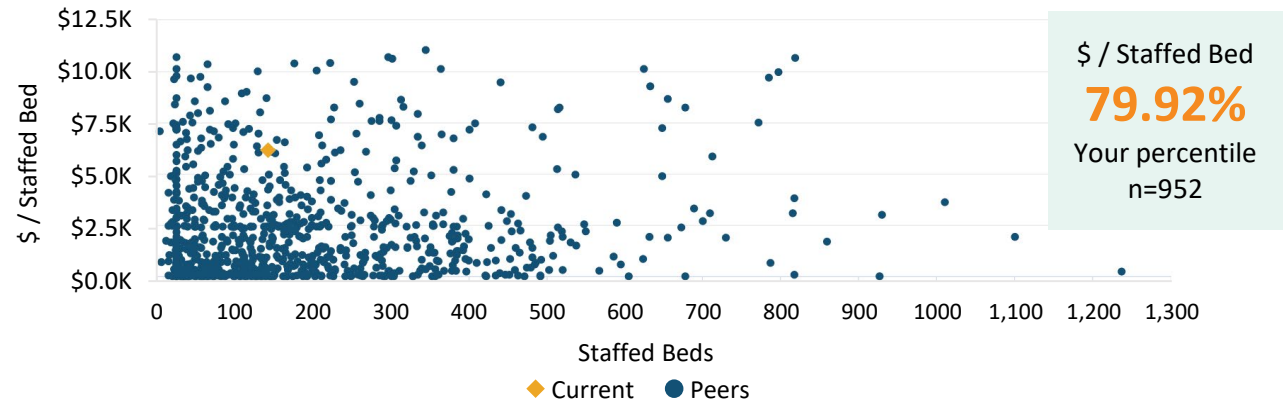
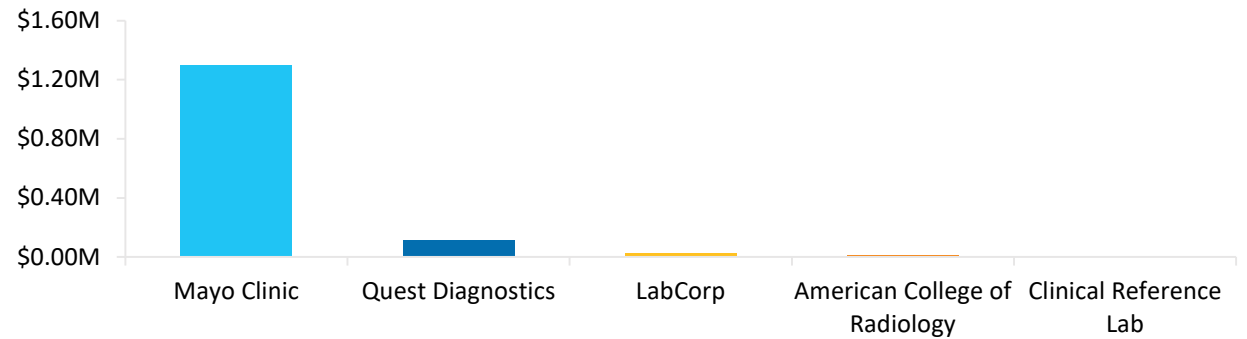


## Results

- Sole sourced supplier
- Implemented savings

## \$500,000 Implemented Savings

Spend by Vendors



Source: Valify technology

# Case Study #3 | Production Print



## Challenge

Establish a unified production print management approach for a large health system, in tandem with support from Marketing & Creative Services, focused on achieving sustainable financial value & consistent results



## Solution

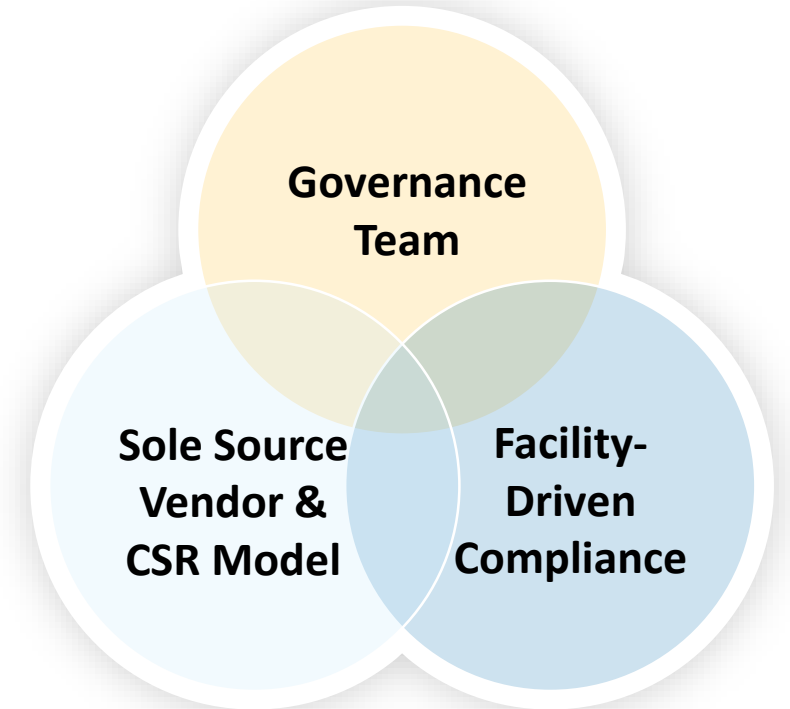
Replace all 5 production print shops & 140 vendors with an enterprisewide, sole-source print vendor

- Establish a multi-disciplinary governance team to provide oversight for production print management across the enterprise, including establishing quality standards, contract expectations, & spend management
- Establish sole-source print vendor



## Results

- **45% savings; Consolidated 100+ vendors to one**
- Leverage scale for financial savings
- Enhanced print management through visibility to spend data
- Reduction of non-compliant spend
- Alignment of print production with marketing initiatives
- Consistent quality standards & results
- Dependable & sustainable vendor performance through standardized contract expectations



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