

# **STRATEGIC OUTSOURCING WORKSHOP**

The Emerging  
Company Guide for  
Corporate Outsourcing  
Strategy



# INTRODUCTIONS

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# Outsourcing Strategy-Why, When and How?

- | Why do you need a corporate strategy?
  - Maximize Resources/Minimize Risk
- | When should you develop your strategy?
  - Dependent upon your pipeline
    - | Multiple projects at various stages
    - | Single product in early development
    - | Single product, single indication
    - | Single product multiple indications
- | How do you develop a strategy?

# Development Models

- | Internal Development
  - Evaluate internal resources
    - | Short-term
    - | Long-term
  - Capability to develop internal resources
    - | Growth Plans
    - | Funding
    - | Set Priorities

# Development Models

- I Licensing
  - Early Phase Development
  - Proof of Concept
  - Phase II
- I Partnerships/Co-Development
  - Shared resources
  - Joint development agreements

# Virtual Company vs. Traditional Pharma

- | Skills and experience of staff
  - Early phase emphasis
  - Clinical development expertise
- | Infrastructure and corporate support
  - Resources
  - Funding
  - Critical Mass
- | Company Mission and Goals
  - Marketing products
  - Pure R&D

# Outsourcing Strategies

- | Geography-Global/International/Regional
- | Preferred/Pre-Qualified Providers
- | Project by Project
- | Full Programs/TA/Indications
- | Core Competency

# Outsourcing Models

- | **Full Service**
- | **Functional**
- | **Niche-Therapeutic Area**
- | **Niche-Geography**
- | **Niche-Technology Technology**
- | **Multiple Providers—One Project**

# Identifying the Best Service Provider for Your Needs

## Requests for Information (RFI)

- | **Establish and weight key decision-making criteria**
  - | Therapeutic expertise
  - | Team experience
  - | Speed, responsiveness
  - | Price
  - | Cultural fit
- | **Develop targeted Request for Information (RFI) eliciting feedback against those criteria**
  - Prepare side-by-side RFI comparison
  - Score RFIs, discuss, and make decision

# Best Practice Outsourcing

**Quality of selection process has big payoff against future time spent resolving issues**

- Selection of best team
- Commitment to your goals
- Effective communication of needs and expectations
- Understanding of project resourcing, contract terms and deliverables

## **Evaluation tools**

- Standard RFI, targeted RFI, sample decision-making criteria, RFP, score cards, etc.

# Relationship Management

## Create leverage for yourself as a customer

- **Know your strengths**
  - | Early stage pipelines are viewed as entrée to later phase projects
  - | Small companies take partnering concept further
  - | Biotech, small pharma growing CRO market segment
- **Sell yourself as a customer**
  - | Discuss development programs and strategies openly
  - | Provide context around planned development spending

# Developing Partnerships

## Implement structure around key Provider relationships

- Establish Senior Level Oversight Committee with regular (quarterly) meetings and regular point-to-point contact
- Identify issue escalation and resolution path and process
- Use performance metrics to measure performance against expectations
- Develop consistent business processes for contracting, change orders, financial transparency, and discounting
- Evaluate overall relationship progress at pre-defined time points

# What can you expect from your CRO?

- | Quality of the team
- | Set expectations for performance
- | Manage expectations-revising as needed
- | Build in performance checks
- | Communication-when and about what?
- | Recognize problems will occur-plan for them
- | Mitigate Risk on both sides
- | Learn from your mistakes and your successes
- | Share the glory

# Discussion

- | Does the CRO business model meet your needs?
- | How to get it done with limited resources and limited funds?
- | How can you effectively manage multiple providers on a single project?
- | Can a CRO be effectively managed by a Sponsor?
- | Your Questions.....

# Thank You

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