

CASE STUDY

SUPPLIER SAVINGS ANALYSIS

PROJECT SNAPSHOT CLIENT INDUSTRY Manufacturing CLIENT PMB LOCATION South Australia SOLUTION Supplier savings analysis OUTCOME \$2.8m+ per yr P&L savings



BACKGROUND

PMB is a manufacturing organisation with its primary manufacturing site in Adelaide, SA. The internal procurement teams' focus was on new product development & providing operational support, leaving little time for procurement activities such as strategic sourcing & cost savings.

Traditionally, sourcing had been conducted with the same suppliers & no rigorous review had previously occurred. The client identified the need to reduce its cost base, so sought the assistance of Spend Solutions to conduct a supplier savings analysis that provided a savings roadmap to achieve their organisational goals.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Spend Solutions was engaged to conduct a supplier savings analysis on supplier spend across both direct & indirect spend. The brief was to uncover savings opportunities through improved sourcing, better pricing & better utilisation of how products & services were used internally.

Spend Solutions conducted a 4 step process to uncover available savings in the clients' supplier base. The first step was to categorise spend to give a view of spend by product group & supplier, allowing for identification of the biggest spend areas. Step 2 identified opportunities for cost savings through improved sourcing strategies. Step 3 involved conducting a price analysis of key suppliers rates against market & competitor benchmarks, while the final step sought to identify savings opportunities through better utilisation of products & services. At each step key stakeholders were engaged to guide & validate assessments to ensure relevance.

Many direct items had either never been previously reviewed, had multiple suppliers for similar products or came from high cost overseas countries. These 3 insights became central to identifying savings opportunities.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

In total, Spend Solutions identified **17 savings opportunities** with a **projected annual P&L savings of over \$2.8m.** The project split leaned heavily on sourcing activity through either consolidation, low cost country sourcing or market evaluation, with approximately 20% of projects being direct negotiations & cost optimisation, which provide opportunities for more immediate cost savings.

Areas identified for savings opportunities included direct spend areas such as raw materials & fabricated components, as well as indirect spend areas such as temporary labour, waste & consumables.

Overall, the savings opportunity analysis provided the client with key insights into savings opportunities within their business that they would have otherwise not been able to obtain. Importantly, it allowed the client to develop a roadmap to prioritise & action projects based on the level of savings & difficulty, thus providing a platform to plan, budget & execute savings opportunities within a structured framework.

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