



### Explore the Secrets of Workday Licensing

Secure a "best-in-class" deal for your Workday contract

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### Webinar Objectives

01

Acquire an understanding of Workday's market position, product offerings, and go-to-market approach.

02

Highlight key components that comprise Workday's licensing structure and Master Subscription Agreement.

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Drive successful outcomes for Workday agreements using a robust approach.

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# Workday: Market Overview & Value Proposition



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
# Why is Workday so sticky?

55% of Fortune 500, 25% of Global 2k and 70% of FINS Fortune 500 are Workday customers




**"Power of One:"**


- One user experience
- One data model
- One security model (cloud native)



**"Land and expand" strategy:**  
Workday sells to your peers directly.



**Relentless push into new markets:**  
HCM + DNA, Finance, Adaptive Planning, Student, Strategic Sourcing, Spend Mgt., Extend Platform, Industry Vets



- \$4.73B+ TTM REV, with a target of \$6.2B+ by FY23
- Renewal rate = ~95%
- R&D investment = ~28% of revenue

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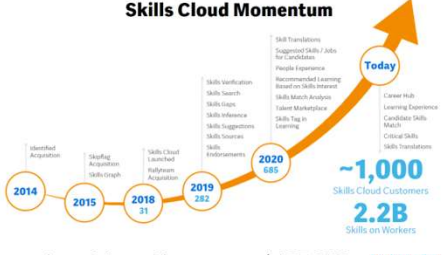
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# Workday Innovation Example

## Skills Cloud Momentum



2014 Identified Acquisition  
2015 Skilling Acquisition Skills Graph  
2018 31 Skills Cloud Launched Full-time Acquisition  
2019 282 Skills Modernization  
2020 685 Skills Translations  
Today ~1,000 Skills Cloud Customers  
2.2B Skills on Workers

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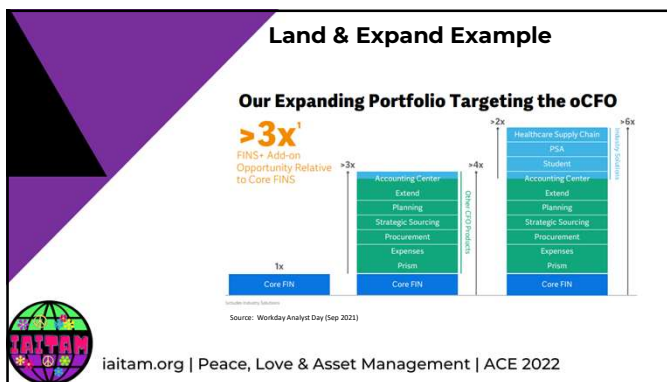
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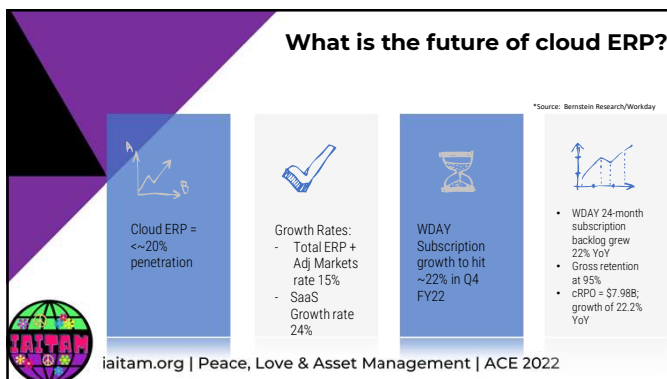
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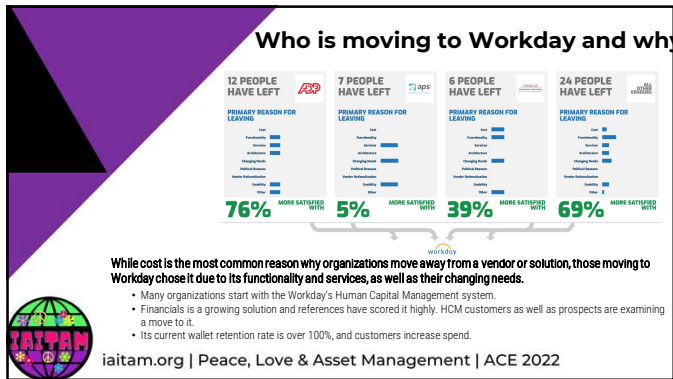
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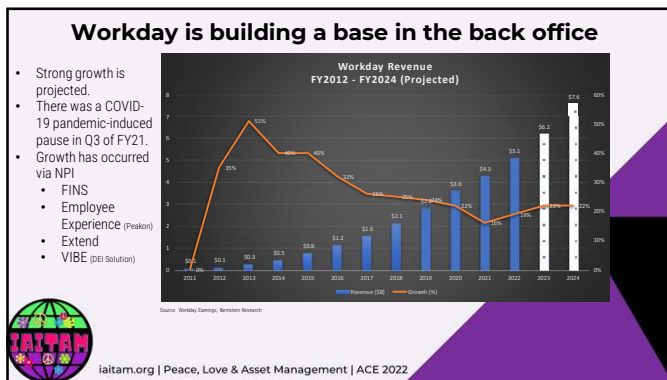
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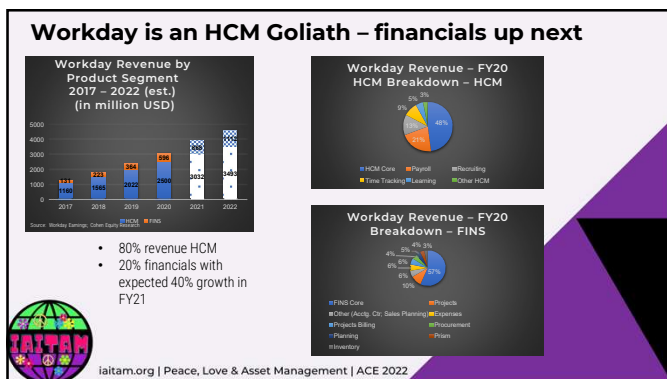
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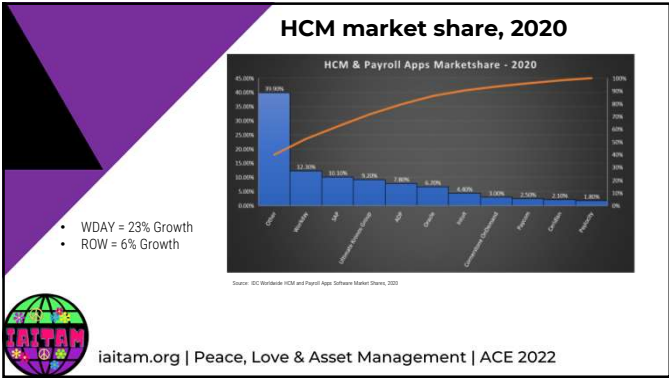
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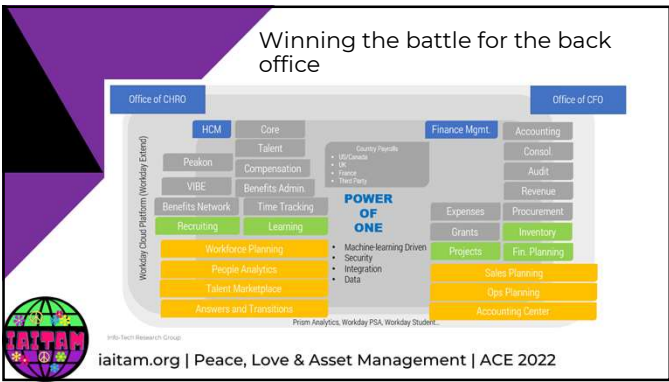
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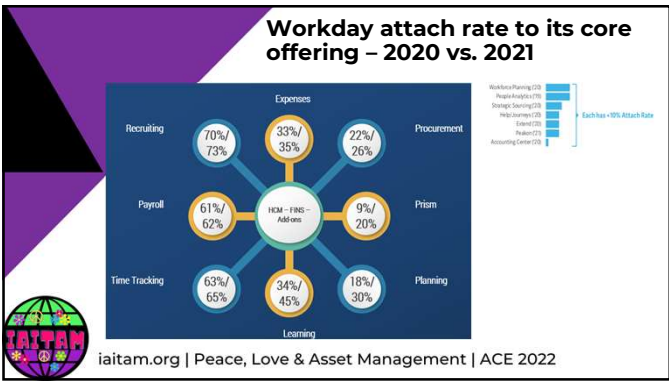
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### Key Workday acquisitions

Company	Description	Year Acquired	Price
Peakon	SaaS-based analytics – employee engagement	2021	\$700M
Adaptive Insights	SaaS corporate finance management	2018	\$1.55B
Scout RFP	Cloud-based sourcing platform	2019	\$540M
Upshotdata	Mobile-based BI reporting via speech recognition	2015	Not disclosed
Rallyteam	Contingent workforce management suite	2018	Not disclosed
Trusted Key	Federated user authentication, ID validation, token management	2019	Not disclosed
Identified	Big Data platform for social recruitment	2014	Not disclosed
Platforma	Self-service big data analytics	2016	Not disclosed
MediaCore	Video platform for the education sector	2015	Not disclosed

Others include:

- Cape Clear – ESB/SOA
- SkieFlag – Enterprise collaboration/KM
- Zaption – Video learning tools for K-12 and higher ed
- Gridcraft – BI tools for business users
- VNDLY – FY22 – External workforce management (e.g. SAP Fieldglass)

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### Workday: License Model & Contract Evaluation

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### Know Workday's strengths and weaknesses

**Strengths**

- Strong functionality coverage
- No legacy branched off or promise code
- Technical support
- New players in the space and has been able to build a strong business solution
- Few top-on acquisitions

**Weaknesses**

- High entry costs
- Not an ideal solution for mass customization
- Challenges with partners and availability of resources
- Cost complexity to replace a home-grown system
- Not a full ERP application

**Internal factors**

**External factors**

**Opportunities**

- Growth into various product types to become an Oracle SAP ERP competitor
- Growth in HCM and ERP
- Growth in global market demand
- Growth in partner network and increasing implementation capabilities

**Threats**

- Oracle, SAP, Epicor, etc. have competing products
- Security risk with cloud adoption

**Info-Tech Insight**

While they are a threat to Workday, these competitors represent an opportunity for analysts to leverage for a better deal.

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## Workday products are licensed by modules and users

Workday licensing is a bit simpler when compared to other mega-vendors.

### Modules

- To acquire licenses, the company must first select modules. Each module provides access to a set of features.

- Modules vary by feature, functionality, and pricing.

### Example Ordering Documents

Permitted Baseline FTE Worker Count by SKU		Permitted Baseline FTE Worker Count for Order Term	
SKU	Service		
L0000000	Core Human Capital Management - LDP		455
L0000000	Cloud Connect for Benefits - LDP		320
L0000000	Time Tracking - LDP		370
L0000000	Advanced Management - LDP		455
L0000000	Advanced Compensation Management - LDP		455
L0000000	Performance and Development - LDP		455
L0000000	Succession Planning - LDP		455
L0000000	Recruiting - LDP		455
L0000000	Cloud Connect for Third Party Payroll - LDP		455

Baseline FTE Worker Count by SKU		Year 1	Years 2-5
SKU	Service		
L0000000	Core Human Capital Management - LDP	455	455
L0000000	Recruiting - LDP	455	455
L0000000	Advanced Compensation Management - LDP	455	455
L0000000	Advanced Management - LDP	455	455
L0000000	Cloud Connect for Third Party Payroll - LDP	455	455
L0000000	Benefits - LDP	455	455
L0000000	Cloud Connect for Benefits - LDP	455	455



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## Beware Workday's Tactics for Increasing Client Spend

SKU	Service	Pricing Metric	Subscription Rights
L0000000	Core Human Capital Management	FTE	Full Enterprise (including former Workday web access)
L0000000	Payroll Distribution	FTE	Full Enterprise
L0000000	Cloud Connect for Benefits	FTE	Full Enterprise
L0000000	Payroll for Canada	FTE	Full Enterprise
L0000000	Learning	FTE	Full Enterprise
L0000000	Mobile Cloud / No Fee	FTE	Full Enterprise
L0000000	Recruiting	FTE	Full Enterprise
L0000000	Core Compensation	FTE	Full Enterprise
L0000000	Skills Management	FTE	Full Enterprise
L0000000	Financial Planning	FTE	Full Enterprise

SKU	Service	Baseline FTE Worker Count for Order Term
HCM	Human Capital Management	2,367
CCPP	Cloud Connect for Third Party Payroll	2,437
LDP	Payroll for United States	427
CCB	Cloud Connect for Benefits	427
REC	Recruiting	2,987

Hazard – Do NOT apply Full Enterprise requirement to all SKUs

Solution – Tailor SKU quantity to need



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## Beware Workday's Tactics for Increasing Client Spend – Cont.

SKU	Service
HCM	Human Capital Management
RCM	Revenue Cycle Management
FIN	Core Financials
PRJT	Projects
CCW	Cloud Connect for Workday
CCFPP	Cloud Connect for Third Party Payroll
TL	Time Tracking
LSP	Learning
PRO	Procurement
CUP	Payroll for United States
LUN	Learning
SCNP	Student Cloud – No Fee
PSF	Financial Planning
PRJT	Projects

→ Hazard – Do NOT allow SKU bundling

→ Force single SKU per a customized FSE count

→ Included with HCM → Workday will frequently unbundle functionality and charge as a new SKU – Customers may be grandfathered into the old "bundle" or can negotiate the same



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## The full-service equivalent (FSE) metric

• The FSE metric categorizes workers by type and assigns a percentage value by FSE category.

• Typical categories:

- Salaried worker – 100%
- Hourly worker – 100%
- Part-time worker – 25%

• Negotiate for custom FSE categories and allocations (where appropriate).

• **Typical FSE calculation:**

- Standard workers (full-time):  $500 * 100\% = 500$  FSE workers
- Standard workers (part-time):  $1000 * 50\% = 500$  FSE workers
- **Total FSE workers:  $500 + 500 = 1000$  FSE workers**

• **Custom FSE calculation:**

- Standard workers (full-time):  $500 * 100\% = 500$  FSE workers
- Standard workers (part-time):  $200 * 50\% = 100$  FSE workers
- Short-term seasonal workers:  $800 * 15\% = 120$  FSE workers
- **Total FSE workers:  $500 + 100 + 120 = 720$  FSE workers**
- **This is a reduction in FSE count of 280 FSE workers!**



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## Workday products are licensed via the FSE metric

Next, calculate and negotiate the full-service equivalent (FSE) formula.

### FSE

• **The FSE formula** takes a worker category and multiplies the number of users by a percentage based on the level of value derived from the system and/or usage.

• **Ask/negotiate with Workday for visibility into the calculation** of applicable number of users and weight percentages, as these are negotiable.

• **Worker categories are not limited to only those seen here.**

### Example Ordering Documents

Order Term Start Date	Reporting Date (90 days before anniversary of the Order Term Start Date)	FSE Count Date (90 days before anniversary of the Order Term Start Date)	Reporting Period (Year covered by the Subscription Fee for Additional FSE Workers)
July 1	June 1	May 1	July 1 through June 30

Worker Category	Applicable Number	Applicable Percentage	FSE Worker Calculation
Salaried Workers	2,000	100.0%	2,000
Hourly Workers	1,000	50.0%	500
Part-Time Workers	100	25.0%	25
Contingent Workers	100	25.0%	25
Seasonal Workers	100	15.0%	15
Former Workers with Access	0	2.5%	0
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>3,700</b>		<b>2,615</b>

### Info-Tech Insight

Workday's current volume discounting tiers are as follows: Under 1000, 1001 to 3000, 3001 to 5000, 5001 to 10,000, 10,001 to 20,000, Over 20,000.



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## Workday subscription pricing

Pricing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product metric – FSE</li> <li>Non-public price book – different list prices by total FSE and term-length</li> <li>annual subscriptions</li> <li>Payable in advance</li> </ul>
Term	36 or 60 Months
Discounting	Drivers are total list price, product mix, and term duration by line item
Tiered volume discount structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pricebook divided into volume tiers</li> <li>May be negotiated</li> </ul>

- Don't get "bundled."
  - Obtain line item pricing.
- Understand the impact of "deferred" and "ramped" payment schedules:
  - Deferred – back-end loaded ACV, which drives the renewal ACV higher.
  - Ramped – growing the subscription volumes over years; nets out to a lower term TCO.



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## Beware the Workday Bundle

Bundling layers in additional costs and reduces flexibility.

Scenario

- Three products forced bundled into a single SKU
- Limits additional purchases to FSE's for all three products

Example Ordering Documents

SKU	Service	Permitted Employees			Subscription Fees	
		Start	Added	New	Annual Rate (Per FSE)	Projected for Order Term (Discounted)
HCM REC FIN	Human Capital Management Recruiting Core Financials	4,518	3,500	8,018		
PRJT	Projects	4,518	3,500	8,018	Included into the SKUs	n/a
CCB	Cloud Connect for Benefits	1,507	0	1,507		
CCCP	Cloud Connect for Third Party Payroll	1,507	4,831	6,338		
TT	Time Tracking	1,000	1,000	4,000		
EXP	Expenses	1,200	1,000	2,200		
PRO	Procurement	1,250	300	1,550		
UNP	Payroll for United States	1,000	0	1,000		
LRS	Learning	4,518	3,500	8,018		
MCSE	Media Cloud – No Fee	4,518	3,500	8,018		
FIN	Financial Planning	3,500	518	8,018		

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### Workday Ramp vs. Upfront

**BUY UPFRONT (NO RAMP)**

Product	% Imp	Y1 Cost	% Imp	Y2 Cost	% Imp	Y3 Cost	3-Year Cost
Core HCM	100%	\$500,000	100%	\$500,000	100%	\$500,000	\$1,500,000
Time Tracking	100%	\$250,000	100%	\$250,000	100%	\$250,000	\$750,000
Payroll	100%	\$350,000	100%	\$350,000	100%	\$350,000	\$1,050,000
							\$3,300,000

**RAMP MODEL**

Product	% Imp	Y1 Cost	% Imp	Y2 Cost	% Imp	Y3 Cost	3-Year Cost
Core HCM	70%	\$350,000	100%	\$500,000	100%	\$500,000	\$1,350,000
Time Tracking	0%	\$0	50%	\$125,000	100%	\$250,000	\$375,000
Payroll	70%	\$245,000	100%	\$350,000	100%	\$350,000	\$945,000
							\$2,670,000

20% Cost Avoidance

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### Workday Deferred Payment Trap

**Payment Schedule vs. Subscription Fee Schedule**

Subscription Year	Default Payment	Deferred Payment	Subscription Fee Schedule
1	\$1,500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
2	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$1,975,000
3	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,014,500
<b>Total Fees:</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>\$4,500,000</b>	<b>\$4,489,500</b>

**NOTE**

Note the pitfalls in deferred payment schedules:

- Simply defers existing payments to later years; Caution: CFO may like the cash flow short term benefit
- Innovation Index of 2% is layered in years 2 + 3
- Final renewal escalation will be based on higher Y3 Subscription Fee Schedule
- Outyear increase at CPI (3%) = Innovation Index (1%) = \$1,650,000 (\$150k increase)
- Outyear increase for deferred payment schedule = \$1,701,450 (\$201k increase)

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## Workday renewal caps & price protection

Renewal term	1 or 3 years
Standard uplift	CPI +5% Innovation Index (inflation + innovation index + random % add-on)
Discounting	Drivers are total list price, product mix, term duration by line item
Limitations	Must renew for at least same SKUs and FSEs
Price hold	Add existing and growth products to a price hold exhibit without commitment to buy – by line item SKU
BOM optimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BAU estimate – accurate without over-purchasing in later years</li> <li>Future requirements – build product roadmap to maximize predictability</li> </ul>
Business downturn	Negotiate a carveout for specific business downturn conditions (e.g. a pandemic clause)
Long-term plan	Build the contract for 10 years minimum



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## Escalation Cap Analysis

Subscription Year 3 = \$1,500,000 base

Standard Escalation vs. Negotiated Escalation Cap				
Subscription Year	CPI @ 5% + Innovation Index @ 5% - Annual Increase	CPI @ 5% + Innovation Index @ 2% - Renewal Term	Cost Savings	Cost Savings if Esc. Cap. @ flat 3% for full 3-Year term
4	\$1,650,000	\$1,605,000	\$45,000	\$1,545,500
5	\$1,815,000	\$1,605,000	\$210,000	\$1,545,500
6	\$1,996,500	\$1,605,000	\$391,500	\$1,545,500
Total Fees:	\$5,461,500	\$4,815,000	\$646,500	\$4,636,500

### NOTES

- Negotiate the Innovation Index down
- Negotiate a TERM renewal increase vs. annual increase
- Note: a flat 3% term increase would yield an annual fee of \$1,545,500 or a **3-yr savings of \$825k**



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### Additional nonstandard clauses Workday may be willing to negotiate based on your deal size

Ensure you keep your functionality and add-ons when a product gets repackaged or unbundled.

**Service-Line Re-Bundling Protections**

Per employee vs. Enterprise pricing

**Shifting License Metrics**

Negotiate unit-price reductions if the volume increases significantly in the future, as well as price holds for additional service lines.

**Unit-Price Reduction**

Exchange Rights  
MAD Protections

**License Swap  
Divestiture Protections**


**Factors to consider when negotiating nonstandard requests:**

- Positioning.
- Executive involvement.
- Empowerment of sourcing and procurement.
- Was the request written or simply oral?
- Was the request made prior to the knockout round?

**Additional clauses that may need customizing for your organization:**

- Reduction in fees if usage goes down.
- Payment terms and currency.
- Effective remedies if the SLAs are missed – Service Credits increase.

For more information please see Info-Tech's existing [Negotiate SaaS Agreements That Are Built to Last](#)



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### Negotiation & vendor relations process

	Action Required	Outcome
<b>Business Goals &amp; Drivers</b>	Identify the goals of the initiative, forecasted benefits, and measures of success.	Strong foundation established around strategic business goals.
<b>Key Requirements</b>	Identify product requirements and relationship goals.	Strong foundation established around tactical objectives – contract and relationship.
<b>Strategy</b>	Develop your negotiation strategy, approach, and options ( <b>Alternatives, Timing and Uncertainty factors</b> ).	Established plan of attack and fallback options.
<b>Communication Alignment</b>	Identify internal stakeholders and their roles and responsibilities. Negotiation strengths/weaknesses.	Know your role and your story.
<b>Contact Initiation</b>	Communicate expectations and requirements to Workday. Track commercial terms negotiated throughout the process.	Establish and build the relationship between the C-suite/stakeholders and your Workday account team.



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## Ask about nonstandard requests that Workday may be willing to negotiate based on deal size

Engage Workday, build strategic relationships, and leverage executive relationships to get buy-in.

- Request a copy of the price book, as there are differences in list prices based on volume.
- Request renewal proposal protection for outer or renewal terms for the years of the agreement.
- Request a long-term deal to lock in a good discount.
- Request service level agreements (SLAs) and associated credit structure (in case SLAs are not met).
- Request a subscription fee ramp up if the full value won't be derived during the initial year or two of the deal.
- Negotiate implementation fees. It's possible to negotiate with Workday services or a partner – each negotiated independently.
  - Discounts of up to 15% may be possible.

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## Perform a T&Cs review and identify key “deal breakers” that require further negotiation before executing a deal

- Use the [Workday Terms and Conditions Evaluation Tool](#) to assist in the creation of RFPs and to identify and prioritize the terms, conditions, and SLAs that are critical to your organization.
- Aim for a “fair deal” set of clauses that will provide the required protection for the buyer and remain fair to the vendor/service vendor.
- Which terms and conditions are critical for the organization to include in the contract?

Workday Terms and Conditions Evaluation Toolkit			
Category	Item	Comments	Priority
Pricing and product	Request a copy of the price book, as there are differences in list prices based on volume.		1
Pricing and product	Request renewal proposal protection for outer or renewal terms for the years of the agreement.		2
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