

Chapter 2--The Business Market:Perspectives on the Organizational Buyer

1.	The business market consists of the following three components:
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- 48. The federal government is the largest consumer in the United States. Federal government expenditures for goods and services fall in the range of:
 - A. \$ 50 billion.
 - B. \$ 100 billion.
 - C. \$ 250 billion.
 - D. \$ 600 billion.
 - E. \$ 1 trillion.
- 49. Ten percent of all manufacturers account for over 75 percent of the value added by manufacturing in the United States.

True False

50. On average, more than half of every dollar earned from sales of manufactured products is spent for the purchase of materials, supplies, and equipment needed to produce the goods.

True False

51. Most large metropolitan areas are lucrative business markets.

True False

52. Compared to the average cost of a purchase order, purchasing over the Internet is far more economical for purchasing managers.

True False

53. Purchasing managers are increasingly turning to the Internet to research the global marketplace for suppliers.

True False

54. Purchasing managers most often use Value Analysis to evaluate supplier performance.

True False

55. When products are perceived as highly standardized by buyers, price assumes less importance in the buying decision.

True False

56. Complexity management may involve the outsourcing of production or assembly tasks to supply chain partners.

True False

57. The Federal government follows formal advertising as a procurement strategy when it solicits bids from appropriate suppliers, and, in most cases, awards the contract to the lowest bidder.

True False

58. The Federal government employs Negotiated Contract buying when it is buying standardized products.

True False

59. The Defense Logistics Agency procures supplies used in common by all military branches.

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60. While multiple buying influences are an important force in the commercial sector of the industrial market, they are not relevant in the government and institutional sectors of the market.

True False

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67. Institutional purchasers are more similar to government purchasers than they are to commercial purchasers.

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71. A reverse auction involves one buyer who invites bids from several prequalified suppliers.

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72. Group purchasing is common in government purchasing.

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74. In business-to-business markets, leading-edge firms like Dell or Baxter Healthcare demonstrate special capabilities in managing the purchasing function in a way that advances corporate performance. At a fundamental level, these firms understand the cost and value of goods or services to the firm. First, describe and illustrate the "total cost of ownership" concept. Next, describe the levels of procurement development that firms demonstrate in the business market and why Dell and Baxter Healthcare set the standards for procurement practices.

75.	You are scheduled to meet with the Vice President of Purchasing of a large industrial firm that is a potential customer. You will have the opportunity to ask specific questions about the purchasing department and the firm's operations that may help you in developing a targeted marketing strategy for the account. Suggest five questions that you would put to the vice president.
76.	East Lansing Electrical assumes an active role in the commercial sector of the business market. The Director of Marketing, however, feels that now may be the time to extend the firm's reach and serve the government sector of the market. You have been asked to develop a staff paper for presentation to the executive committee that carefully explains what the company needs to know to effectively begin a new program for marketing their products to the federal government. Provide an outline of the major points/issues that you would treat in your presentation.
77.	The institutional market offers an appropriate setting for illustrating the concept of multiple buying influences. Provide an illustration of the members of a health-care institution who might be involved in the decision to purchase an expensive piece of medical test equipment. Next, describe the unique characteristics of the institutional purchasing process that you should consider in developing a responsive business marketing strategy.

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54. Purchasing managers most often use Value Analysis to evaluate supplier performance.

FALSE

55. When products are perceived as highly standardized by buyers, price assumes less importance in the buying decision.

FALSE

56. Complexity management may involve the outsourcing of production or assembly tasks to supply chain partners.

TRUE

57. The Federal government follows formal advertising as a procurement strategy when it solicits bids from appropriate suppliers, and, in most cases, awards the contract to the lowest bidder.

TRUE

58. The Federal government employs Negotiated Contract buying when it is buying standardized products.

FALSE

59. The Defense Logistics Agency procures supplies used in common by all military branches.

TRUE

60. While multiple buying influences are an important force in the commercial sector of the industrial market, they are not relevant in the government and institutional sectors of the market.

FALSE

61. Institutional buyers may buy simply because they have unused funds in the year's budget.

TRUE

62. Foundations, art galleries, and health care facilities are all examples of institutional customers.

TRUE

63. The NAICS is a result of the NAFTA.

TRUE

64. A Value Buy (*Consume Better*) occurs when the procurement organization takes an external view of the supply chain and develops mutually beneficial relationships with suppliers.

FALSE

65. A *compliance program* requires a certain percentage of a given government contract to be awarded to small or minority businesses.

FALSE

66. A *set-aide program* requires that governmental contractors maintain affirmative action programs for minorities, women, and the handicapped.

FALSE

67. Institutional purchasers are more similar to government purchasers than they are to commercial purchasers.

FALSE

68. The most advanced level of procurement development demonstrated by firms is described as Integrated Sell (Sell Better).

TRUE

69. Complexity management seeks cost reductions by simplifying product design or by using standardized component parts in products across product lines.

TRUE

70. Total cost of ownership considers both supplier and buyer activities, and costs over a product's or service's complete life cycle.

TRUE

71. A reverse auction involves one buyer who invites bids from several prequalified suppliers.

TRUE

72. Group purchasing is common in government purchasing.

FALSE

73. The least advanced level of procurement development demonstrated by firms is described as Linked Buy (Buy Better).

FALSE

74. In business-to-business markets, leading-edge firms like Dell or Baxter Healthcare demonstrate special capabilities in managing the purchasing function in a way that advances corporate performance. At a fundamental level, these firms understand the cost and value of goods or services to the firm. First, describe and illustrate the "total cost of ownership" concept. Next, describe the levels of procurement development that firms demonstrate in the business market and why Dell and Baxter Healthcare set the standards for procurement practices.

n/a

75. You are scheduled to meet with the Vice President of Purchasing of a large industrial firm that is a potential customer. You will have the opportunity to ask specific questions about the purchasing department and the firm's operations that may help you in developing a targeted marketing strategy for the account. Suggest five questions that you would put to the vice president.

n/a

76.	East Lansing Electrical assumes an active role in the commercial sector of the business market. The
70.	
	Director of Marketing, however, feels that now may be the time to extend the firm's reach and serve
	the government sector of the market. You have been asked to develop a staff paper for presentation
	to the executive committee that carefully explains what the company needs to know to effectively
	begin a new program for marketing their products to the federal government. Provide an outline of
	the major points/issues that you would treat in your presentation.

n/a

77. The institutional market offers an appropriate setting for illustrating the concept of multiple buying influences. Provide an illustration of the members of a health-care institution who might be involved in the decision to purchase an expensive piece of medical test equipment. Next, describe the unique characteristics of the institutional purchasing process that you should consider in developing a responsive business marketing strategy.

n/a

78. Like consumers who are shopping at Amazon.com, purchasing managers are able to use the Internet to find new suppliers around the world, communicate with current suppliers, and place orders. First, discuss the capabilities e-procurement provides to buyers. Next, describe some of the benefits that e-procurement's capabilities provide to buyers.

n/a

79. Institutional buyers possess characteristics of both government and commercial buyers. Please explain which characteristics of commercial buyers and government buyers are common in institutional buyers. Next, identify some strategies that should be used by business marketers targeting institutional buyers.

n/a