# NEXT-LEVEL SLA PRACTICES FOR EXCELLENCE

STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION







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# JIM BERGMAN

Internationally Acclaimed Thought Leader & Co-Author:

#### CONTRACTING IN THE NEW ECONOMY

Using Relational Contracts to Boost Trust and Collaboration in Strategic Business Relationships.

(Palgrave Macmillan, 2021)

# **RAVE REVIEWS FOR JIM!**

"Jim Bergman is very well experienced and he was able to share a good perspective on contract planning, strategizing and negotiation. This is a great course for those involved with tenders, contracts, supplier relationships and even customer relationships. The trainer Jim is no doubt is a very experienced speaker. It's an absolute privilege to be able to sit in his class. Big thanks to Kexxel Group for running the event with such professionalism."

Akhbar Bin Muhamad – Senior Manager, Pharmaniaga Logistics

"Jim Bergman is a very good trainer. He is easy to understand and very practical. The main strength of the event for me was the overall concept of procurement."

Tuan Shamsul Azman Bin Tuan Kechik - Senior Manager, Southern Power Generation

"The main strength for me was the practical examples given. To those who have yet to attend this training, I would definitely encourage them, especially to those involved in negotiation as Jim does not only share theoretical concepts but really more real-world experiences which are of high value. I would like to give credit to Kexxel Group as this is my second event here. Their selection of speakers are excellent"

Hasfizal Bin Mukhtar - Senior Manager, Chemical Company of Malaysia

"One thing that Jim has instilled in me is to have as much clarity and trust in the contractual relationships, so it brings value to both parties engaged in a contract to get a win-win negotiation. The topics were great as Jim Bergman is an excellent speaker."

Mohamad Halil Bin Haron - Head of Project Management & Control, Tenaga Nasional Berhad

"Jim delivered the training well by providing an in-depth understanding about the principles of contract management. Jim is a great guy and I know him as a member of the IACCM and he is well known for his experience."

Mohd Norhatta Bin Azhar - AGM, Contract Management, Velesto Drilling



#### MODULE 1

#### ADVANCED SLA TECHNIQUES

- The initial question Results, Resources, or Relational?
- Business drivers that prompt the need for advanced SLA techniques
- Key elements and objectives to focus on to further strengthen your existing SLAs

#### **MODULE 2**

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR SLA DRAFTING

- Types of strategies: Checklist for weighing different options and selection
- Rollout method Big bang, piecemeal, incremental?
- Planning for perceived contingencies and changes



#### Case Study:

Large Telecom Services Contract Rollout with Multiple Service Levels.

## **MODULE 3**

# IMPROVE THE CONTEXT TO STRUCTURE ADVANCED SLAS

- Determine the scope & inclusions
- Establish the key stakeholders, their roles and needs
- Identifying and including Service interdependencies



#### Case Study:

Petrochemical Firm's Effort to Build a Robust and Clear SLA in a Services Agreement

## **MODULE 4**

# IMPLEMENT SCOPE BOUNDARIES & ASSIGN ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Types of service categories
- Translating services to business needs
- Critical success factors
- Ensuring a one view and interpretation of the problem
- Setting appropriate timelines
- Balancing out service levels with cost to support those service levels.



#### Case Study:

Engineering & Construction Entity That Used Effective Techniques in Assigning Accountabilities

## **MODULE 5**

## MAINTAIN ACCURATE KPI'S

- Use the right KPIs to accurately gauge service levels
- Groups and categories of KPIs
- Service metrics, calculations & data sources parameters
- How to establish KPIs for ambiguous or hard-to-measure services
- The X-factor in securing optimal KPIs



#### Case Study:

Automobile Industry Manufacturer that Continually Updated KPI's or Accuracy

#### **MODULE 6**

#### PRICING - HOW IT EFFECTS SLAS

- Explore the pros/cons of various pricing models and avoid the traps of the inexperienced
- Identify how price models affect the management of SLAs danger at every corner

#### **Q&A SESSION AND WRAP-UP**

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

One of the leading sources of lost value and increased risk in commercial contracts lies in the fact that the requirements are poorly defined. While most contracts effectively address the traditional terms and conditions, many fall short in the Scopes of Work and Service Level Agreements. Think of SOWs as the "What?" and SLAs as the "How?"

Contractors rely on SLAs while they manage customer requirements and expectations, and customers use the SLA to clarify and refine those requirements and expectations. Effective SLAs establish a precise and mutual understanding, laying the foundation for trust between parties. Surprisingly, crafting this critical component of contracts is often overlooked.

Join our program to bridge this gap as we delve into the **key components and industry-leading practices that shape world-class SLAs.** Elevate your SLAs and set the stage for lasting partnerships.

#### **KEY BENEFITS**

- Explore the flaws and shortcomings of traditional SLAs
- Identify the key elements of SLAs
- Craft an effective & impactful SLA
- Understand each member's role in the SLA development team
- Create a checklist for SLA Drafting and Implementation
- Anticipate the barriers and hurdles to effective SLAs
- Assess the cost and benefits of creating a worldclass SLA
- Gain Insight from Exemplary Leading Practices



#### **MODULE 1**

#### **ENSURING COMPLIANCE & RESULTS**

- Types of remedies and rewards to ensure results
- Effective techniques for implementing remedies and rewards
- Minimizing exposure to business risks
- Design contingency plans for alternative measures
- Craft optimal payment structures



#### Case Study:

Technology Company that ensured SLA's & KPI's are met and exceeded

#### **MODULE 2**

#### **EFFECTIVE REPORTING STRUCTURES**

- Identify the best report format
- Determine the appropriate measurement period
- Ensure reports align with business objectives
- Structuring targets & benchmarks for easy follow-up



#### Case Study:

Financial services firm that utilize effective measures and reporting techniques

#### **MODULE 3**

#### MANAGING ADVANCED SLA'S

- Assigning the roles of stakeholders & mapping effective inter and intra party team structure
- How often to hold evaluations, reviews & audits
- Issue and dispute management



#### Case Study:

Facility Construction and Maintenance Firm Excelling in SLA Management

#### **MODULE 4**

## **EFFECTIVE INTERNAL SLA'S**

- Keys to developing and drafting
- The facets of internal negotiation
- Managing the fulfillment by both stakeholder and internal provider
- Efficiently responding to Change

#### **MODULE 5**

# INTEGRATING ESG CORPORATE STRATEGY INTO YOUR SLA'S

- Understand the ESG purpose what is the overall reason?
- What is in the mind and motivation of your customer?
- What are the motivations for your supplier and sub-supplier?
- Integrating ESG corporate strategies and aligning it with market approach strategy

#### **Practical Activity:**



What makes an organization's ESG supply management and contracting strategy unique?

Attendees will develop a simple ESG supply management and contracting strategy

#### MODULE 6

#### **EFFECTIVE RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT**

- Forms of relationships power based to partnering
- Ensuring an impactful relationship

#### **MODULE 7**

#### **NEGOTIATING SUCCESSFUL SLA'S**

- How often can you renegotiate your SLAs?
- Negotiation tactics, tips, and strategies
- Prepare a negotiation plan.



#### Role Play Activity:

Negotiating KPI penalties and rewards

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION AND WRAP UP**

#### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

This course is designed for both the novice and the experienced and for SLAs with internal or external service providers.

In particular, we highly recommend:

- Service Delivery Managers
- Shared Service Managers
- Legal Managers and Support Staff
- Contracts Personnel
- Procurement and Purchasing Managers
- Supply Chain Managers
- Strategy, Planning And Resource Managers
- Operations and divisional managers
- Logistics Managers
- Operations Supervisors, Engineers, Project Coordinators

#### **PROGRAMME SCHEDULE**

0830 Registration & Refreshments

0900 Workshop commences

1015 Morning break

1230 Lunch

1500 Afternoon break

1700 End of day



# MEET YOUR FACILITATOR



**Co-Author of: Contracting in the New Economy** 

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With over 30 years extensive contracting and negotiation experience in supply management and sales contracting, Jim Bergman serves as President and CEO of a global training firm and consultancy focused on the effective implementation and execution of leading contracting and commercial management practices – including ESG initiatives.

Prior to establishing Commercial Officers Group, Inc., Jim was a contracts attorney for a Fortune 500 petrochemical corporation, Amoco Corporation, and was responsible for legal and negotiations support to the procurement staff. He supported multiple locations globally, where he addressed commercial and legal issues in transactions valued up to and greater than \$1 billion.

Jim's experience encompasses developing, negotiating and managing contracts for a wide array of projects with multiple clients in multiple sectors. He has been extensively involved in establishing many successful and innovative customer-supplier commercial relationships.

He has also developed and delivered both public and internal training programs on many topics regarding tendering, strategic sourcing, contracting, outsourcing, law and negotiations.

As a strategic management consultant, Jim has assisted numerous clients through all phases and steps of contract development, contract drafting, contract negotiation and contract management processes, demonstrating savings in excess of \$300 million. His audiences and clients have included attorneys, plus financial, operational and sourcing professionals from multinational corporations and the public sector.

Jim holds a Law Degree, an MBA, a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree. In addition, he is licensed to practice law in Illinois, Texas and Oklahoma, as well as various US federal courts.

#### **PARTIAL CLIENT LIST**

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- the State of Florida
- the State of Texas
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- Union Bank of Switzerland

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

"For those of us that need our complex contract to be high performing, this book is a must read. The importance of the relationship in working together for mutual benefit is a prevalent theme that inspires the reader to act boldly. Follow the framework and tools within to achieve success with Relational Contract"

David Handley - VP Business Partnerships PHSA, Provincial Health Services Authority

"This is a terrific book for both academic and practitioners. The theory draws from economic, law, and psychology, yet the five-step process for building a relational contract is not only concrete but also illustrated with many useful case studies. Honestly, this book is ahead of any economic theory i know in suggesting how parties might build and maintain the kind of shared understanding that is of course crucial for may collaborations. The author have managed a rare feat: not only combining theory and practice, but also getting each to feed the other."

Robert Gibbons - Sloan Distinguished Of Management , Sloan School Of Management, and Professor Of Organizational Economic, Department Of Economic, MIT



"Many people offer advice on how to write better contract, or for that matter how to live a better life, run a business, etc. What makes David, Kate, Tim, and Jim's work stand out in my opinion is that has a solid scientific basis. This is what i like so much about this book. It is aimed at practitioners and describes David, Kate, Tim, Jim's powerful method for writing better contract. But it also explain why the practical solution work. The book offer indispensable knowledge: process and tools to overcome the challenges of entering into and living through long-term relationships; how to ensure that your partner cooperate efficiently and don't resort to ensure that you and your partner cooperate efficiently and don't resort to blame games; how to build trust; how to avoid bad feelings, and so on. In short how to ensure that the potential gains from a relationship are actually realized"

Oliver Hart -Lewis P. and Linda L. Geyser University Professor Of Economics, Harvard University



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