Procurement Plan

*Villamin Wood and Iron Works System*

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**6.10. Procurement Plan**

**6.10.1. Introduction**

A procurement plan is a vital component of any organization's strategic planning process, as it outlines the approach and strategy for acquiring goods, services, or works from external sources. It serves as a roadmap that guides the procurement activities, ensuring that the organization obtains the necessary resources efficiently, effectively, and in compliance with relevant regulations and policies.

Villamin Wood and Iron Works will only purchase subscriptions for the system. These subscriptions are for Web Hosting which provides the necessary infrastructure that makes a system accessible, SSL Security which ensures the secure communication between users and the system, and Domain Registration which establishes a unique online identity to the system. These elements will be coming from the platform GoDaddy, which will effectively contribute to the success of the system deployment, ensure reliability, security, and accessibility for the users.

**6.10.2. Procurement Risks**

Procurement risk are potential problems that could issues that could potentially harm the project's success come up during the procurement process. To reduce these risks, it is crucial to recognize them and take proactive measures to address the influence over the project.

The Villamin Wood and Iron Works System project may contain procurement activities that carry risks which are included but not limited to the following:

1. Subscription Cost changing in the future
2. Service Provider Server Downtime
3. Lack of communication and transparency between the team and the vendors, which may lead to misunderstanding.

To lessen the impact of the risks, this plan will include strategies for identifying, evaluating, and reducing risks. Throughout the course of the project, this plan will be continuously reviewed and updated to make sure that risks are recognized and promptly addressed. Furthermore, we'll put into practice strict processes and procedures for reducing the risks involved in procurement management.

**6.10.3. Procurement Risk Management**

1. Identification of Procurement Risks

The following are the potential risks of the project:

* Sudden change in cost of goods and services
* Lacking information of contract’s terms and conditions
* Misunderstanding due to misinformation from the team to the vendor about the project

1. Risk Mitigation Strategies

The following are the strategies that will be implemented:

* Thoroughly research about the identity of the company supplier and their goods and services.
* Conduct meetings as much as possible for communicating reports to clear confusion about the project.
* Regular monitoring throughout the procurement process to ensure that the team will be ready for any emerging risks.
* Villamin Wood and Iron Works and the team has allocated 15% of the Total Cost in preparation for Contingency Plan.

1. Assignment of Responsibilities

Villamin Wood and Iron Works System needs a clear roles and responsibilities to help ensure accountability, clarity, and effective coordination. It is essential to clearly communicate the assigned responsibilities to all parties involved and ensure that everyone understands their roles and obligations. Regular communication, coordination, and collaboration among the responsible parties contribute to the smooth execution of the procurement plan and successful procurement outcomes.

1. Communication and Reporting

Effective communication and reporting play a crucial role in ensuring transparency, coordination, and accountability throughout the procurement process. Regular and clear communication helps stakeholders stay informed, aligned, and engaged. It enables the exchange of critical information, progress updates, and timely resolution of issues.

This ensure that relevant stakeholders are kept informed about procurement activities, supplier selection processes, contract status, and any potential risks or issues. It will promote collaboration, enable timely decision-making, and provide a platform for addressing concerns, feedback, and suggestions.

1. Continuous Improvement

Continuous improvement is a fundamental aspect of the procurement process, driving efficiency, effectiveness, and innovation. Lessons learned from past procurement experiences will be documented and shared to avoid repeating mistakes and capitalize on best practices.

The procurement plan will emphasize the commitment to continuous improvement as an integral part of the procurement lifecycle, ensuring that the organization remains adaptive, responsive, and proactive in meeting evolving needs and achieving excellence.

**6.10.4. Cost Determination**

Villamin Wood and Iron Works System’s cost determination is a critical aspect of the procurement process, ensuring that the organization obtains goods or services at the most favorable price while maintaining quality and meeting requirements.

While integration costs cover the price of integrating the system with subscription, development costs cover the cost of creating software, hardware, testing, and quality assurance. The costs associated with training personnel to use the system effectively are also covered.

This includes conducting thorough cost analysis and maintaining cost transparency and documentation. By employing these strategies, the procurement team can make informed decisions, optimize cost savings, and achieve value for money while procuring goods and services that meet the organization's needs and quality standards.

Overall, the procurement management plan's cost determination section will have a crucial role in ensuring the completion success of Villamin Wood and Iron Works System project within the given budget constraints.

**6.10.5. Procurement Constraints**

Procurement constraints are inherent limitations and factors that can influence the procurement process and pose challenges to achieving procurement objectives. The following constraints are considered in Villamin Wood and Iron Works System project’s procurement process:

1. **Budget constraint:** The project was given with a limited financial resource by the client. This requires careful budget planning and cost optimization strategies to ensure procurement objectives are met within the allocated budget.
2. **Schedule constraints:** The project has a strict deadline, so procurement tasks must be finished promptly to keep the project on schedule. Any delays in the procurement process could affect the project's overall schedule and cause it to take longer to complete.
3. **Technology constraints:** Villamin Wood and Iron Works System requires technical needs and features that will allow customers to view products and services, to be able to order and pay their products. Additionally, it must have a user-friendly interface that is simple to navigate and open to users with different levels of technical proficiency.
4. **Resource constraints:** To ensure that procurement activities can be completed effectively and efficiently, the procurement process must consider the availability of internal resources, such as personnel.
5. **Service Provider’s SLA (Service Level Agreement):** This includes the agreement on the allowable Downtime of the Service Provider, and scheduled Maintenance.

By recognizing and proactively addressing these constraints, organizations can navigate the procurement landscape more efficiently and effectively, leading to better decision-making, cost optimization, and overall procurement success.

**6.10.6. Contract Approval Process**

The contract approval process is a critical step in the procurement lifecycle, ensuring that contracts are reviewed, authorized, and executed in accordance with established policies and procedures. GoDaddy, the platform that will be used for the system’s deployment, does not provide contracts, however they have terms and conditions that companies have to read and understand to prevent issues when purchasing subscriptions.

**6.10.7. Decision Criteria**

Decision criteria are a set of predefined factors and considerations used to evaluate and make informed decisions in the procurement process. The following are the decision criteria of Villamin Wood and Iron Works System project that will be used by the contract review board:

* **Business Needs:** The project must be aligned with the company’s business needs, such as increasing operational effectiveness, enhancing customer experience, or an increase in revenue.
* **Pricing:** During the decision-making process, the cost of the vendor's suggested solution will be considered. The vendor's pricing should be competitive and reasonable in light of the market analysis and additional proposals received.
* **Risk Management:** The vendor must show that they have a solid grasp of potential risks and mitigation techniques. This includes identifying potential risks associated with project and procurement.
* **Technical Requirements:** The system must adhere to the organization's technical specifications, which may include compatibility with current systems, security protocols, and industry-specific standards.

The use of clear and well-defined decision criteria promotes consistency, transparency, and accountability in the procurement decision-making process, enabling organizations to make informed choices that yield favorable outcomes.

**6.10.8. Performance Metrics for Procurement Activities**

The following performance metrics will be used by Villamin Wood and Iron Works System project for procurement activities:

1. Vendor Performance Rating

The rating is calculated by giving points to various factors, including the caliber of the good or service, responsiveness, and effectiveness.

1. Customer Satisfaction

Customer satisfaction with the purchasing process, including receptivity, communication, and product and service delivery.

1. Cost Variance

This metric contrasts actual and anticipated costs associated with procurement. To calculate, divide the result by the planned costs after deducting the actual costs.

By establishing and monitoring performance metrics, organizations can track their procurement performance, identify areas for improvement, and make data-driven decisions to optimize procurement activities. Performance metrics enable organizations to gauge the value and impact of their procurement efforts, drive continuous improvement, and ensure alignment with strategic objectives.