



5 Strategies to Keep More of Your Money

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Five Strategies to Help You Keep More of the Money You Make in 2025





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The Hidden Profit Leak in Dealerships





Profit Leaks in Dealerships

- 1. Over-spending 25% on services and supplies
- 2. Lost cash discounts with suppliers
- 3. Too many suppliers, increased inefficiencies
- 4. Over-payments to suppliers
- 5. Too many employees with Purchasing authority

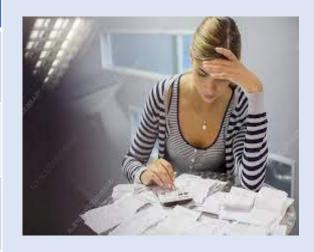
The Frustration and Fear





Management Challenges

- 1. Constant price increases impacting profits
- 2. No time to overhaul spend management function
- 3. Afraid that change will disrupt the operation
- 4. Stress Feeling powerless to fix the problem
- 5. Unsure what to do, where to start



Short-cuts Dealers Take – Pay 25% too Much





How Most Sourcing – Renegotiating is Accomplished

Many organizations skip seven (7) key steps and go right into re-negotiation

Dealers skip most steps, and then renegotiate prices based on no price benchmarks

Result?
Overpay by 25%



Suggested Dealership Objectives



Want to go from	To this
Paying 25% too much	 Reducing costs by 25% on average
Missed supplier discounts	New discounts, more cash
Too many suppliers	• Leverage, right sized supplier base
 Lack of Controls – High Risk 	 Improved Controls – Less Risk
• Poor profits	Increased profitability





Dealership Facts You Should Know





Dealership Facts

- Expense Categories Options 143+
- Typical Spend Categories Used 100
- Spend as % of Sales 5% (\$100MM sales = \$5MM spend)
- Dealer Supply Ratios 4:1 to 200:1 (too large and costly)
- Cost Reduction Opportunity <u>- 25%</u>
- Decentralized Purchasing 95% of Dealerships

(locations have freedom to select their own suppliers)

Scope of Opportunity – General Expenses – 72+



Every
Organization
will Spend
Money Here
Repetitively

	Expense Category	ltem	Expense Category	Item	Expense Category
1	Advertising	25	Information Technology Services	49	Records Management
2	Advertising - Internet	26	Internet Services	50	Retirement - 401K
3	Advertising - Magazine	27	Locksmith Services	51	Security
4	Advertising - Print	28	Marketing Products	52	Security Patrols
5	Auto Rentals	29	Marketing Service - Websites	53	Security Service
6	Background Checks	30	Marketing Services	54	Shredding Services
7	Beverage/ Water	31	Mats, Floor mats	55	Signage
8	Business Services	32	Miscellaneous	56	Software
9	Business Services-Accounting	33	MRO Supplies	57	Software, Desktop
10	Business Services-Legal	34	Music & Messaging Systems	58	Software, system
11	Business Services-Scanning	35	Office Equipment	59	Spot Buys
12	Check Processing Services	36	Office Equip Postage Machine	60	Storage
13	Computer Hardware	37	Office Equipment/Software	61	Supplies
14	Courier Services	38	Office Furnishings	62	Supplies, Miscellaneous
15	Credit Card Processing Services	39	Office Supplies	63	Tele Voice/Internet/Data/TV
16	Employee Benefits	40	Other	64	Telecom Maintenance
17	Equipment	41	Payroll Services	65	Telecommunication - Cellular
18	First Aid	42	Postage	66	Telephone Systems
19	Fixtures	43	Prescription Services	67	Temporary Help
20	Food & Beverage Services	44	Printed MatCustom	68	Transportation - Other
21	Food & Beverage Services - Ven	45	Printed MatPackaged Goods	69	Transportation - Small Package
22	Food Services	46	Printed MatPro. Correspondence	70	Transportation, LTL & TL
23	Human Resource Services	47	Promotional Items	71	Travel
24	Information Systems	48	Purchasing Reward Card	72	Uniforms & Laundry

Scope of Opportunity – Facility Expenses – 15+



Expenses whether you lease or own a facility!

Item	Facility Categories
1	Carpet Cleaning
2	Janitorial Services
3	Janitorial Supplies
4	Landscape Services
5	Maintenance - Pest Services
6	Maintenance-Door Services
7	Maintenance-HVAC
8	Maintenance-Lighting
9	Maintenance-Parking Lot
10	Maintenance-Plumbing/Drains
11	MRO Supplies
12	Utilities
13	Waste & Recycling
14	Waste, Hazardous
15	Window Washing

Scope of Opportunity – Automotive – 56+

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MS - Reputation Management
MS - Search Engine Optimization



Item	Expense Category	Item	Expense Category
1	Aftermarket Accessories	38	MS - Service Schedulers
2	Aftermarket Services	39	MS - Social Media
3	Auto Body Repair	40	MS - Websites
4	Auto -Paintless Dent Repair	41	MS- Fixed Operations
5	Auto Parts	42	MS- Used Car Ads
6	Auto Parts - Non OE	43	Online Manuals
7	Auto Parts - Used	44	Parking
8	Auto Rentals	45	Shop Gases
9	Auto Tires	46	Shop Supplies
10	Body Shop Supplies	47	Signage
11	Car Wash	48	Storage
12	Chemicals	49	Supplies, Miscellaneous
13	Credit Bureau	50	Tools
14	Detailing Services	51	Towing
15	Detailing Supplies	52	Trans Auto Transportation
16	DMS & Related	53	Uniforms & Laundry
17	Equipment	54	Utilities
18	Fuel	55	Vehicle History
19	Glass & Installation	56	Waste - Hazardous (oil, fluids, tires)
20	GPS	Item	Audit-Recovery Category
21	Key Management Systems	57	Warranty- Parts Recovery
22	Locksmith	58	F&I Comp. Audit and Training
23	Lubricants - Specialty & Flush Kits	59	MS - Media Savings & Rebate Prog.
24	Lubricants & Fluids	Item	Revenue Opportunities
25	Mats, Floor mats	60	Auto Body-Paintless Dent Removal
26	Miscellaneous	61	Glass Installation
27	MS - Call Management	62	Remote Auto Start
28	MS - Classified Listings	63	Wheel Repair
29	MS - CRM	64	Key Fobs
30	MS - Digital	Item	Consulting Services
31	MS - Events	65	Compliance Audits(HR-Insurance)
32	MS - Lead Response	66	Corporate Aircraft Consulting
33	MS - Miscellaneous	67	DMS Assessment
34	MS - Online Chat	68	Digital Inventory Per. Assessment
35	MS - Owner Marketing (Print Mktg)		, ,

Total Category Scope

143+ Opportunities to attack

Cost Reductions Add Profits Faster than Sales



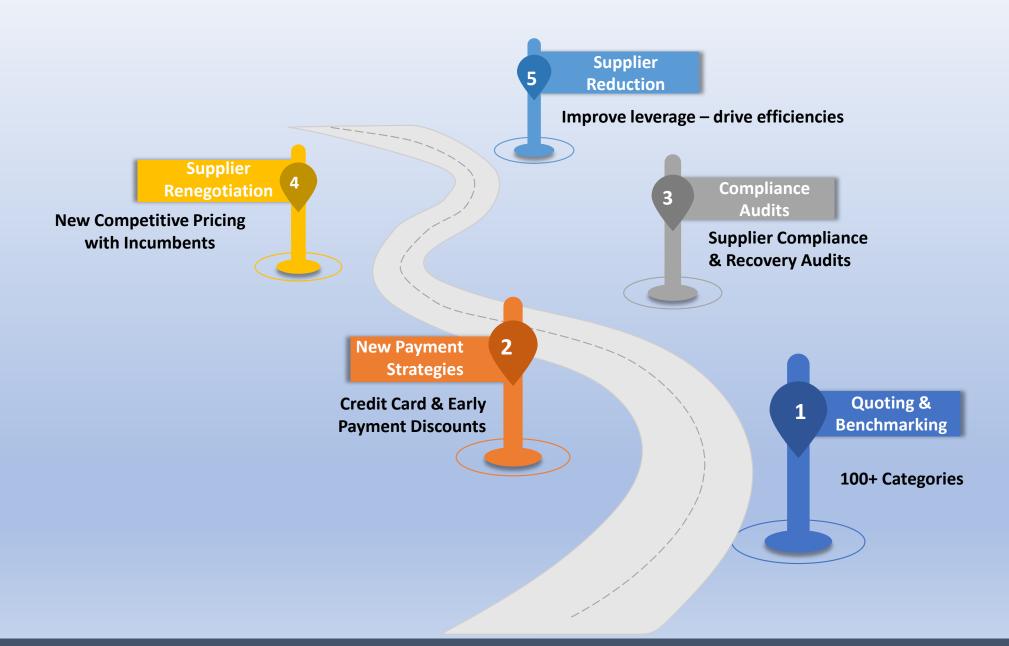
New Spend Strategies can Drive Healthy New Profits!

		New Sales
Cost Reductions	Profit Margin	Required
\$2,000,000	4%	\$50,000,000
\$1,500,000	4%	\$37,500,000
\$1,000,000	4%	\$25,000,000
\$750,000	4%	\$18,750,000
\$500,000	4%	\$12,500,000
\$250,000	4%	\$6,250,000
\$100,000	4%	\$2,500,000

		New Sales
Cost Reductions	Profit Margin	Required
\$2,000,000	3%	\$66,666,000
\$1,500,000	3%	\$49,999,500
\$1,000,000	3%	\$33,333,000
\$750,000	3%	\$24,999,750
\$500,000	3%	\$16,666,500
\$250,000	3%	\$8,333,250
\$100,000	3%	\$3,333,300

		New Sales
Cost Reductions	Profit Margin	Required
\$2,000,000	2%	\$100,000,000
\$1,500,000	2%	\$75,000,000
\$1,000,000	2%	\$50,000,000
\$750,000	2%	\$37,500,000
\$500,000	2%	\$25,000,000
\$250,000	2%	\$12,500,000
\$100,000	2%	\$5,000,000

Five(5) Strategies to Stop the Money Drain



Strategy #1 – Quote & Benchmark to Stop Overpaying



Quote or Benchmark First:

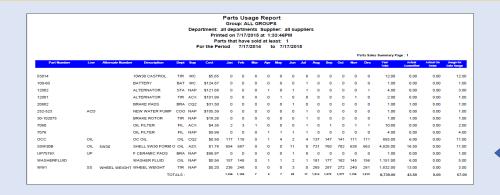
- Credit Card Processing
- Credit Bureaus
- Bank Financing/Floorplan
- DMS
- Insurance(all)

*Quoting expenses with multiple suppliers provides "truth" in the marketplace!

					Supplier		
		C			Contact	Supplier A	Supplier B
redit	edit Bureau Summary Analysis Strategic Source			=	Phone		
	are sured summary Amarysis				E-mail		
			Current	Current			
			Annual	Annualiz			
		Current	Credit	ed			
	Location	Providers	Pulls	Pricing		Proposed Pricing	Proposed Pricing
1	Subaru,	\$0					
	Avg. Annual Spend		36	\$613		\$445	\$399
	Total Savings					\$168	\$214
	Estimated Annual Percentage						
	Savings					27%	35%
2	CDJR	\$0					
	Avg. Annual Spend		31380	\$123,538		\$103,609	\$111,452
	Total Savings					\$19,929	\$12,086
	Estimated Annual Percentage						
	Savings					16%	10%
3	Toyota Scion	\$0					
	Avg. Annual Spend		3996	\$16,173		\$13,401	\$14,141
	Total Savings					\$2,772	\$2,031
	Estimated Annual Percentage						
	Savings					17%	13%
4	Fiat	\$0					
	Avg. Annual Spend		3036	\$11,980		\$10,199	\$10,370
	Total Savings					\$1,781	\$1,610
	Estimated Annual Percentage						
	Savings					15%	13%
5	BMW	\$0					
	Avg. Annual Spend		0	\$466		\$264	\$263
	Total Savings					\$202	\$203
	Estimated Annual Percentage						
	Savings					43%	44%
6	Chevrolet	\$0					
	Avg. Annual Spend		2160	\$9,230		\$7,423	\$7,977
	Total Savings					\$1,807	\$1,254
	Estimated Annual Percentage						
	Savings					20%	14%
	Part 1 - Summary Analysis						
	Total Fees All Stores Annual		40608	\$162,000		\$135,340	\$144,603
	Savings total					\$26,660	\$17,397
	Percentage Savings Annual					16%	11%
	Part 2 - Summary Analysis - Pull Red						
	Savings - Reduce 2nd/3rd credit pull	•	-			\$12,086	\$12,086
	Percentage Savings Annual	& 3rd pull is 25° pensive Pull	% of 1st			7%	7%

Building a Request for Quote(RFQ)





Step 2 - Build RFQ

- Copy and past all items used
- Identify P/N
- Identify Description
- Identify Unit of Measure(U/M)
- Identify Package Quantity
- Leave Supplier name out in RFQ
- Allow space for supplier to insert price

Step 1 - Obtain Elec. Usage Report

Obtain a usage report(s) from supplier for previous 12 months of purchases.

Request report in Excel.

				_	SUPPLIER:
Shop S	Shop Supplies - Analysis Blue BOLD = Alternative product/service CONTACT				CONTACT: PHONE:
Stra	Strategic Source Green BOLD = UOM Conversion				
	Red BOLD = PLUGGED			EMAIL:	
LINE	PART#	DESCRIPTION	PKG	иом	Supplier
#			QTY		Price Quote
1	AP-2610	CUT OFF WHL 3X 1/16X 3/8	20	each	
2	7481	3M SFC CND DISC 2" MED	25	each	
3	7515	3M SFC CND R DISC 2" VFN	25	each	
4	998512	IMPERIALOK R 3" FINE DISC	25	each	
5	872606S	BRISTLE DISC 2"GREEN 50G	10	1	
6	872604S	BRISTLE DISC 2"WHITE 120G	10	1	
7	998245	BRISTLE DISC 3"YELLOW 80G	25	each	
				Subtotal \$	\$ -
8	PER882190	SUPER GLUE 2 Gram TUBE	6	2g	
				Subtotal \$	\$ -
9	3MN1500	AA-CELL ALK DURACELL-PRO	24	each	
10	3MN2400	AAA-CELL ALK DURACELL-PRO	24	each	
11	3MN1300	D-CELL ALK DURACELL-PRO	12	each	
				Subtotal \$	\$ -
12	CRC 05023	BATTERY CLNR 12-3/4 OZ	1	11oz	
13	89099107	BRAKE CLEANE R 14 OZ NET	12	19oz	
14	CRC 5084	BRAKE CLEANE R 14 OZ NET	1	19oz	
15	16PB-DS	PB Blaster (aerosol)	12	11 oz	
16	80744CN	PB Blaster (aerosol)	12	18oz	
17	80744CN	PB Blaster (aerosol)	12	18oz	
18	WW5004	WHITE GREASE 13-3/4 OZ	12	10.5 oz	
19	80925CN	WHITE GREASE 13-3/4 OZ	12	13oz	
				Subtotal \$	Ś -
20	33004	HOSE CLAMP M4H	10	each	
21	5204	HOSE CLAMP M4H	10	each	
22	33006	HOSE CLAMP M6S	10	each	
23	33006	HOSE CLAMP M6S	20	each	
24	33012	HOSE CLAMP M12S	10	each	
25	33016	HOSE CLAMP M16S	10	each	
26	33020	HOSE CLAMP M20S	10	each	
27	52020	HOSE CLAMP M20S	10	each	
28	33024	HOSE CLAMP M24S	10	each	
29	33024	HOSE CLAMP M24S	10	each	
30	33028	HOSE CLAMP M28S	10	each	
31	33032	HOSE CLAMP M32S	10	each	
32	33036	HOSE CLAMP M36S	10	each	
33	33036	HOSE CLAMP M36S	10	each	
33	33030	TIOSE CLAIVIP IVISOS	10	Subtotal \$	\$ -
				Subtotal \$	-

Impact of Quoting Expense Categories





Spend Strategy	Quoting Expense Categories - Assume 20% Savings	New Profits
Supplier Spend - \$10MM	\$2MM	\$2MM
Supplier Spend - \$5MM	\$1MM	\$1MM
Supplier Spend - \$3MM	\$600K	\$600K
Supplier Spend - \$2MM	\$400K	\$400K

RFQ's – Quoting Expense Categories should generate 25% cost savings on average(20% used for example)

Strategy #2 – Maximizing Cash Discounts





Spend Strategy	2% Early Payment Discounts	1.5% Credit Card Cash Rebates	Total New Profits
Supplier Spend - \$10MM	\$200,000	\$150,000	\$350,000
Supplier Spend - \$5MM	\$100,000	\$75,000	\$175,000
Supplier Spend - \$3MM	\$60,000	\$45,000	\$105,000
Supplier Spend - \$2MM	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$70,000

Recommendation - Implement a 2% early payment discount with suppliers, pay suppliers with a credit card to generate 1.5%+ cash back discount

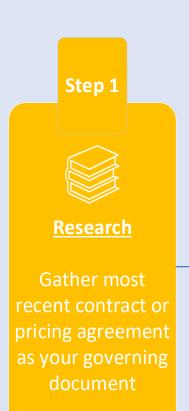
Strategy #3 – Implement Compliance & Recovery Audits



Suggestion:

Audit Uniform,
DMS, Credit Card,
Credit Bureau, Shop
Supplies, Telecom,
Transportation
Invoices to start





Strategic Source

Supplier Compliance Audit Steps





Impact of Compliance – Recovery Audits





Spend Strategy	Audit Recovery at 2%	New Bottom Line Profits
Supplier Spend - \$10MM	\$200,000	\$200K
Supplier Spend - \$5MM	\$100,000	\$100K
Supplier Spend - \$3MM	\$60,000	\$60K
Supplier Spend - \$2MM	\$40,000	\$40K

^{*}Supplier Compliance Audits – Auditing to ensure the right supplier is used, the right items are purchased, the right prices are applied and the right business terms are provided

Strategy #4 - Leverage Data for Better Pricing and New Profits





Collect fresh price
benchmarks and
compare to current
prices. Once analyzed,
it's time to renegotiate
with your suppliers to
reduce costs – improve
profits

Benchmark - Price Comparisons

Purchased	Unit	Client	Client	Benchmark	\$\$	%		
Item	of M.	Supplier	Price	Price	Diff.	Diff.		
Uniforms								
Uniform Shirt	EA	G & K	\$0.55	\$0.41	\$0.14	25.45%		
Uniform Jacket	EA	G & K	\$1.00	\$0.80	\$0.20 🥿	20.00%		
Uniform Pants	EA	G & K	\$0.55	\$0.41	\$0.14	- 45%		
Shop Towel	EA	G & K	\$0.05	\$0.04	\$0.01	20.0		
Shirt - Polo	EA	G & K	\$0.69	\$0.65	\$0.04	5.80%		
Office Supplies								
Paper, Copy 8 1/2 x 11 (20lb)	RM	XYZ Office	\$3.13	\$2.16	\$0.97	30.99%		
Jumbo Paper Clips	BX	XYZ Office	\$0.75	\$0.23	\$0.52	69.33%		
Office Stapler	EA	XYZ Office	\$3.41	\$3.58	-\$0.17	-4.99%		
Staples	BX	XYZ Office	\$0.41	\$0.46	-\$0.05	-12.20%		
Manilla Folders, pckg 25	PCKG	XYZ Office	\$4.49	\$3.19	\$1.30	28.95%		
1 1/2" Binder	EA	XYZ Office	\$2.49	\$1.29	\$1.20	48.19%		
2" Binder	EA	XYZ Office	\$2.15	\$1.49	\$0.66	30.70%		
Wastebasket	EA	XYZ Office	\$8.28	\$1.99	\$6.29	75.97%		
Highlighter, Yellow - Fluorescent	EA	XYZ Office	\$0.35	\$0.16	\$0.19	54.29%		
Jr. Legal Pad, White	DZ	XYZ Office	\$5.88	\$2.59	\$3.29	55.95%		
Post it Notes, 3x3	EA	XYZ Office	\$0.24	\$0.24	\$0.00	0.00%		
			Shop Supp	olies				
Electrical Tape	RL	DB Корру	\$1.62	\$2.75	-\$1.13	-69.75%		
Gloves, Nitrile	BX	DB Корру	\$10.34	\$6.49	\$3.85	37.23%		
Blades, Razor 10 Each	BX	DB Корру	\$5.00	\$3.89	\$1.11	22.20%		
Battery Cleaner	Can	DB Корру	\$2.36	\$1.41	\$0.95	40.25%		
Wheel Weight, Std 1/2 oz	EA	Bauer	\$0.44	\$0.04	\$0.40	90.91%		
Wheel Weight, Std 1/4 oz	EA	Bauer	\$0.40	\$0.04	\$0.36	90.10%		
Wheel Weight, AW Coated 1 1/4 oz	EA	Bauer	\$0.38	\$0.13	\$0.25	65.33%		
Wheel Weight, AW Coated 1 oz	EA	Bauer	\$0.32	\$0.09	\$0.23	71.43%		
			Lubricar	nts				
5W 30 Oil Branded	GL	Lube-Tech	\$4.68	\$4.04	\$0.64	13.68%		
Windshield Solvent	GL	Lube-Tech	\$1.14	\$1.05	\$0.09	7.89%		
			Janitorial Su	ipplies				
Hand Soap, 800ml, 12/CS	Case	Wipers/Wipes	\$63.11	\$43.13	\$19.98	31.66%		
Paper Towels, Roll, 2 Ply 30 rl/CS	Case	Wipers/Wipes	\$49.88	\$23.20	\$26.68	53.49%		
Towel, Multi-Fold, 250 Pk/16/CS	Case	Wipers/Wipes	\$24.88	\$15.50	\$9.38	37.70%		
			Printed Fo	orms				
Business Cards - 1 sided	EA	P. Print/Design	\$0.17	\$0.07	\$0.10	59.77%		
#10 Envelopes	EA	P. Print/Design	\$0.06	\$0.02	\$0.04	62.07%		
			Waste					
Waste Container, 4 YD x 3	Month	WM	\$315.00	\$125.00	\$190.00	60.32%		
Totals			\$514	\$247	\$268	52.05%		

Calculate Differences

Market Basket Comparison

Strategy #4 - Leverage Data for Better Pricing





Negotiation Steps

With Price Benchmarks in hand, it is time to go back to your incumbent suppliers and negotiate new competitive Rates

Step 1 Research Gather background expense information and benchmark

Step 2 **Define** Define your targets and negotiation objectives

Step 3

Anticipate

Determine your leverage, anticipate your opponent's positions, consider concessions

Step 4 **Execute** Conduct negotiations, implement, measure and record results

*Savings – Profit Impact covered in an earlier slide

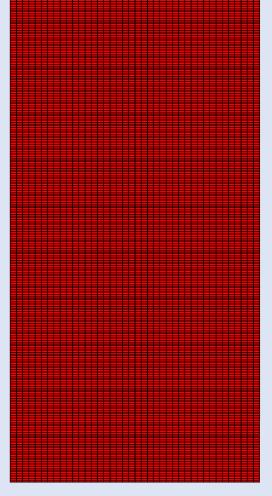
Strategy #5 – Streamline Your Supplier Base



Lack of Controls – Policies:

- Too many buyers
- Too many suppliers
- Less purchasing leverage
- Too many invoices
- Fewer cash discounts
- Higher prices
- Lost profits

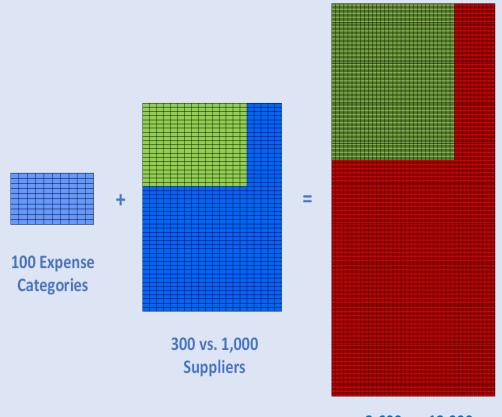




12,000 Annual Invoices

Supply Base Reduction = Reduced Costs – New Profits





3,600 vs. 12,000 Annual Invoices

Metrics	From:	То:	Reduction - Savings
Suppliers	1000	300	700 fewer suppliers
Invoices	12,000	3,600	8,400 fewer invoices
Cost per invoice - \$25	\$300K	\$90K	\$210K
Cost Savings – New Profits			<u>\$210,000</u>

Summary

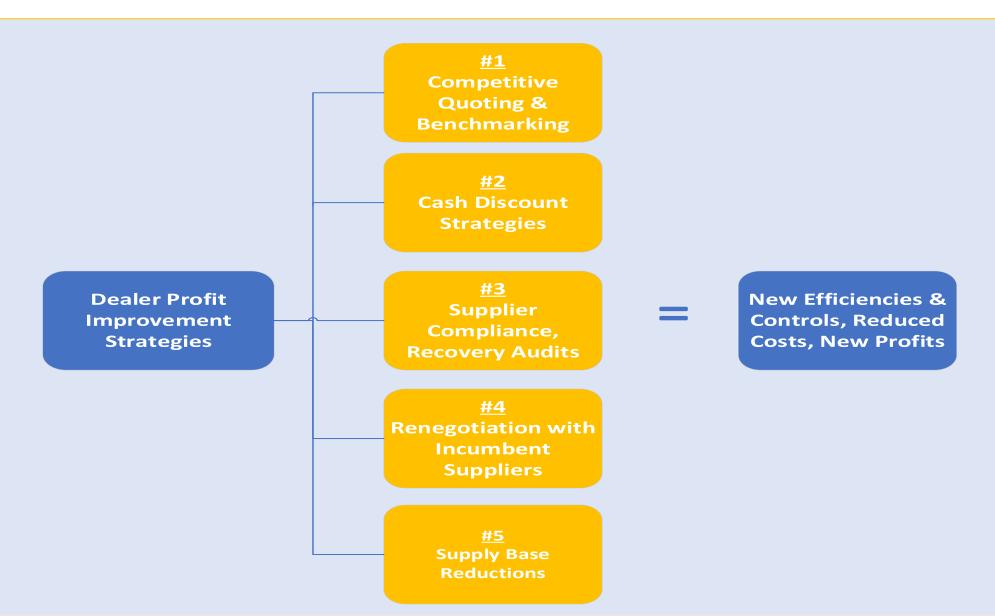
- Too many buyers = too many suppliers
- Too many suppliers = little pricing leverage
- Too many suppliers = too many invoices, larger staff

How Your Organization Will Benefit from Implementation of the Five Spend Strategies



Strategies to Stop the Money Drain





The Change You Will Realize



Go from	To this
Paying 25% too much	 Reducing costs by 25% on average
Missed supplier discounts	New discounts, more cash
 No supplier audits 	Supplier audits + new cash
High supplier pricing	New competitive prices
Too many suppliers	Optimized supplier base
	New Profitability



How Will You Benefit Using The Five Strategies



Dealership Examples	#1 Supplier Quoting	#2 Supplier Discounts	#3 Audits- Recoveries	#4 Renegotiate w/ Suppliers	#5 Supply Base Reductions	Total New Profit Impact
Supplier Spend - \$10MM	\$2MM	\$350,000	\$200K	Included in #1	\$210,000	\$2.760M
Supplier Spend - \$5MM	\$1MM	\$175,000	\$100K	u	\$210,000	\$1.485M
Supplier Spend - \$3MM	\$600K	\$105,000	\$60K	u	\$105,000	<u>\$870K</u>
Supplier Spend - \$2MM	\$400K	\$70,000	\$40K	u	\$50,000	\$560K

^{*}How Many Vehicles Need to Be Sold to Generate These Profits?

Next Steps to Realize the Improvements





Next Steps

- 1. Establish a 12 month cost reduction objective (\$500K, \$1.0M, \$2.0M)
- 2. Assign expense categories to your mgmt. team to quote
- 3. Enact new business terms(early payment discounts and credit card payments)
- 4. Implement new category audit program(compliance and recovery)
- 5. Assign managers to renegotiate selected expense categories
- 6. Assign Managers to reduce the supplier base by 50% to 70%

Ready to Take Action?





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Free Price Comp Review



Best Practice Assessment

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