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# **NIH Community Spend Analysis**

## **Final Report**

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# Section 1: Executive Summary

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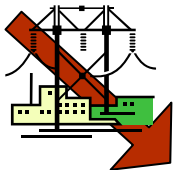
## Executive Summary



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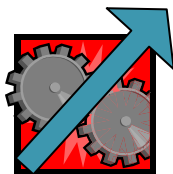
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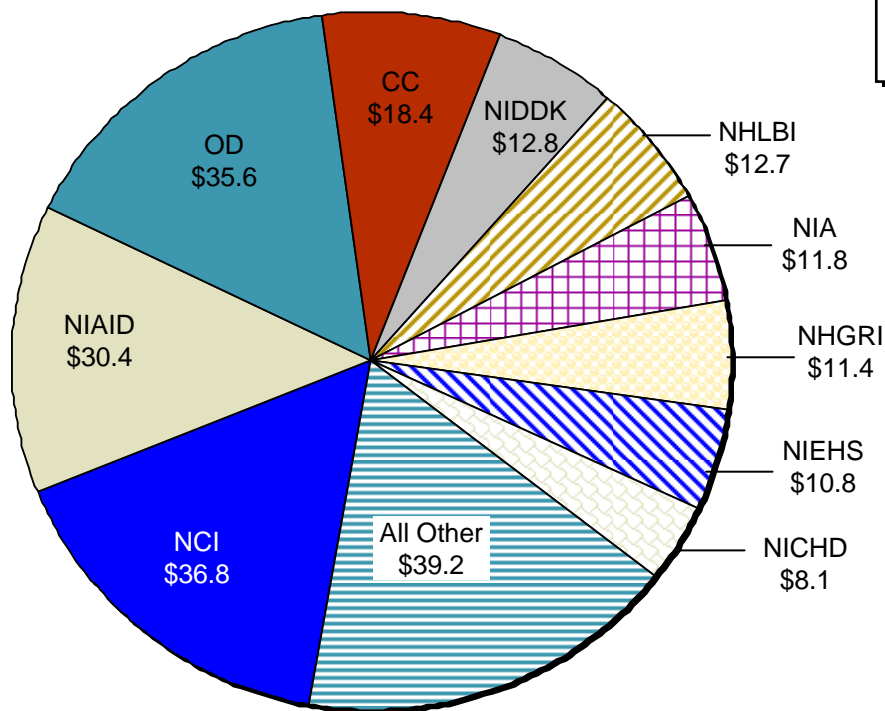
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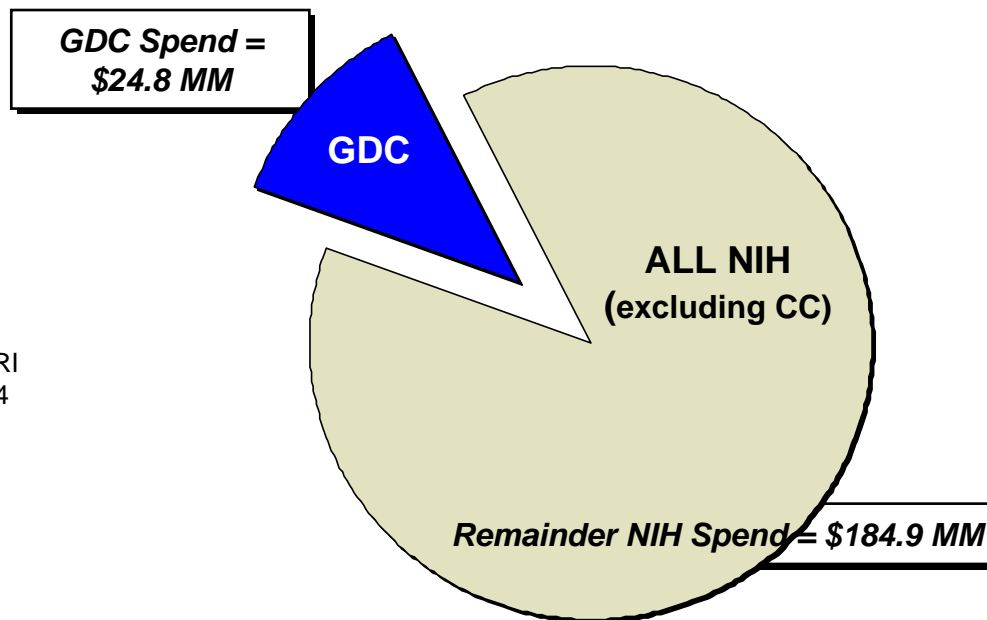
# In a 12 month period, the NIH community spent \$228.1 Million on supplies and materials or \$209.7 Million excluding the Clinical Center

**Spend by IC (\$ Millions)**



**Total \$ of Spend = \$228.1 Million**

**GDC accounts for 11% of the total NIH spend**



- ▶ The Clinical Center has been excluded from the remainder of the spend analysis due to use of the Prime Vendor Program for replenishment of supplies

(1) OD Spend includes spending from Project ICs, OD, OD ORS, and OD ORFDO

Source: nVISION data extracted Sep. 2008 (fully or partially paid orders between July 2007 and July 2008)



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## The spend analysis findings focus on three areas

### Areas of Study

1

#### Procurement Method

- ▶ Identifying items ordered through the GDC and those ordered directly from vendors allows GDC to quantify lost sales opportunities

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#### Supplier Fragmentation

- ▶ Identifying opportunities for consolidating supplier spend allows for increased negotiating power and more streamlined supplier relationships

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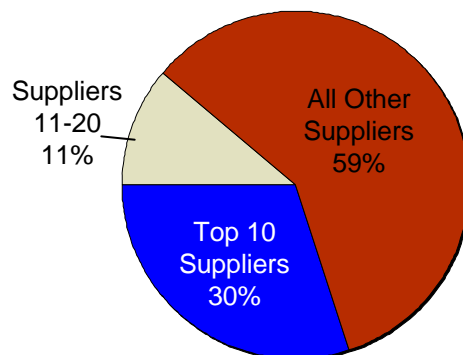
#### Total Price Variance

- ▶ Examine variance in prices paid by different NIH customers for the same products from the same or alternate suppliers

### Spend Analysis Findings

- ▶ 94% of orders were placed on PCard
- ▶ Total value of PCard orders was \$162.4 MM

- ▶ The NIH buys from 17,000 different suppliers



- ▶ With over 1,600 buyers the NIH obtains widely different prices for similar items
- ▶ Within the same IC, individuals pay different prices for identical items
- ▶ One third of the 120 Invitrogen items that the ICs buy direct cost 35-200% more than the GDC's price



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# Fully landed costs were calculated to fairly compare the costs of items purchased direct verses from the GDC

## Components of Fully Landed Costs

<u>IC</u>	<u>GDC</u>		<u>Included:</u>	<u>Not Accounted For:</u>
\$36.76 per order	\$9.22 per order + 32% surcharge	<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Labor cost of processing orders</li> <li>▶ PCard assessment charge</li> <li>▶ GDC surcharge includes buyers, item managers, and distribution</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cost of paying invoices</li> </ul>
2% of product cost	None	<b>Transportation Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Standard shipping charges</li> <li>▶ Expedited shipping fees</li> </ul>	
N/A		<b>Inventory Costs</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Out of scope for this study</li> </ul>
Price of product only		<b>Product Price</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Price of product charged by vendor</li> </ul>	
		<b>Total Landed Cost</b>		





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## Items price comparisons revealed that some items cost more and some cost less when ICs purchase directly rather than buying from the GDC

**SAMPLE PRICE  
COMPARISONS**

	NIAID Price 1	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID Cost 1	NIAID Price 2	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID Cost 2	NIDDK Price 1	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIDDK Cost 2	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC	
									Low	High
<b>AAA Batteries (per battery)</b>	\$ .75 (Staples)	<b>\$ 14.64</b>	Not Available	Not Available	\$ .86 (Staples)	<b>\$14.75</b>	\$ .28 (Frank Parsons)	<b>\$ 3.85</b>	280%	283%
<b>Mini Binder Clip (12)</b>	\$ .89 (Office Link)	<b>\$ 14.78</b>	\$ 1.08 (Office Link)	<b>\$14.97</b>	\$ 1.09 (Office Link)	<b>\$14.98</b>	\$ .57 (Eagle Business)	<b>\$ 4.23</b>	249%	254%
<b>Non-Sterile Multi-Channel Basin</b>	\$ 35.98 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 50.57</b>	Not Available	Not Available	\$ 28.85 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 43.30</b>	\$ 23.48 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 34.47</b>	47%	26%
<b>Bio-Rad Cuvette</b>	\$ 124.10 (Bio-Rad)	<b>\$ 140.45</b>	Not Available	Not Available	\$121.55 (Bio-Rad)	<b>\$137.85</b>	\$ 121.53 (Bio-Rad)	<b>\$ 163.90</b>	-14%	-16%

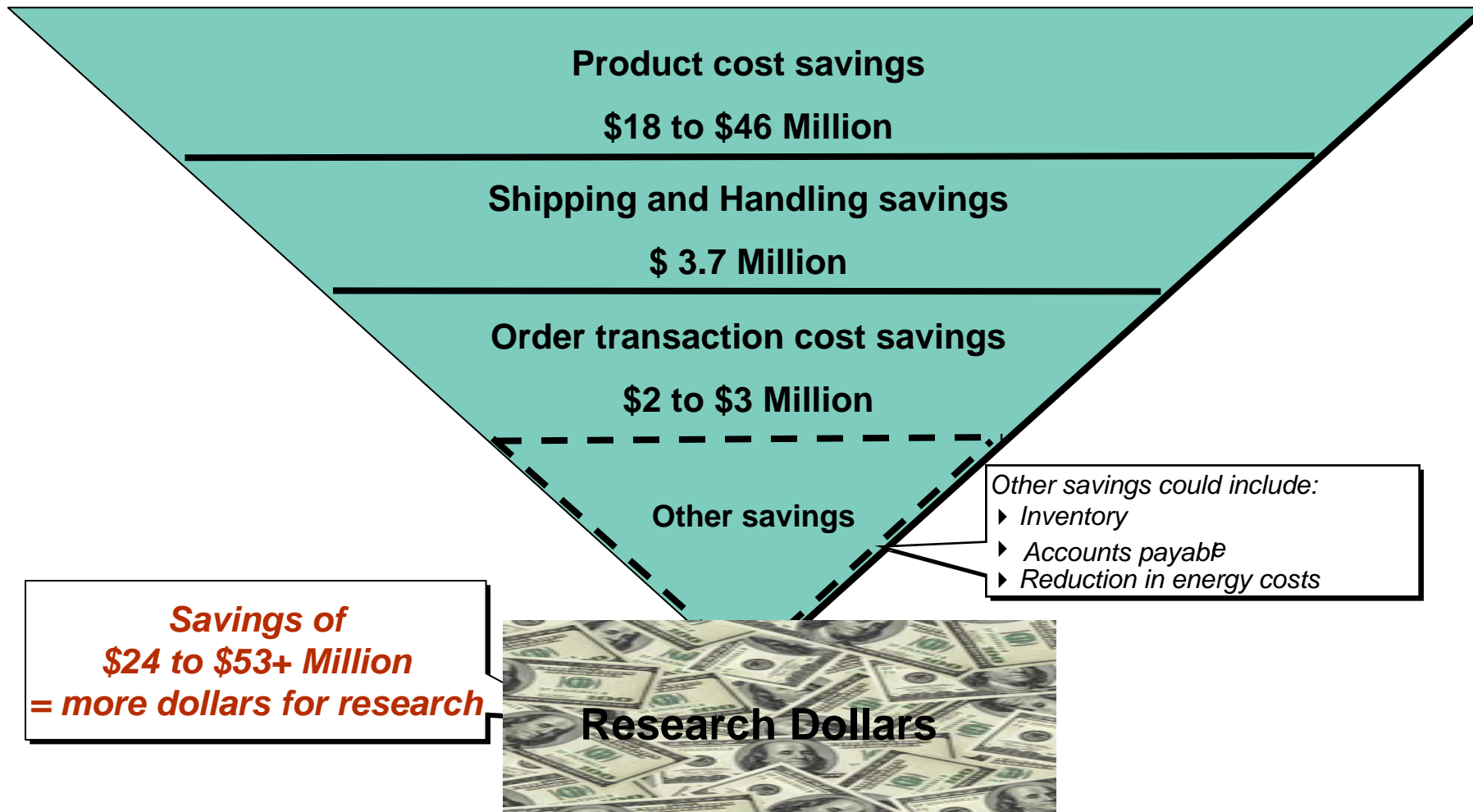
(1) Includes cost of ordering by PCard of \$12.17 and \$1.70 PCard transaction cost (assuming 2.65 items per PCard order), and average NIH shipping cost of 2% of purchase price

(2) Includes cost of ordering by IC from GDC of \$3.48 (assuming 2.65 items per order) and GDC current surcharge of 32%



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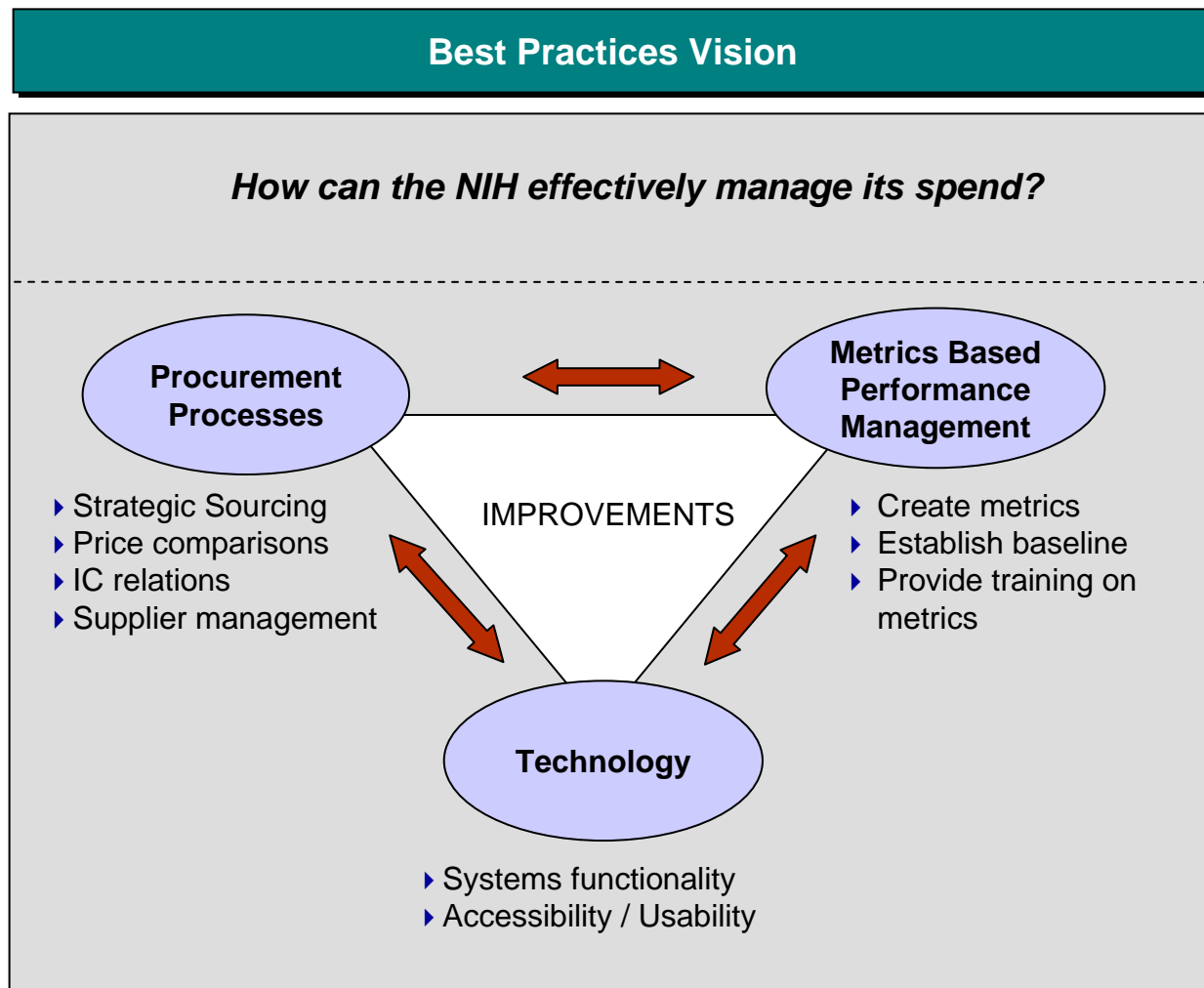
# An estimated \$24 to \$53 Million in savings from consolidated purchasing can funnel research dollars back to the NIH community





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# As the NIH needs to find ways to do more with less, this three pronged approach can save money and control costs





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## By simplifying the ordering process and/or implementing process improvements, the NIH could realized additional savings on ordering costs

ID	Procurement Processes Recommendations	Next Steps
P1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Rationalize the GDC portfolio because initial findings suggests that the NIH could save significant dollars through consolidated purchasing, initially focusing on low value, generic types of products like gloves and office supplies (<i>currently in progress</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Collect sales data from vendors</li> <li>▶ Identify specific items as targets for consolidated purchasing</li> <li>▶ Negotiate prices with vendors</li> <li>▶ Advertise GDC offering to the ICs</li> </ul>
P2a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Perform a more comprehensive analysis of price differences based on different methods of buying (purchasing channels) and develop a fulfillment channel strategy that gives the best values to the NIH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Identify item categories for price comparison research</li> <li>▶ Calculate total landed cost for each item through the various channels</li> <li>▶ Deliver a purchasing channel strategy for selected groups of items</li> </ul>
P2b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Brief Executive Officers on price differences and work with EOs and AOs to help the ICs change their purchasing habits and to adopt new methods that save time and money</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Present price comparison findings and purchasing channel strategy to EOs and AOs</li> <li>▶ Gain acceptance of new purchasing strategy</li> <li>▶ Train buyers on when and how to use the best purchasing channel for any given item</li> </ul>



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## Expanding iProcurement's functionality can save time, direct buyers to specific vendors, and provide needed data for future procurement/spend analyses

ID	Technology Recommendations	Next Steps
<p>T1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Initial research suggests that iProcurement has many more capabilities than are currently being utilized and NIH could benefit immensely from a more robust procurement system               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Standardized data including drop down menus of vendor names and item descriptions</li> <li>– Reduced time to place an order</li> <li>– “Punch outs” to direct purchaser to vendors that the NIH wants used, often automatically linking the purchaser with the vendor of choice’s web site</li> <li>– Eliminates the scenario of different ICs paying varying prices for the same product by directing purchasers to predetermined vendors and standardizing the more generic items</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Meet with NBS to present technology findings</li> <li>▶ Investigate iProcurement’s functionality</li> <li>▶ Develop plan for making system upgrades</li> <li>▶ After system has been modified, train all users</li> </ul>



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## Improved metrics allow NIH leadership to make knowledge based decisions

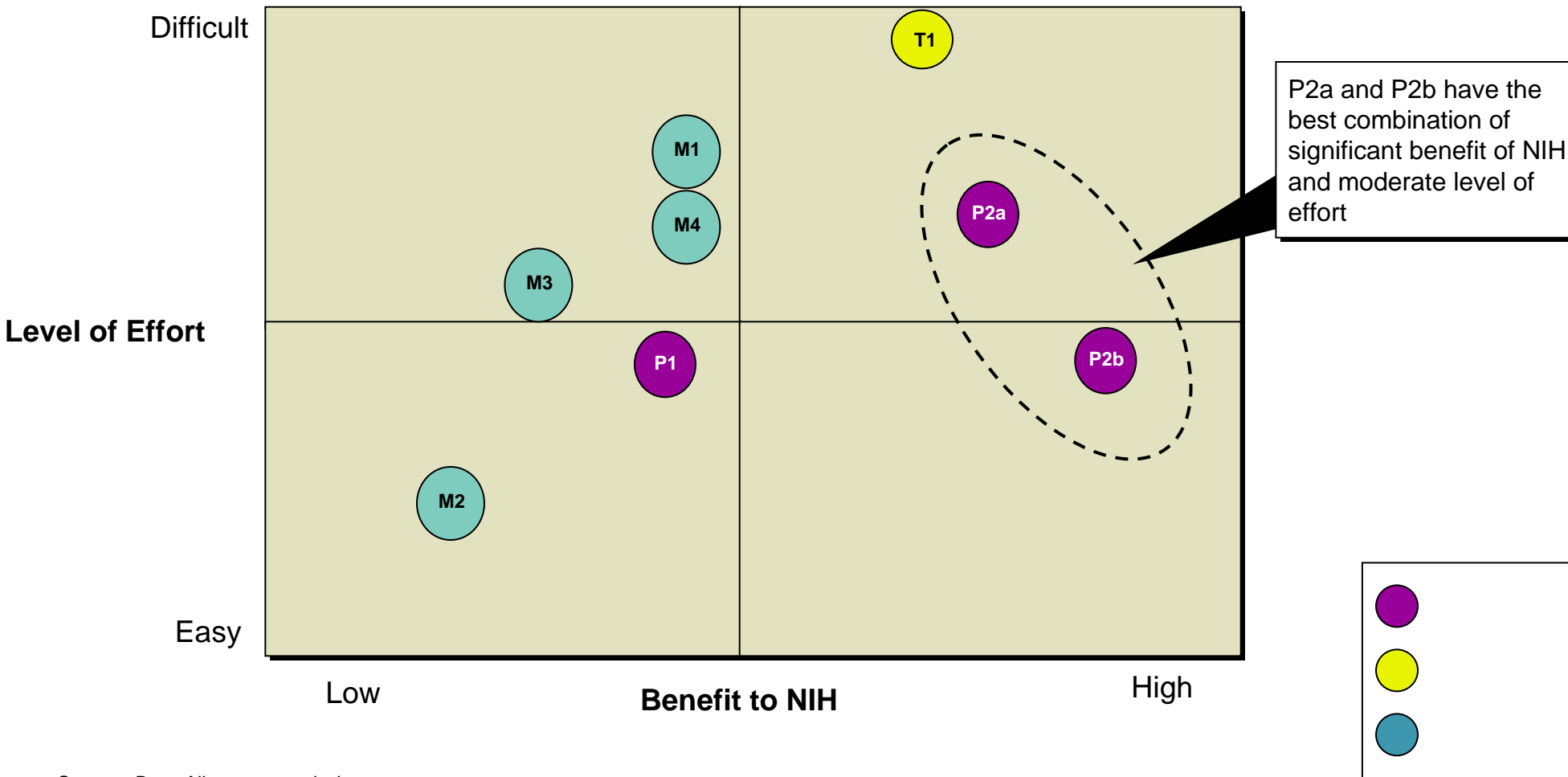
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M1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Develop and implement comprehensive metrics for NIH leadership to track the efficiency of the procurement process and make it easier to track expenditures on supplies and materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Identify metrics</li> <li>▶ Define data collection and calculation</li> <li>▶ Establish baselines</li> <li>▶ Roll out metrics program</li> </ul>
M2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Facilitate sharing of internal NIH best practices based on established metrics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Establish a performance management committee to discuss metrics and share best practices</li> </ul>
M3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Conduct a regularly scheduled spend analysis to report changes, e.g., purchasing trends, major supplies, supplier price differentials, purchasing channels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Determine frequency of conducting spend analyses</li> <li>▶ Identify and train staff on how to conduct analysis</li> </ul>
M4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Establish a vendor scorecarding process to allow the NIH to measure supplier performance throughout the lifecycle of the contract</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Identify metrics that will be used to evaluate vendor performance</li> <li>▶ Define data collection and calculation</li> <li>▶ Roll out the vendor scorecarding program</li> <li>▶ Establish vendor rewards/penalties based on performance</li> </ul>



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# To prioritize the recommendations, we ranked them based on potential impact and ease of implementation

Implementation Assessment of Recommendations



Source: Booz Allen team analysis



## Section 2: Introduction

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- Problem Statement
- Spend Analysis Objectives and Scope
- Study Questions
- Advisory Committee





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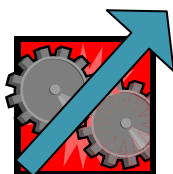
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## DLS received funds from OPASI to conduct a spend analysis to gather comprehensive data on IC purchasing practices

<p><b>Spend Analysis Objectives</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Determine the best way to collect and analyze purchasing data from various institutes and centers</li> <li>▶ In conjunction with an extensive assessment of the current state, identify next steps for DLS and the NIH community to fully capture spend data and acquire materials more strategically and efficiently</li> <li>▶ Depending on data availability, analyze NIH material spend to identify opportunities for cost savings, economies of scale and adoption of best practices</li> </ul>
<p><b>Spend Analysis Scope</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Encompasses materials procured by a diverse sample of ICs</li> <li>▶ Covers all items that could be reasonably serviced by the GDC</li> <li>▶ Results will focus on “order of magnitude” to allow for strategic recommendations and decisions</li> <li>▶ Evaluates three spend characteristics including: Procurement Method, Supplier Fragmentation, and Price Variance</li> </ul>



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# The spend analysis feasibility study was conducted with the goal of answering four study questions

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## Question 1

What is the most appropriate method to gather data associated with the purchasing process?  
What requirements can be met through existing data sources (i.e., archival data) and what new data needs to be collected?

## Question 2

What is the best way to collect evaluation data without imposing an excessive burden on program staff or the public?

## Question 3

Does the data provide adequate justification for NIH to change its purchasing process so institutes acquire material from the GDC program?

## Question 4

Is there sufficient information within the NIH community to determine whether a consolidated strategic sourcing effort can be used to minimize overall NIH community spend on supplies used to support research?



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## An Advisory Committee with representation across the Office of Acquisition and Logistics Management provided assistance with the study

- ▶ Two formal meetings of the Committee were held, on September 3 and November 3, 2008. In addition, one-on-one discussions and e-mail exchanges were held with individual committee members on various topics
- ▶ Members of the committee are shown below:

NAME	POSITION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (OD)
Diane Frasier	Director, Office of Acquisition and Logistics Management
Robert Best	Deputy Director, Office of Acquisitions and Logistics Management
Thomas Keith	Acting Associate Director, Office of Logistics and Acquisition Operations
Lonnie Winley	Acting Director, Division of Logistics Services
Laurie Weker	Director, Division of Acquisition Programs
Gregory Holliday	Acting Director, Office of Acquisitions
Georgiann Wilson	Chief, Purchase Card Program Branch
Richard Trott	Acting Chief, Supply and Services Branch
Melissa McKerrow	Budget Analyst

## Section 3: Availability and Assessment of Evaluation Data

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### Availability and Assessment of Evaluation Data (Study Questions 1 and 2)

- Data Collection Methodology
- Overview of Data Sources
- Data Issues
- Recommendations



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## The methodology for data collection followed the steps set forth in the OPASI submission

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- ▶ One full year of nVision data was analyzed
  - Date Range: July 2007–July 2008, based on the date the invoice was posted to the General Ledger
  - August 2007 data was excluded due to limited data. Data from July 2008 was included in the analysis for a total of 12 months of data
- ▶ Only fully and partially paid invoices were examined to limit the analysis to actual dollars spent
- ▶ Data was pulled based on the Object Classification Code
  - Only supplies and materials that the GDC could carry were examined (a subset of the Object Class Codes that begin with 26)
- ▶ Data on each IC was collected from nVision
- ▶ Item level detail available though nVision was limited and the team collected a sample of item level detail from various other sources including:
  - NIAID's AMBIS system
  - NIDDK's POTS system
  - Invitrogen's sales data



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## **nVision offers easily accessible purchasing data but lacks standardization that limited the level of detail available for the analysis**

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- ▶ The current system (NBS and the nVision data warehouse) is a great step forward for data centralization and allows the NIH to capture data on overall spend by IC, object classification code and procurement method
  
- ▶ As NBS is currently designed, the major data limitations include:
  - Inconsistent supplier names
  - Non-standard item descriptions
  - Inaccurate order quantity
  - Lack of individual prices per item





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## The many ways a vendor name is entered into the system required time consuming data cleaning efforts

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- ▶ PCard Merchant Name and Supplier Name are free form text fields and contain no formatting or standardization
- ▶ The ability to aggregate information by vendor is complicated by having a variety of spellings for each vendor
- ▶ The spend analysis data originally had over 50,000 unique vendor names
- ▶ The team standardized the names of the large vendors and reduced the number of unique vendor names to 17,000
- ▶ While much progress was made through this data cleansing exercise, time constraints combined with the large data sample as well as its complexity did not allow for completion of a completely “clean” list of unique vendor names



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# A. Daigger appears in the data spelled at least 208 different ways

P-Card Merchant Name	P-Card Merchant Name	P-Card Merchant Name	P-Card Merchant Name	P-Card Merchant Name	P-Card Merchant Name
A DAIGGER & COMPANY	A DAIGGER JG16015	A. DAIGGER & COMPANY	A. DAIGGER/7151559368	DAIGGER & COMPANY	DAIGGER, MARIENA MATTSO, 511628
A. DAIGGER & COMPANY	A DAIGGER& CO	A. DAIGGER & COMPANY, INC	A. DAIGGER/7183567867	DAIGGER (800) 621-7193	DAIGGER, MITCHELE WILLIAMS, 583852
A DAIGGER	A DAIGGER, INC	A. DAIGGER & COMPANY, INC.	A. DAIGGER/DR. HOWARD	DAIGGER (BROOKS)	DAIGGER, MITCHELLE WILLIAMS, 165289
A DAIGGER	A DAIGGER/JB9266	A. DAIGGER (BD BIOSCIENCE)	A. DAIGGER/DR. KOTARO	DAIGGER (CHEN)	DAIGGER, TEYANA JOSPEH, 137671
A DAIGGER #01524577	A DAIGGER/JWB0267	A. DAIGGER (DLM-7-0005)	A. DAIGGER/TS061307K	DAIGGER (INTRAMALL)	DAIGGER, TEYANA JOSPEH, 360623
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A DAIGGER & CO.	A DAIGGER[847-816-5060]IL	A. DAIGGER (NAKAYA)	A.DAIGGER	DAIGGER / 1461224	DAIGGER, TSUYOSHI YAMAGUICHI, 135560
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Using initials and numbers to differentiate orders increases count of unique vendor names

Different ways of writing the company name increases count of unique vendor names



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## Standardizing data entry requirements will enable faster, less time consuming, and more robust analysis

### Data Issues Example: Batteries

Current Data Issue	Example	Resultant problem
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Varying descriptions of same product</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Batteries</li> <li>▶ AA batteries</li> <li>▶ AA-batteries</li> <li>▶ Duracell AA Rechargeable Battery</li> <li>▶ Durmn15RT12Z Battery, Alka, AA, 12</li> <li>▶ AA 16 Pack Peggable – Batteries Alkaline Copper</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Naming conventions varied widely, making it difficult for the spend analysis team to identify all purchases made for AA batteries</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ No Unit of Issue</li> </ul>	074821 battery Size AAA NIEHS #10299 Batteries AAA – Cornerstone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Not able to determine the price per unit</li> <li>▶ Cannot compare purchase price of similar products that may be priced differently based on various units per package</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Multiple products combined in one item description field</li> </ul>	Printer cartridges for Deb; fan for Ashok; scissors for Margaret & Me; facial tissues, AAA batteries; 11X17 Heavy Duty Paper; Copy Paper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Nearly impossible to cull out the specific item price as the price in the system is for the entire order</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Spelling mistakes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Duracell AA <b>Rechargeable</b> batteries</li> <li>▶ Energizer <b>Duble</b> AA Batteries #524935JBW346 – <b>Cooppertop</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cannot match same product using unique name</li> </ul>



## Section 4: Analysis of Purchasing Data

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### Analysis of Purchasing Data (Study Questions 3 and 4)

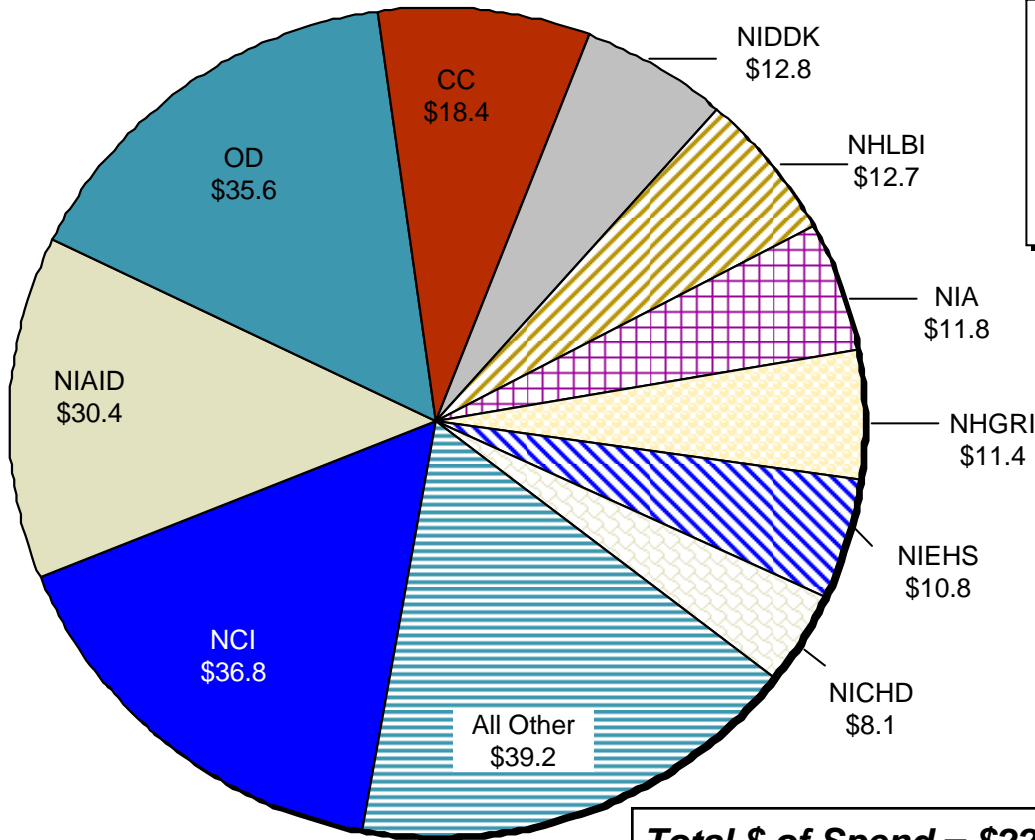
- Overall NIH Spend
- Procurement Method
- Supplier Fragmentation
- Order Transaction Costs
- Price Variance
- Consolidated Purchasing



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# The NIH community spent \$228.1 Million on supplies and materials in a 12 month period

Spend by IC (\$ Millions)



**Total \$ of Spend = \$228.1 Million**

### Key Insights

- ▶ Six Institutes and Centers (ICs) account for nearly 2/3 of the NIH community's spend on supplies and materials
- ▶ The top 10 ICs account for 83% of the total spend

(1) OD Spend includes spending from Project ICs, OD, OD ORS, and OD ORFDO

Source: nVISION data extracted Sep. 2008 (fully or partially paid orders between July 2007 and July 2008)



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## **The Clinical Center has been excluded from the remainder of the spend analysis due to use of the Prime Vendor Program for replenishment of supplies**

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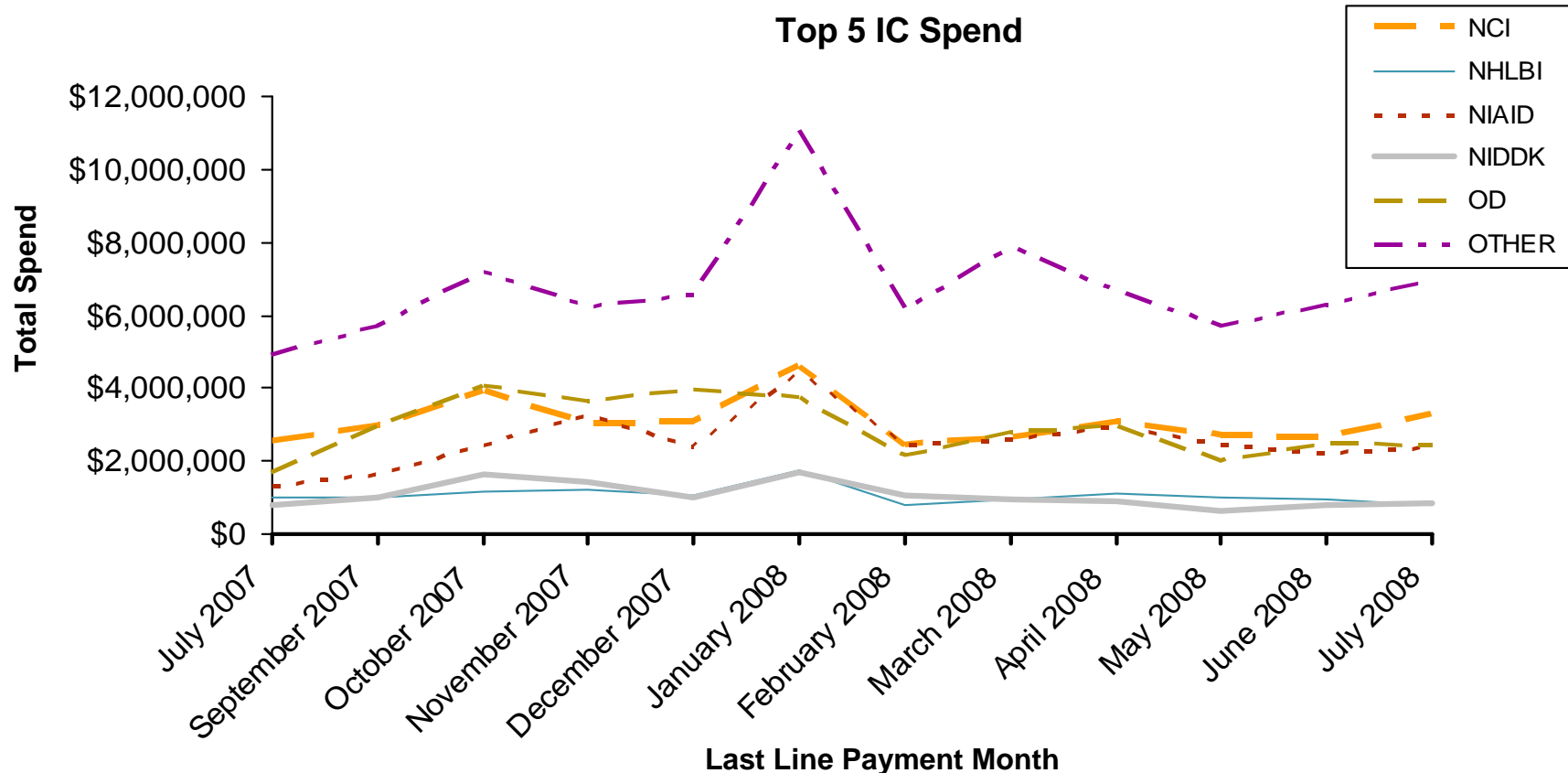
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- ▶ Use of the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DLA Prime Vendor Orders) skews the results since the Clinical Center's \$37.4 Million spent with this one vendor accounts for 2/3 of all orders placed by the Clinical Center and 98% of their orders placed on contracts
- ▶ By using the Prime Vendor program through the DLA, the Clinical Center is able to avoid paying the GDC's surcharge and still benefit from daily shipments of supplies at the same price that the GDC is able to obtain using the same channel



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# The ICs appear to follow a similar monthly spending pattern



**Determine whether this pattern occurs year over year, and then use this information to forecast needs and procure accordingly to ensure items are available when needed for research**

(1) This analysis excludes the Clinical Center

Source: nVISION data extracted Sep. 2008 (fully or partially paid orders between July 2007 and July 2008)

# The spend analysis findings focus on three areas

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## Areas of Study

1

### Procurement Method

- ▶ Identifying items ordered through the GDC and those ordered directly from vendors allows GDC to quantify lost sales opportunities

2

### Supplier Fragmentation

- ▶ Identifying opportunities for consolidating supplier spend allows for increased negotiating power and more streamlined supplier relationships

3

### Total Price Variance

- ▶ Examine variance in total landed prices paid by different NIH customers for the same products from the same or alternate suppliers





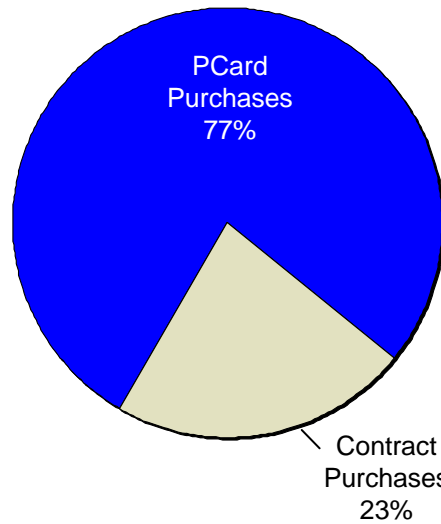
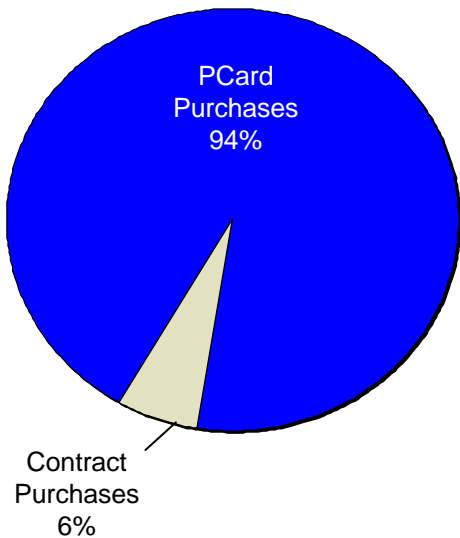
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# PCards were the most commonly used method to purchase supplies and materials and accounted for 94% of all purchases

Method of Purchase

Total # of Orders

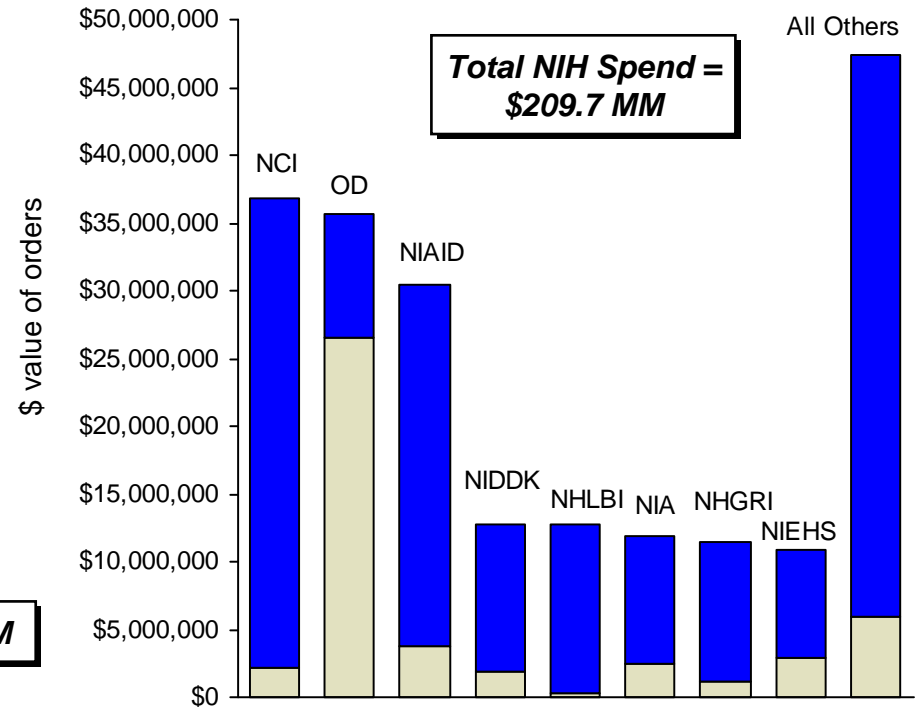
Total \$ Value of Orders



**Total # of Orders = 329,712**

**Total \$ Value of Orders = \$209.7 MM**

\$ Value of Contract and PCard Purchases by IC



## Key Observation

- ▶ Contract purchases totaled \$47.4 Million while PCard purchases totaled \$162.4 Million
- ▶ The large volume of PCard transactions makes it more difficult for NIH to measure compliance with FAR Guidelines and small business goals

(1) These charts exclude the Clinical Center

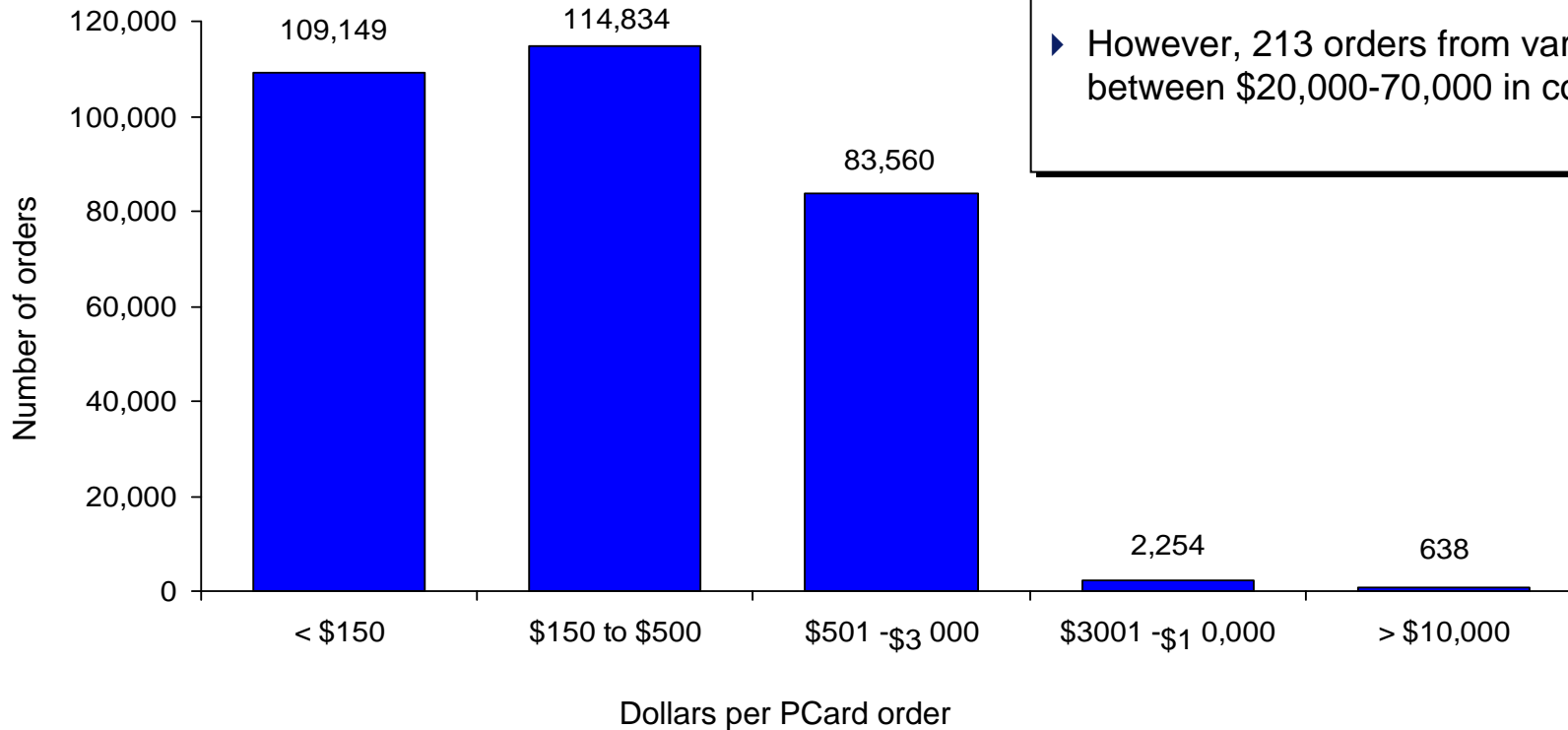
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# PCards are most often used for relatively small orders

PCard Order Size Distribution



### Key Insights

- ▶ 99% of PCard orders for Micro Purchases (orders under \$3000)
- ▶ However, 213 orders from various ICs were between \$20,000-70,000 in cost

(1) This analysis excludes the Clinical Center

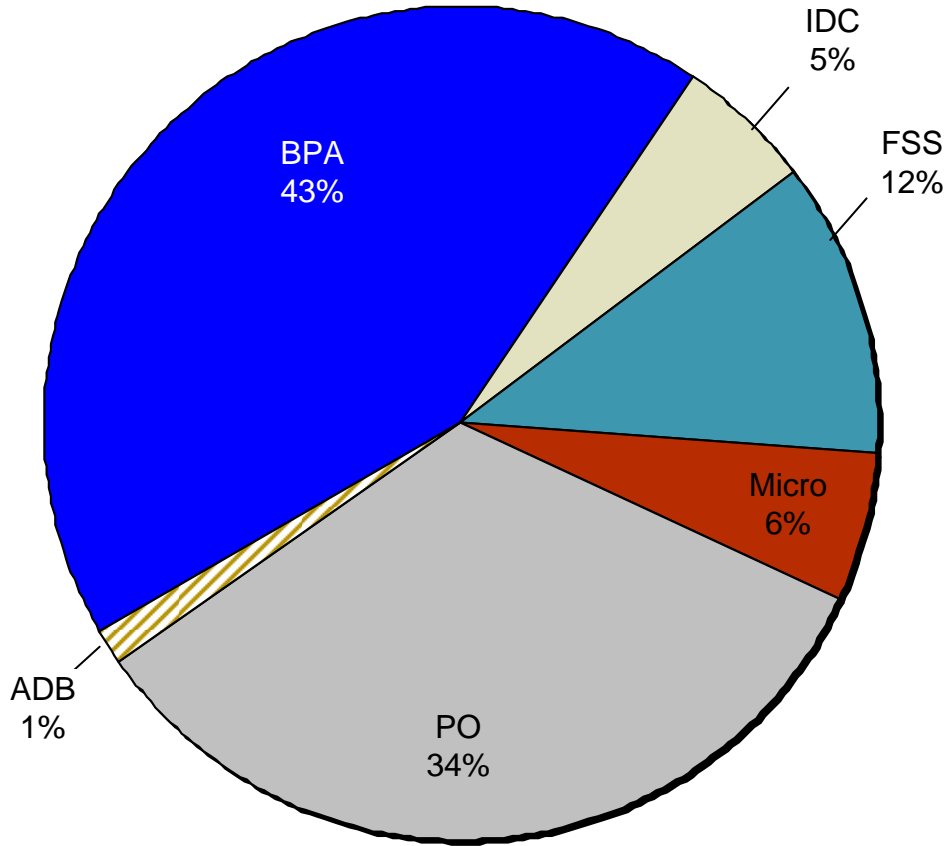
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# Of the purchases made using contracts, the NIH community uses primarily Blanket Purchase Agreements and Purchase Orders

Spend % by Contract Type



**Total \$ of Spend = \$47.4 Million**

## Key Insights

- ▶ 83% of all orders placed on contracts used either a BPA or PO (including Micro Purchases) as the contract vehicle
- ▶ When BPAs and POs over \$3,000 require comparing three price quotes, the order to ship time is increased

## LEGEND:

- BPA = Blanket Purchase Agreement
- IDC = Indefinite Delivery Contract
- FSS = Federal Supply Schedule Delivery Order
- Micro = Purchase order under \$3K
- PO = Open Market up to \$100K
- ADB = Order placed through ADB system

(1) This chart excludes the Clinical Center and its largest supplier the Defense Supply Center  
Source: nVISION data extracted Sep. 2008 (fully or partially paid orders between July 2007 and July 2008)



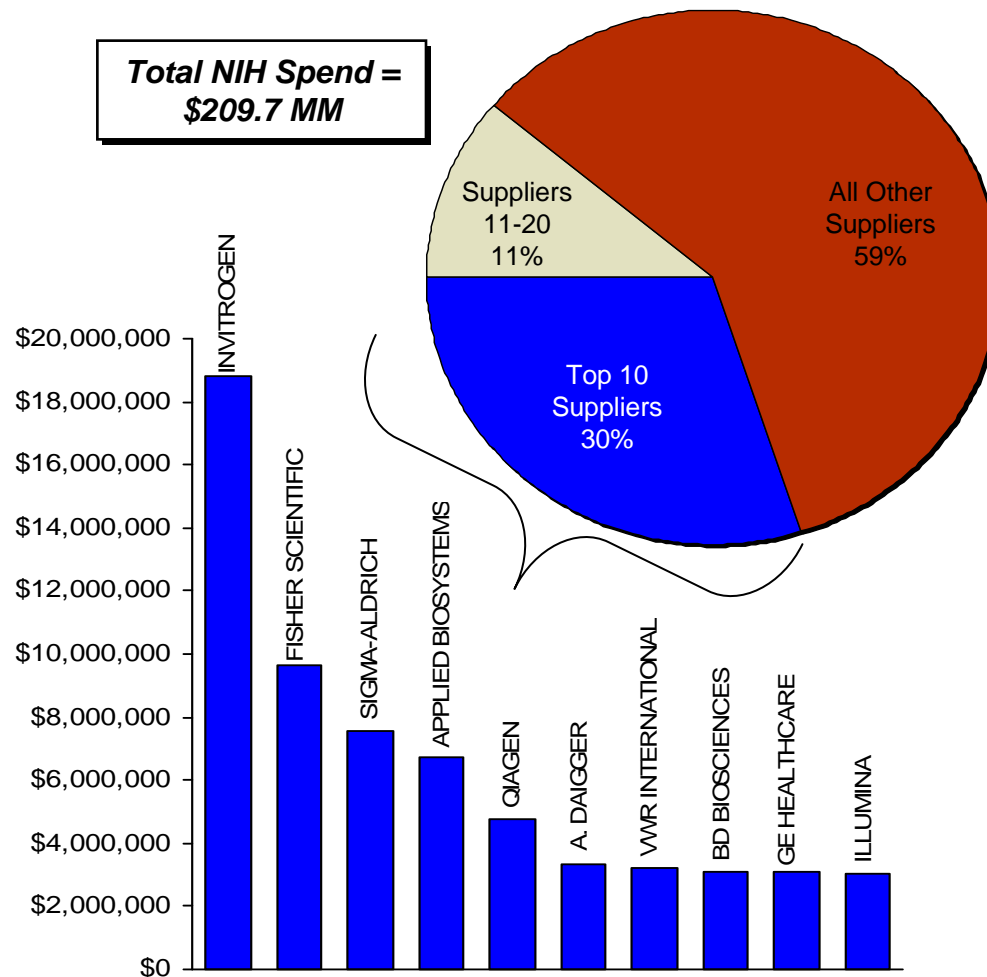
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# The NIH community purchases from approximately 17,000 different suppliers providing much opportunity for consolidation

## Key Insights

- ▶ Relying on a large supplier base with non consolidated purchasing may hinder opportunities to develop strategic relationships that could lead to joint cost improvement initiatives
- ▶ Cost of quality control is reduced when there are less suppliers; further quality control costs are reduced when the supplier relationships are strategic
- ▶ Consolidating suppliers does not necessarily mean restricting or standardizing all products but in some cases standardization may make sense for non-critical items e.g. office supplies

Spend % by Top Suppliers

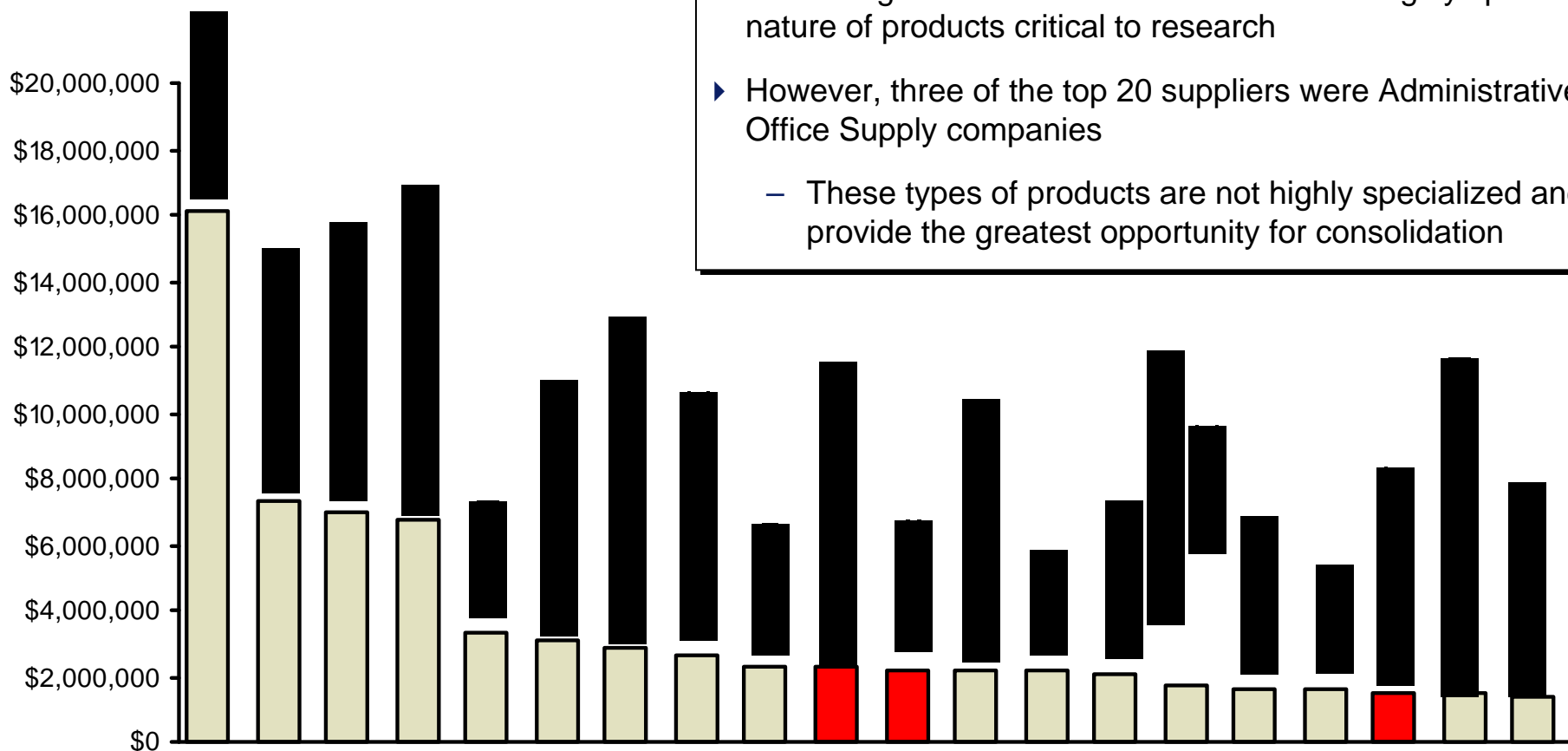


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 Source: nVISION data extracted Sep. 2008 (fully or partially paid orders between July 2007 and July 2008)



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# The high volume of direct purchases through PCards contributes to the NIH's fragmented supplier base



### Key Insights

- ▶ Some fragmentation is inevitable due to the highly specialized nature of products critical to research
- ▶ However, three of the top 20 suppliers were Administrative and Office Supply companies
  - These types of products are not highly specialized and may provide the greatest opportunity for consolidation

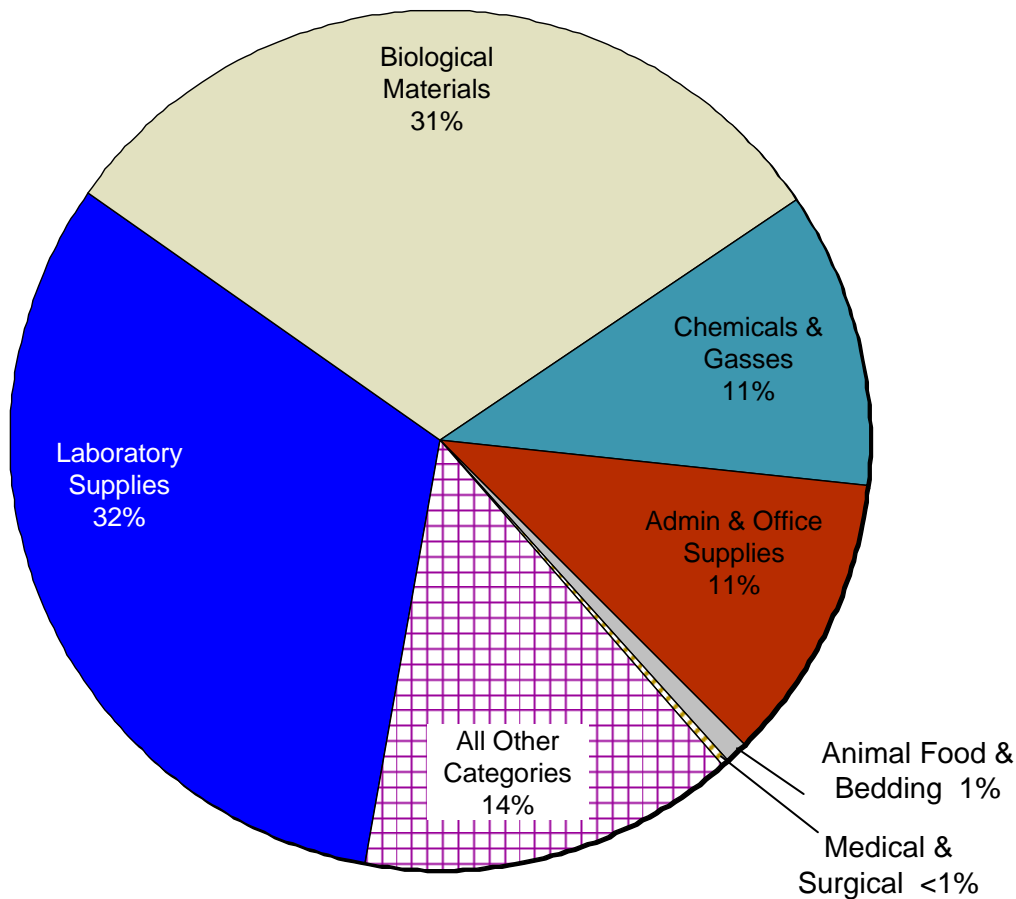
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# The 17,000 suppliers are spread over seven object categories, in which two-thirds of the NIH's spend is on Laboratory Supplies and Biological Materials

**Spend by Object Category (\$ Millions)**



**Spend by Object Category (in Rank Order)**

Laboratory Supplies	\$ 67.3 Million
Biological Materials	\$ 64.3 Million
Chemicals and Gasses	\$ 23.6 Million
Administrative and Office	\$ 22.2 Million
Animal Food and Bedding	\$ 1.9 Million
Medical and Surgical	\$ 950 Thousand
All Other Categories	\$ 29.4 Million
<b>Total \$ of Spend</b>	<b>\$ 209.7 Million</b>

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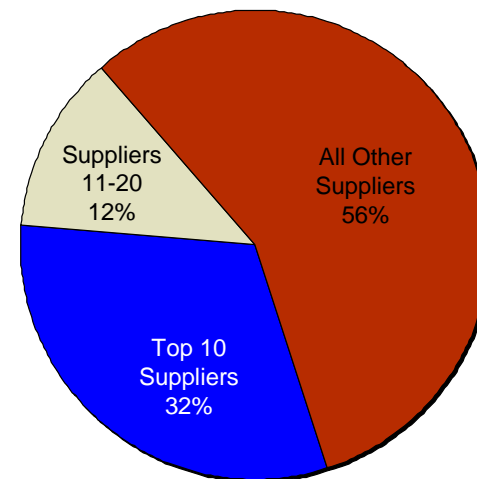


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# Nearly one third of the money spent for Laboratory Supplies is purchased through 10 suppliers

Laboratory Supplies	
Top Supplies	\$ Value of Orders
Fisher Scientific	\$ 5,977,763
Invitrogen	\$ 3,634,061
VWR International	\$ 2,665,277
Applied Biosystems	\$ 1,915,871
Sigma-Aldrich	\$ 1,334,232
Government Scientific Source (GSS)	\$ 1,252,615
GE Healthcare	\$ 1,247,312
A. Daigger	\$ 1,080,890
Tecniplast	\$ 1,063,256
Qiagen	\$ 1,034,332
<b>Sum of Top 10 Suppliers</b>	<b>\$21,205,607</b>
<b>TOTAL NIH SPEND ON LABORATORY ITEMS</b>	<b>\$ 67,263,433</b>

Spend % by Top Suppliers



**Key Insights**

- ▶ The remaining \$46 Million not spent with these suppliers is spread among 7,000 other vendors
- ▶ Of the 7,000 suppliers, half had sales to the NIH of less than \$500 in one year

(1) This table excludes the Clinical Center

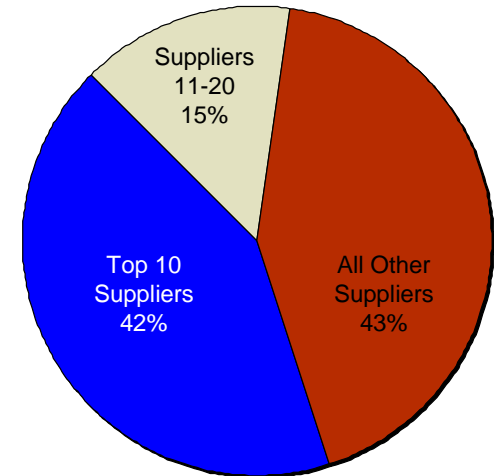
(2) Laboratory Materials include Object Classification Codes 26.51, 26.54, 26.57, 26.5A, 26.5D, and 26.8B

Source: nVISION data extracted Sep. 2008 (fully or partially paid orders between July 2007 and July 2008)

## In the second largest item category, the 10 largest suppliers account for over 40% of the total spend

Biological Materials	
Top Supplies	\$ Value of Orders
Invitrogen	\$ 9,517,618
Applied Biosystems	\$ 3,395,543
Illumina	\$ 2,291,744
Sigma-Aldrich	\$ 2,228,323
Affymetrix	\$ 2,209,750
BD Biosciences	\$ 2,014,659
Qiagen	\$ 1,822,706
Miltenyi Biotech	\$ 1,401,083
Roche	\$ 1,228,161
Goldbelt Raven	\$ 1,223,936
<b>Sum of Top 10 Suppliers</b>	<b>\$ 27,333,562</b>
<b>TOTAL NIH SPEND ON BIOLOGICAL MATERIALS</b>	<b>\$ 64,343,315</b>

Spend % by Top Suppliers



### Key Insights

- ▶ The NIH community purchases biological materials from nearly 4,000 suppliers
- ▶ Four of the Top 10 suppliers of Biological Materials are also among the Top 10 suppliers of Laboratory material (Invitrogen, Applied Biosystems, Sigma-Aldrich, and Qiagen)

(1) This table excludes the Clinical Center

(2) Biological Material Object Classification Codes Include: 26.16, 26.13 and 26.23

Source: nVISION data extracted Sep. 2008 (fully or partially paid orders between July 2007 and July 2008)



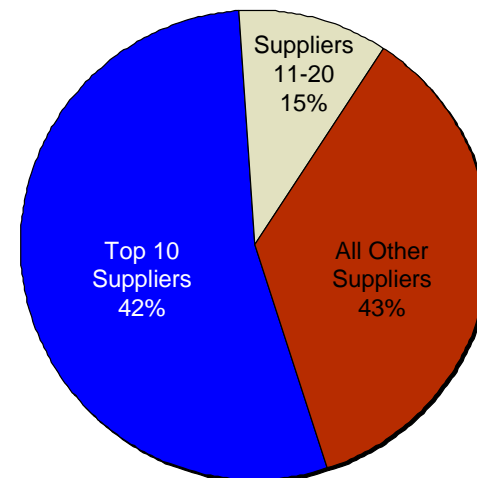


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# Over half of the top suppliers of Chemicals and Gasses are also key suppliers for Laboratory Supplies and Biological Materials

Chemicals and Gases	
Sigma-Aldrich	\$ 3,904,931
Invitrogen	\$ 3,843,434
Applied Biosystems	\$ 1,364,321
Qiagen	\$ 670,106
GE Healthcare	\$ 642,005
Roberts Oxygen	\$ 529,510
Roche	\$ 468,738
Bio-Rad	\$ 465,655
Pierce	\$ 420,863
Fisher Scientific	\$ 409,778
<b>Sum of Top 10 Suppliers</b>	<b>\$ 12,719,340</b>
<b>TOTAL NIH SPEND ON CHEMICALS AND GASSES</b>	<b>\$ 23,625,662</b>

Spend % by Top Suppliers



## Key Insights

- ▶ This item category has the fewest number of unique vendors (approx. 1,700) as compared to the other major item categories
- ▶ Six of these Top 10 suppliers are also among the Top 10 suppliers of Laboratory Supplies and Biological Materials (Sigma-Aldrich, Invitrogen, Applied Biosystems, Qiagen, GE Healthcare, and Fisher Scientific)

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(2) Chemicals and Gasses Object Classification Codes Include: 26.13 and 26.23

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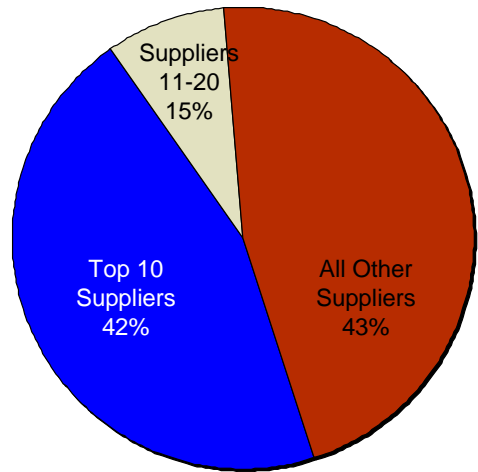


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# Office Supplies may offer the greatest opportunity for consolidation since many of the suppliers had low dollar value of sales

Administrative and Office Supplies	
CDW Government	\$ 2,237,583
Staples	\$ 2,178,124
Office Depot	\$ 1,416,123
O'Neill Computer Products	\$ 965,251
World Wide Technology	\$ 945,099
Dell	\$ 712,340
Benjamin Office Supply	\$ 502,493
GovConnection	\$ 446,438
Insight Public Sector	\$ 375,311
Office Link	\$ 306,864
<b>Sum of Top 10 Suppliers</b>	<b>\$ 10,085,627</b>
<b>TOTAL NIH SPEND ON OFFICE SUPPLIES</b>	<b>\$ 22,248,346</b>

Spend % by Top Suppliers



### Key Insights

- ▶ Of the 4,500 different suppliers, nearly a quarter of the suppliers had sales of less than \$100 and 60% had sales less than \$500
- ▶ OD has negotiated a BPA with Office Depot and HHS has negotiated discounted prices with Staples
  - By using existing contracts, the NIH may be able to negotiate better prices with these suppliers over the long term

(1) This table excludes the Clinical Center

(2) Administrative and Office Supply Object Classification Codes Include: 26.6A, 26.6L, 26.6N, 26.6Z, 26.7A, 26.7L, 26.7Z, 26.81, 26.86, 26.87, 26.91

Source: nVISION data extracted Sep. 2008 (fully or partially paid orders between July 2007 and July 2008)



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# Applicable transaction costs needed to be added to the product price to fairly compare the landed costs of items purchased direct and from the GDC

## Components of Fully Landed Costs

	<u>Included:</u>	<u>Not Accounted For:</u>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Labor cost of processing orders</li> <li>▶ PCard assessment charge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Cost of paying invoices</li> </ul>
+		
<b>Transportation Costs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Standard shipping charges</li> <li>▶ Expedited shipping fees</li> </ul>	
+		
<b>Inventory Costs</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Out of scope for this study</li> </ul>
+		
<b>Product Price</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Price of product charged by vendor</li> </ul>	
<b>Total Landed Cost</b>		



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## The total cost of a PCard order is approximately \$36.76 per order

### Time to complete a PCard Order

Activity	Average Time to Complete
Complete form 1861	7 - 8 minutes
Submit form for approval	4 - 5 minutes
Cardholder enter transaction into log	10 - 13 minutes
Cardholder place order with vendor	9 - 10 minutes
Reconcile PCard	8 - 9 minutes
<b>Total Time</b>	<b>38– 45 minutes</b>

- ▶ The average PCard order takes an average of 42 minutes
- ▶ At a fully loaded cost of \$46.08 per hour, this equates to \$32.26 per PCard order

### Cost to complete a PCard Order

PCard Cost Category	Cost
Labor Cost	\$ 32.26
PCard transactional cost	\$ 4.50
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 36.76</b>

- ▶ Each PCard order has a transaction cost with the financial institution
- ▶ It was \$4.50 per transaction, but currently it is being charged as an assessment to the ICs; we believe it is assessed to breakeven

(1) A fully loaded rate was estimated using the hourly salary for a GS 11, Step 5 in the Washington DC area (\$32/hour) with a fully burdened rate of plus 44%

Source: <http://www.opm.gov/oca/08tables/indexGS.asp>



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## The total cost of a GDC order is approximately **\$9.22** per order

### Time to complete a GDC order

Activity	Average Time to Complete
Log on to iProcurement	2 minutes
Search and select items	5 minutes
Approval and checkout process	5 minutes
<b>Total Time</b>	<b>12 minutes</b>

- ▶ Placing a GDC order represents the process an NIH employee follows to purchase an item from the GDC
- ▶ The average GDC order takes an average of 12 minutes to complete
- ▶ At a fully loaded cost of \$46.08 per hour, this equates to \$9.22 per GDC order

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## NIH could realistically save about \$2-3 Million per year if select supplies were ordered from the GDC

### Order Method Cost Comparison

Purchase Method	Cost per Order
PCard	\$ 36.76
GDC	\$ 9.22
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 27.54</b>

- ▶ The annual number of PCard orders is 310,435
- ▶ If all supplies were ordered from the GDC, this would save an estimated \$8.5 million per year
- ▶ Realistically, NIH could expect to order 20–35% of supplies through the GDC, resulting in \$1.7-3.0 million savings to the NIH community

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(2) Data excludes the Clinical Center

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## An estimated \$3.7 M in shipping and handling costs was calculated using data from Invitrogen and NIAID's AMBIS system

▶ Shipping and Handling costs are not consistently captured in nVision, therefore, an estimate of shipping and handling costs was derived from the following methodology:

1. All item descriptions entitled "shipping and handling" were extracted from AMBIS and totaled \$601,000

2. NIAID's shipping and handling cost was calculated as a percentage of NIAID's \$30.4 Million total spend shipping

$$\frac{\text{NIAID's Shipping Cost}}{\text{NIAID's Total Spend}} = \frac{\$ 601,000}{\$ 30,430,587} = 2\%$$

3. Since NIAID shipping and handling costs accounted for 2% of their total spend, the same percentage was applied to the total NIH spend (excluding the GDC and the Clinical Center)

$$2\% \times \$185 \text{ M} = \$3.7 \text{ MM}$$

4. The estimated \$3.7 Million shipping and handling cost estimated was validated by considering Invitrogen's total shipping and handling costs equate to \$700,000

5. It was deduced that the \$3.7 Million cost was a reasonable estimate considering that Invitrogen, the NIH's largest vendor, accounted for 19% of the \$3.7 Million shipping and handling cost estimate



## The transaction costs were divided by the average number of items per order to allocate costs to a single item

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- ▶ Research from NIAID item level detail indicated that there were approximately 2.65 items per order, so all order costs need to be divided by 2.65 to get the costs on a per item level
  
- ▶ PCard additional costs total \$13.87 plus transportation costs
  - Order costs included the cost of the time it takes to fully complete a PCard order plus the transaction cost of the PCard
    - ▶ Order administrative cost is  $\$32.26/2.65 = \$12.17$
    - ▶ PCard transaction cost is  $\$4.5/2.65 = \$1.70$
  - Transportation costs are shown to be an average of 2% of product price
  
- ▶ GDC additional costs total \$3.48 plus the current surcharge of 32%
  - Order costs include the time it takes to order from the GDC, which is  $\$9.22/2.65 = \$3.48$
  - GDC current surcharge is 32%, but with more volume flowing through the warehouse, this surcharge could be lowered





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# A price comparison reveals that Corning items purchased directly through the manufacturer are less expensive than identical items from a distributor

## LABORATORY SUPPLIES

	NIAID Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
<b>6 Well Plate</b>	\$ 119.64 (Fisher Scientific)	<b>\$ 135.90</b>	\$ 55.42 (Corning)	<b>\$ 76.63</b>	77%
<b>24 Well Plate</b>	\$ 154.65 (Fisher Scientific)	<b>\$ 171.61</b>	\$ 67.51 (Corning)	<b>\$ 92.59</b>	85%
<b>12 Well Plate</b>	\$ 138.42 (Fisher Scientific)	<b>\$ 155.06</b>	\$ 89.97 (Corning)	<b>\$ 122.24</b>	27%
<b>25 ml Pipette</b>	\$ 117.08 (Fisher Scientific)	<b>\$ 133.29</b>	\$ 61.96 (Corning)	<b>\$ 85.27</b>	56%
<b>50 ml Pipette</b>	\$ 129.43 (Thomas Scientific)	<b>\$ 145.89</b>	\$ 86.65 (Corning)	<b>\$ 117.86</b>	24%
<b>Classic Rainin Pipette</b>	\$ 205.13 (Rainin)	<b>\$ 223.10</b>	\$ 179.49 (Rainin)	<b>\$ 240.41</b>	-7%
<b>260 ml Flask</b>	\$ 132.75 (Nunc)	<b>\$ 149.28</b>	\$ 48.52 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 67.53</b>	121%
<b>500 ml Filter Unit</b>	\$ 58.00 (A.Daigger)	<b>\$ 73.03</b>	\$ 61.09 (A.Daigger)	<b>\$ 84.12</b>	-13%
<b>1 L Filter Unit</b>	\$ 99.00 (A.Daigger)	<b>\$ 114.85</b>	\$ 99.00 (A.Daigger)	<b>\$ 134.16</b>	-14%

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# Not all items are less expensive through the GDC

## LABORATORY SUPPLIES

	NIAID Price 1	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID Cost 1	NIDDK Price 1	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIDDK Cost 2	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC	
							Low	High
Bio-Rad Cuvette	\$ 121.55 (Bio-Rad)	<b>\$137.85</b>	Not Available	Not Available	\$ 121.53 (Bio-Rad)	<b>\$ 163.90</b>	-16%	
Bio-Rad Cuvette	\$ 124.10 (Bio-Rad)	<b>\$ 140.45</b>	\$121.55 (Bio-Rad)	<b>\$137.85</b>	\$ 121.53 (Bio-Rad)	<b>\$ 163.90</b>	-14%	-16%
Non-Sterile Multi-Channel Basin	\$ 35.98 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 50.57</b>	\$ 28.85 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 43.30</b>	\$ 23.48 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 34.47</b>	47%	26%
Sterile Multi-Channel Basin	\$ 48.40 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 63.24</b>	Not Available	Not Available	\$ 49.10 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 68.29</b>	-7%	

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# Gloves are an excellent opportunity for the ICs to benefit from GDC's lower prices

## MEDICAL AND SURGICAL SUPPLIES

	NIAID Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID Cost	GDC Prime Vendor Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
Glove, Esteem Nitrile Size: SM	\$ 22.29 (VWR)	\$ 36.60	\$ 8.15 (DSCP)	\$ 14.24	
Glove, Ntr Purple Size: LG	\$ 13.25 (VWR)	\$ 27.39	\$ 5.52 (DSCP)	\$ 10.77	154%
Glove, Safeskin Silver Nitrile	\$ 14.44 (Fisher Scientific)	\$ 28.60	\$ 7.22 (DSCP)	\$ 13.01	120%
Glove, Vinyl Pow, Size: SM	\$ 4.22 (VWR)	\$ 18.18	\$ 4.14 (DSCP)	\$ 8.94	103%
Glove, Latex Ster Size: 6 ½, 7, 7 ½, 8	\$ 26.10 (VWR)	\$ 40.50	\$ 14.86 (DSCP)	\$ 23.09	75%
Glove, Evolution One Size: XS, S, M, XL	\$ 7.81 (VWR)	\$ 21.84	\$ 7.06 (DSCP)	\$ 12.79	71%

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# Selected Office Supplies are another lucrative area for savings when purchased through the GDC

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

	NIAID Price 1	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID Cost 1	NIAID Price 2	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID Cost 2	NIDDK Price 1	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIDDK Cost 2	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC	
									Low	High
<b>AAA Batteries (per battery)</b>	\$ .75 (Staples)	<b>\$ 14.64</b>	Not Available	Not Available	\$ .86 (Staples)	<b>\$14.75</b>	\$ .28 (Frank Parsons)	<b>\$ 3.85</b>	280%	283%
<b>AA Batteries (per battery)</b>	\$ 1.00 (Staples)	<b>\$ 14.89</b>	\$ .69 (Staples)	<b>\$14.58</b>	\$ .83 (Staples)	<b>\$14.72</b>	\$ .53 (Frank Parsons)	<b>\$ 4.18</b>	249%	256%
<b>Mini Binder Clip (12)</b>	\$ .89 (Office Link)	<b>\$ 14.78</b>	\$ 1.08 (Office Link)	<b>\$14.97</b>	\$ 1.09 (Office Link)	<b>\$14.98</b>	\$ .57 (Eagle Business)	<b>\$ 4.23</b>	249%	254%
<b>Binder Clip 1" (12)</b>	\$ 3.91 (Office Depot)	<b>\$ 17.86</b>	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	\$ 1.79 (Eagle Business)	<b>\$ 5.84</b>	206%	

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# Selected Office Supplies are another lucrative area for savings when purchased through the GDC (continued)

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

	NIAID Price 1	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID Cost 1	NIAID Price 2	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID Cost 2	NIDDK Price 1	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIDDK Cost 2	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC	
									Low	High
<b>Scientific Calculator</b>	\$ 20.39 (Staples)	<b>\$ 34.67</b>	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	\$ 15.25 (Chesney)	<b>\$ 23.61</b>	47%	
<b>Heavy Duty Staples</b>	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	\$ 5.57 (Office Link)	<b>\$ 19.55</b>	\$ 4.36 (Kops)	<b>\$ 9.23</b>	112%	
<b>Post-it 3X3 (12)</b>	\$ 8.25 (US Carbon & Ribbon)	<b>\$ 2.29</b>	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	\$ 5.90 (A. Daigger)	<b>\$ 11.27</b>	98%	
<b>Post-it 4X6 Assorted</b>	\$ 9.99 (Staples)	<b>\$ 24.06</b>	Not Available	Not Available	\$ 9.99 (Office Depot)	<b>\$ 24.06</b>	\$ 5.41 (George Allen)	<b>\$ 10.62</b>	127%	

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# A price comparison at NIAID reveals that buyers within the same IC pay different prices for identical products

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

	NIAID Price 1	NIAID Price 2	% Price Differential
<b>Sharpie Highlighter</b>	\$ 13.99 (Staples)	\$ 12.99 (Staples)	8%
<b>Sharpie Twin Tip</b>	\$ 1.70 (Gerry Smith Office Supplies)	\$ 2.00 (Office Link)	4%
<b>Sharpie Fine</b>	\$ 4.40 (US Carbon & Ribbon)	\$ 5.00 (Benjamin Office Supplies)	6%
<b>Post-it Flag Highlighters</b>	\$ 7.76 (O'Neill Computer Products)	\$ 8.62 (First Call Office Products)	4%



# A price comparison between NIAID and GDC reveals a clear price differential for Biomax film

## PHOTO PAPER AND SUPPLIES

	NIAID Price 1	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID cost 1	NIAID Price 2	Total <sup>(1)</sup> NIAID cost 2	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC	
							Low	High
Film, Biomax MR-2	\$ 510.15 (Perkin Elmer)	<b>\$ 534.22</b>	\$ 558.98 (Fisher Scientific)	<b>\$ 584.03</b>	\$ 249.00 (Carestream Health)	<b>\$ 332.16</b>	61%	76%
Film, Biomax XAR	\$ 185.00 (Molecular Imaging Systems)	<b>\$ 202.57</b>	Not Available	Not Available	\$ 165.00 (Carestream Health)	<b>\$ 221.28</b>	(-11%)	
Film, Biomax LT-2	\$ 578.85 (Fisher Scientific)	<b>\$ 604.30</b>	\$ 213.53 (Carestream Health)	<b>\$ 231.67</b>	\$ 206.00 (Carestream Health)	<b>\$ 275.40</b>	(-16%)	119%

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## When the ICs buy Invitrogen items that are also carried at the GDC, they pay an average of 19% more

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- ▶ Invitrogen contacted DLS indicating their interest in consolidating supply, and as a result of these preliminary discussions, they provided DLS with item level detail on quantity ordered and total sales amounts
- ▶ The GDC currently sells approximately 120 items that the ICs also purchase direct from Invitrogen
- ▶ One third of the items that the ICs buy direct cost 35-200% more than the GDC's price
- ▶ The following four slides include a price comparison for all items that the ICs and GDC both purchase from Invitrogen





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# There are 122 price comparisons of Invitrogen products sold direct to the ICs and also sold by the GDC

	INVITROGEN ITEMS				
	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
100 MM DNTP SET	\$ 159.93	\$ 177.00	\$ 123.75	\$ 166.83	6%
OLIGOFECTAMINE REAGENT	\$ 234.48	\$ 253.04	\$ 179.95	\$ 241.01	5%
LIBRARY EFF DH5	\$ 136.61	\$ 153.21	\$ 99.91	\$ 135.36	13%
NOVEX SHARP PS PROT	\$ 119.72	\$ 135.98	\$ 97.76	\$ 132.52	3%
SEEBLUE PLUS2 500 UL	\$ 112.56	\$ 128.68	\$ 95.96	\$ 130.14	-1%
ATTACHMENT FACTOR 100ML	\$ 15.00	\$ 29.17	\$ 12.35	\$ 19.78	47%
GUANIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE 500G	\$ 122.15	\$ 138.47	\$ 55.75	\$ 77.07	80%
NP TRANSFER BUF(20X) 1 L	\$ 118.19	\$ 134.42	\$ 97.25	\$ 131.85	2%
NUPAGE 4-12% BT GEL	\$ 107.57	\$ 123.60	\$ 94.64	\$ 128.40	-4%

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# There are 122 price comparisons of Invitrogen products sold direct to the ICs and also sold by the GDC (continued)

## INVITROGEN ITEMS

	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
DISTILLED WATER (ULTRAPURE) 500ML	\$ 21.18	\$ 35.48	\$ 7.99	\$ 14.02	153%
DMEM 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 6.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 3.95	\$ 8.69	130%
LB BROTH 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 9.66	\$ 23.72	\$ 5.28	\$ 10.44	127%
DMEM 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 4.39	\$ 18.35	\$ 3.57	\$ 8.19	124%
DMEM 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 5.39	\$ 19.37	\$ 3.96	\$ 8.70	123%
DMEM 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 4.96	\$ 18.93	\$ 3.98	\$ 8.73	117%
RPMI 1640 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 4.86	\$ 18.83	\$ 3.96	\$ 8.71	116%
PBS, PH 7.4 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 4.10	\$ 18.05	\$ 4.21	\$ 9.04	100%
PBS, PH 7.4 1000ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 7.94	\$ 21.97	\$ 7.24	\$ 13.03	69%

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	INVITROGEN ITEMS				
	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
<b>PEN STREP GLUTAMINE, 100ML</b>	\$ 18.21	<b>\$ 32.45</b>	\$ 14.60	<b>\$ 22.75</b>	43%
<b>1 KB PLUS DNA LADDER 250 UG</b>	\$ 124.57	<b>\$ 140.93</b>	\$ 73.55	<b>\$ 100.57</b>	40%
<b>PCR SUPERMIX 100 REACTIONS</b>	\$ 60.82	<b>\$ 75.91</b>	\$ 41.18	<b>\$ 57.83</b>	31%
<b>TRACKIT LAMBDA/HINDIII FRAG. 100</b>	\$ 64.71	<b>\$ 79.88</b>	\$ 45.30	<b>\$ 63.28</b>	26%
<b>TRACKIT 1 KB DNA LADDER 100</b>	\$ 78.01	<b>\$ 93.44</b>	\$ 54.60	<b>\$ 75.55</b>	24%
<b>TRACKIT PHIX174/HAEIII FRAG. 100</b>	\$ 118.50	<b>\$ 134.74</b>	\$ 85.15	<b>\$ 115.88</b>	16%
<b>GENETICIN 5G</b>	\$ 238.91	<b>\$ 257.56</b>	\$ 174.60	<b>\$ 233.96</b>	10%
<b>BENCHMARK PRESTAIN PROT LADDER</b>	\$ 111.42	<b>\$ 127.52</b>	\$ 86.51	<b>\$ 117.67</b>	8%
<b>PLATINUM PFX DNA POLYMERASE 100 REACTIONS #95</b>	\$ 79.25	<b>\$ 94.71</b>	\$ 64.55	<b>\$ 88.69</b>	7%
<b>TRACKIT 1 KB PLUS DNA LADDER 100</b>	\$ 83.84	<b>\$ 99.39</b>	\$ 68.68	<b>\$ 94.14</b>	6%

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	INVITROGEN ITEMS				
	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
PLATINUM TAQ HIGH FIDELITY 100 REACTIONS	\$ 115.63	\$ 131.82	\$ 92.76	\$ 125.93	5%
GENETICIN 20ML	\$ 65.71	\$ 80.90	\$ 56.15	\$ 77.60	4%
SUPERSCRIPT 1ST STRAND SYSTEM	\$ 311.16	\$ 331.25	\$ 238.70	\$ 318.57	4%
PLAT SYBR QPCR 100 100	\$ 189.55	\$ 207.21	\$ 148.50	\$ 199.50	4%
DISTILLED WATER 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 7.18	\$ 21.19	\$ 4.27	\$ 9.11	133%
HBSS 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 6.63	\$ 20.64	\$ 4.10	\$ 8.89	132%
DPBS 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 4.98	\$ 18.95	\$ 4.10	\$ 8.89	113%
DPBS 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 4.75	\$ 18.72	\$ 4.10	\$ 8.89	110%
GLYCEROL 500ML	\$ 28.40	\$ 42.84	\$ 13.04	\$ 20.70	107%
PENICILLIN STREPTOMYCIN SOL 20ML	\$ 6.32	\$ 20.31	\$ 5.56	\$ 10.82	88%

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	INVITROGEN ITEMS				
	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
SSC, 20X 1000ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 25.45	\$ 39.83	\$ 16.15	\$ 24.80	61%
GENTAMICIN 10ML	\$ 24.02	\$ 38.37	\$ 16.60	\$ 25.39	51%
ADVANCED D-MEM 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 14.36	\$ 28.52	\$ 11.70	\$ 18.92	51%
T4 POLYNUCLEOTIDE KINASE 200 UN	\$ 129.42	\$ 145.88	\$ 71.75	\$ 98.19	49%
0.5-10KB RNA LADDER 25 APP	\$ 123.98	\$ 140.33	\$ 72.80	\$ 99.58	41%
T4 DNA LIGASE 500 UN	\$ 170.85	\$ 188.14	\$ 99.11	\$ 134.31	40%
100 BP DNA LADDER 50 UG	\$ 71.90	\$ 87.21	\$ 52.57	\$ 72.87	20%
PLATINUM PCR SUPERMIX HIGH FI 100 REACTIONS	\$ 116.73	\$ 132.93	\$ 93.20	\$ 126.50	5%
RECOVERY CELL CULTURE FREEZING 50ML	\$ 77.73	\$ 93.15	\$ 65.10	\$ 89.41	4%
TAQ DNA POLYMERASE 500 U	\$ 201.06	\$ 218.95	\$ 158.29	\$ 212.42	3%

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	INVITROGEN ITEMS				
	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
SS ONE STEP RT-PCR WITH PLATINUM TAQ	\$ 147.35	\$ 164.16	\$ 118.22	\$ 159.53	3%
PLATINUM PCR SUPERMIX 100 RXN	\$ 99.60	\$ 115.47	\$ 83.20	\$ 113.30	2%
PLATINUM TAQ DNA POLYMERASE 250 REACTIONS	\$ 167.21	\$ 184.42	\$ 136.00	\$ 183.00	1%
PLATINUM BLUE PCR SUPERMIX 100 RXNS	\$ 107.60	\$ 123.63	\$ 93.11	\$ 126.38	-2%
ONE SHOT MEDH5A T1 COMBO	\$ 234.22	\$ 252.78	\$ 205.65	\$ 274.94	-8%
PLATINUM TAQ DNA POLYMERASE 500 REACTIONS	\$ 248.97	\$ 267.82	\$ 220.95	\$ 295.13	-9%
LIPOFECTAMINE 2000 REAGENT 1.5 ML	\$ 307.50	\$ 327.52	\$ 297.13	\$ 395.69	-17%
RPMI 1640 500ML, E-Z HOLD	\$ 4.72	\$ 18.69	\$ 3.93	\$ 8.67	115%
TRYPsin 0.25% EDTA 100ML, E-Z HOLD	\$ 5.65	\$ 19.64	\$ 5.20	\$ 10.34	90%
TRYPsin .05% EDTA 100ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 5.46	\$ 19.44	\$ 5.20	\$ 10.34	88%

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	INVITROGEN ITEMS				
	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
PBS, PH 7.4, 10X 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 10.90	\$ 24.99	\$ 8.68	\$ 14.94	67%
L GLUTAMINE, 100X 100ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 12.58	\$ 26.71	\$ 12.65	\$ 20.18	32%
GLUTAMAX I, 100X 100ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 17.56	\$ 31.79	\$ 15.60	\$ 24.07	32%
URELINK HIPURE FILTER MAXI 10 REACTIONS	\$ 164.63	\$ 181.80	\$ 102.44	\$ 138.70	31%
OPTI MEM I 500ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD	\$ 17.77	\$ 32.00	\$ 16.45	\$ 25.19	27%
URELINK PLASMID MAXI 10 REACTIONS	\$ 133.56	\$ 150.10	\$ 93.08	\$ 126.34	19%
SBCLNG EFF DH5@ COMP CELLS 2.0ML )	\$ 62.14	\$ 77.26	\$ 47.66	\$ 66.39	16%
10 MM DNTP MIX 100 UL	\$ 41.95	\$ 56.66	\$ 36.40	\$ 51.53	10%
-GEL DOUBLE COMB 2% 18-PAK	\$ 183.36	\$ 200.90	\$ 149.75	\$ 201.15	0%
MEMBR/FILTER PAPER 20/PK	\$ 116.12	\$ 132.32	\$ 98.26	\$ 133.19	-1%

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## INVITROGEN ITEMS

	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
OP10 ONE SHOT KIT 20 RXN	\$ 255.10	\$ 274.08	\$ 210.57	\$ 281.44	-3%
-GELS 1.2% 18/PK	\$ 147.99	\$ 164.82	\$ 127.90	\$ 172.31	-4%
-GEL 0.8% 18/PK	\$ 147.06	\$ 163.88	\$ 127.90	\$ 172.31	-5%
-GELS 2% 18/PK	\$ 143.86	\$ 160.61	\$ 127.90	\$ 172.31	-7%
SUPERSCRIPT III REV TRANSCRIPT 10,000 UN	\$ 203.37	\$ 221.31	\$ 179.61	\$ 240.57	-8%
BL21(DE3) OS 20 RXN	\$ 205.91	\$ 223.90	\$ 182.30	\$ 244.12	-8%
SUPERSCRIPT II 10000 UN	\$ 190.92	\$ 208.61	\$ 174.72	\$ 234.11	-11%
MAX EFF DH5@ 1ML (5 X 0.2ML)	\$ 152.42	\$ 169.34	\$ 146.52	\$ 196.89	-14%
RELOCK XCELL EACH	\$ 300.00	\$ 319.87	\$ 286.99	\$ 382.31	-16%
URELINK PURIF RACK	\$ 73.36	\$ 88.70	\$ 130.00	\$ 175.08	-49%

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	INVITROGEN ITEMS				
	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
DF MMBR/FLTR PAPRSNDW 20 EA	\$ 117.63	\$ 133.85	\$ 96.72	\$ 131.15	2%
LN MMBR & FLTR PAPRSNDW 20 EA	\$ 131.49	\$ 147.99	\$ 101.01	\$ 136.82	8%
ISGLYSDS RUN BUF(10X)500ML	\$ 11.42	\$ 25.52	\$ 7.98	\$ 14.01	82%
ISGLY TRANS BUF (25X)500ML	\$ 30.10	\$ 44.57	\$ 22.88	\$ 33.68	32%
GICMARK XP WESTERN STD 250 UL	\$ 221.08	\$ 239.37	\$ 189.60	\$ 253.75	-6%
RK12 W RANGE MW STD,1ML 1 ML	\$ 112.73	\$ 128.86	\$ 88.40	\$ 120.17	7%
MPLYBLUE SAFESTAIN 1 L	\$ 100.47	\$ 116.35	\$ 71.56	\$ 97.94	19%
EDIUM 131 500ML EACH	\$ 57.24	\$ 72.26	\$ 53.17	\$ 73.66	-2%
MOPS SDS RNBUF 20X 500 ML	\$ 49.76	\$ 64.62	\$ 40.55	\$ 57.01	13%
MES SDS RUNBUF 20X 500 ML	\$ 50.10	\$ 64.97	\$ 40.84	\$ 57.38	13%

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# There are 122 price comparisons of Invitrogen products sold direct to the ICs and also sold by the GDC (continued)

	INVITROGEN ITEMS				
	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
TRANSFER BUF (20X) 125 ML	\$ 16.47	\$ 30.67	\$ 12.65	\$ 20.18	52%
LDS SAMPLE BUF (4X) 10 ML	\$ 9.64	\$ 23.71	\$ 7.30	\$ 13.12	81%
NUPAGE 10% BT GEL 1.0MM 10W 10 PER BOX	\$ 111.82	\$ 127.92	\$ 94.64	\$ 128.40	0%
NUPAGE 10% BT GEL 1.0MM 15W 10 PER BOX	\$ 114.76	\$ 130.93	\$ 94.64	\$ 128.40	2%
NUPAGE 10% BT GEL 1.5MM 10W 10 PER BOX	\$ 112.64	\$ 128.76	\$ 94.64	\$ 128.40	0%
NUPAGE 4-12% BT GEL 1.0MM12W 10 PER BOX	\$ 108.32	\$ 124.36	\$ 94.64	\$ 128.40	-3%
NUPAGE 4-12% BT GEL 1.0MM15W 10 PER BOX	\$ 111.05	\$ 127.14	\$ 94.64	\$ 128.40	-1%
NUPAGE 4-12% BT GEL 1.5MM 10W 10 PER BOX	\$ 113.93	\$ 130.08	\$ 95.45	\$ 129.47	0%
NUPAGE 12% BT GEL 1.0MM 10W 10 PER BOX	\$ 114.75	\$ 130.91	\$ 94.64	\$ 128.40	2%
MEDIA AMP AGAR 20 POUCHES	\$ 199.98	\$ 217.85	\$ 141.82	\$ 190.68	14%
RYPSIN/EDTA 100ML 100 ML	\$ 17.65	\$ 31.87	\$ 16.15	\$ 24.80	29%

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## INVITROGEN ITEMS

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<b>RYPSIN NEUTRALIZER 100ML 100 ML</b>	\$ 17.17	<b>\$ 31.39</b>	\$ 16.15	<b>\$ 24.80</b>	27%
<b>NTH-A-FREEZE 50ML 50 ML</b>	\$ 52.29	<b>\$ 67.21</b>	\$ 48.00	<b>\$ 66.84</b>	1%
<b>NTAMICIN/AMPHOTERICIN 10PK EACH</b>	\$ 44.00	<b>\$ 58.75</b>	\$ 44.00	<b>\$ 61.56</b>	-5%
<b>GS 25ML 25 ML</b>	\$ 63.38	<b>\$ 78.52</b>	\$ 56.05	<b>\$ 77.47</b>	1%
<b>UREA, AMMONIA FREE 2KG</b>	\$ 104.38	<b>\$ 120.34</b>	\$ 50.00	<b>\$ 69.48</b>	73%
<b>AGAROSE 500G</b>	\$ 415.37	<b>\$ 437.55</b>	\$ 287.13	<b>\$ 382.49</b>	14%
<b>BUFFER SATURATED PHENOL 100ML</b>	\$ 74.44	<b>\$ 89.80</b>	\$ 43.92	<b>\$ 61.46</b>	46%
<b>S.O.C. MEDIUM 10X10ML</b>	\$ 68.02	<b>\$ 83.25</b>	\$ 26.15	<b>\$ 38.00</b>	119%
<b>TRIS-HCL, PH 8.0, 1M 1000ML</b>	\$ 33.56	<b>\$ 48.11</b>	\$ 16.08	<b>\$ 24.70</b>	95%
<b>ETHIDIUM BROMIDE 10MG/ML</b>	\$ 42.81	<b>\$ 57.54</b>	\$ 16.10	<b>\$ 24.73</b>	133%
<b>SSPE, 20X 1000ML, PLASTIC, E-Z HOLD</b>	\$ 47.90	<b>\$ 62.73</b>	\$ 14.85	<b>\$ 23.08</b>	172%
<b>DEOXYRIBONUCLEASE</b>	\$ 267.99	<b>\$ 287.23</b>	\$ 150.50	<b>\$ 202.14</b>	42%

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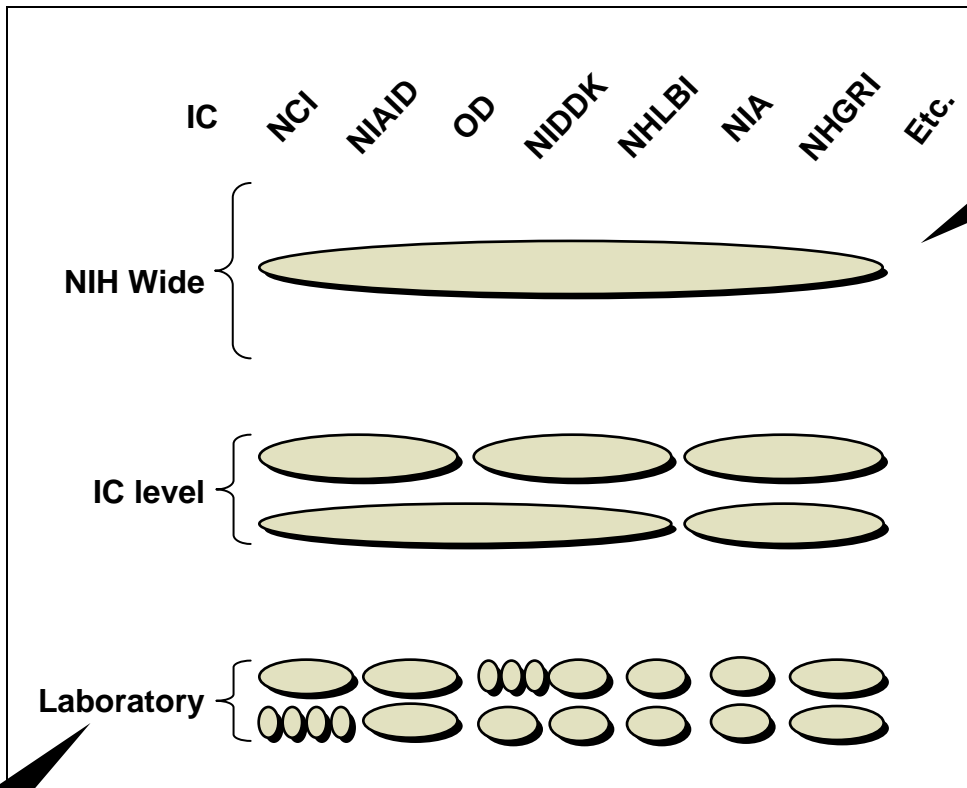
	INVITROGEN ITEMS				
	Direct Invitrogen Price	Total <sup>(1)</sup> Direct Cost	GDC Price	Total <sup>(2)</sup> Cost to IC	% IC Price is More or (-Less) than GDC
<b>DNASE I AMP GRADE 100 UN</b>	\$ 82.66	<b>\$ 98.19</b>	\$ 48.77	<b>\$ 67.85</b>	45%
<b>PROTEINASE K 100 MG</b>	\$ 81.10	<b>\$ 96.60</b>	\$ 48.00	<b>\$ 66.84</b>	45%
<b>PROTEINASE K SOL. RNA 5 ML (100 MG)</b>	\$ 101.56	<b>\$ 117.47</b>	\$ 58.10	<b>\$ 80.17</b>	47%
<b>URELINK PLASMID MIDI 25 REACTIONS</b>	\$ 173.25	<b>\$ 190.59</b>	\$ 108.16	<b>\$ 146.25</b>	30%
<b>URELINK HIPURE FILTER MIDI 25 REACTIONS</b>	\$ 206.96	<b>\$ 224.97</b>	\$ 122.20	<b>\$ 164.78</b>	37%
<b>OPO TA CLON/ TOP10 20 RXN</b>	\$ 377.49	<b>\$ 398.91</b>	\$ 291.20	<b>\$ 387.86</b>	3%
<b>SC-TOPO TA KIT, TOP10P10 20 RXN</b>	\$ 404.91	<b>\$ 426.88</b>	\$ 300.00	<b>\$ 399.48</b>	7%
<b>OPO TA/DH5A(20) 20 RXN</b>	\$ 380.70	<b>\$ 402.19</b>	\$ 295.20	<b>\$ 393.14</b>	2%
<b>OPO TA CLONING KIT SEQU 20 RXN</b>	\$ 406.10	<b>\$ 428.09</b>	\$ 309.10	<b>\$ 411.49</b>	4%
<b>SC-TOPO TA SEQ.,TOP10 20 RXN</b>	\$ 405.86	<b>\$ 427.85</b>	\$ 311.64	<b>\$ 414.85</b>	3%
<b>OPO TA CLON DUAL TOP10 20 RXN</b>	\$ 416.85	<b>\$ 439.06</b>	\$ 311.40	<b>\$ 414.53</b>	6%

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# Fragmented suppliers, price differences for similar items, and limited leverage in price negotiations lead to unnecessary spending by the NIH

## Consolidated Purchasing Approach for Realized Savings



Utilizing best practices, consolidated purchasing offers many benefits to NIH, including greater standardization of products and pricing, savings in shipping, improved vendor relationships and many more

The current NIH purchase strategy indicates about 90% of the IC's purchasing is done directly with vendors



# Consolidated purchasing can increase the speed and agility of the acquisition process while improving product quality and reducing costs

- ▶ Results from this spend analysis provide NIH leadership with a better understanding of the current processes and costs associated with ordering supplies and materials

## Consolidation of Sourcing Channels

### NIH Current State

### Best Practices

#### Number of Suppliers

- ▶ Overall, more than 17,000 unique vendor names
- ▶ Top 20 suppliers account for over 40% of the total spend

- ▶ Optimized supply base determined by individual commodity strategies

#### Variable Costs

#### Transaction Costs

- ▶ Different costs are incurred by ICs when placing orders on PCards as compared with placing orders through the GDC

- ▶ Transaction costs included when calculating total cost of ownership

#### Product Costs

- ▶ With over 1,600 individuals purchasing supplies and materials, the NIH obtains widely different prices for similar items

- ▶ Lower and more standardized prices from suppliers due to purchasing leverage

#### Inventory Costs

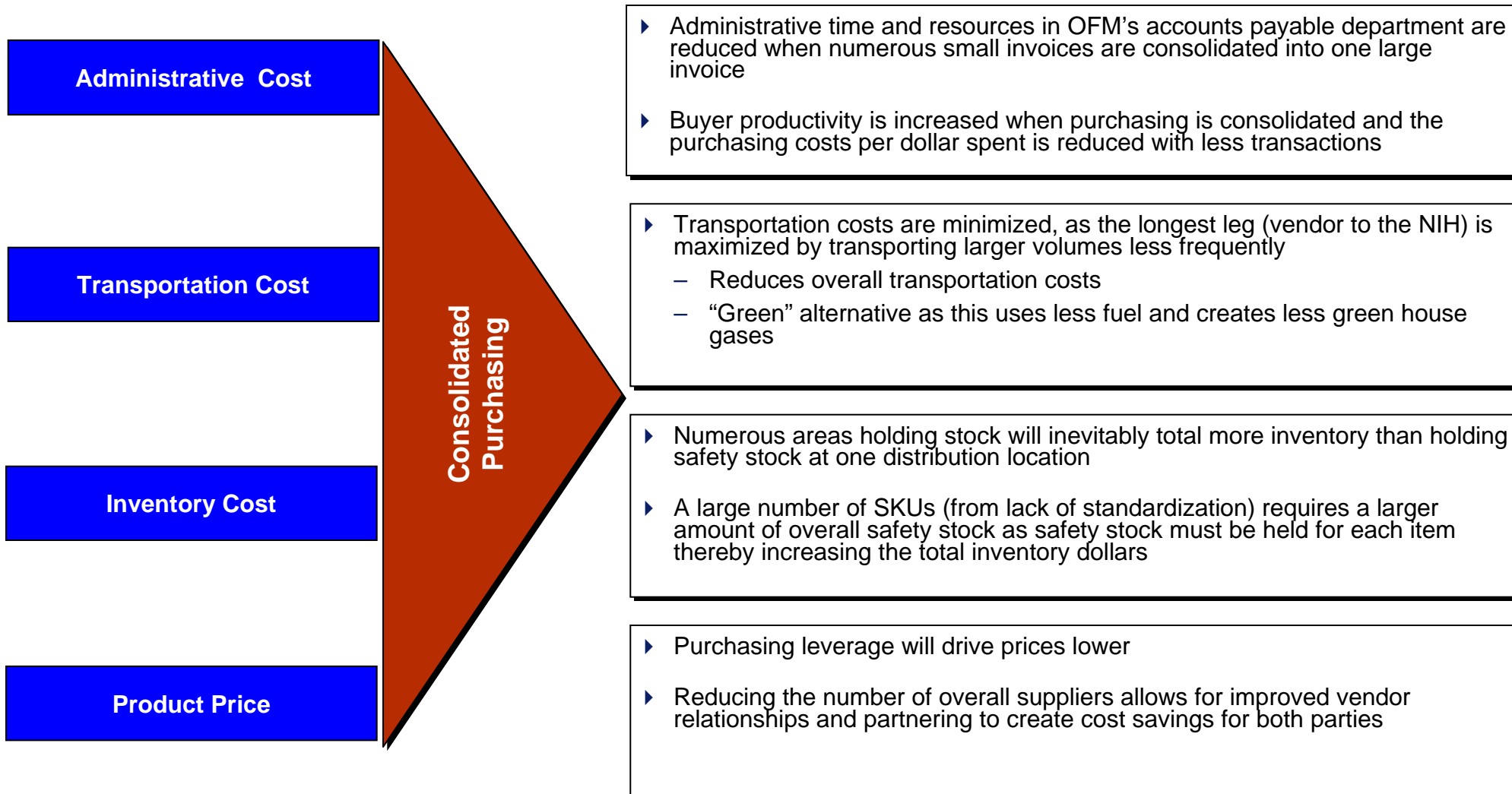
- ▶ Inventory holding costs are not optimized when safety stock of common items is held at multiple locations across the ICs

- ▶ A multi-echelon inventory strategy based on demand usage profiles



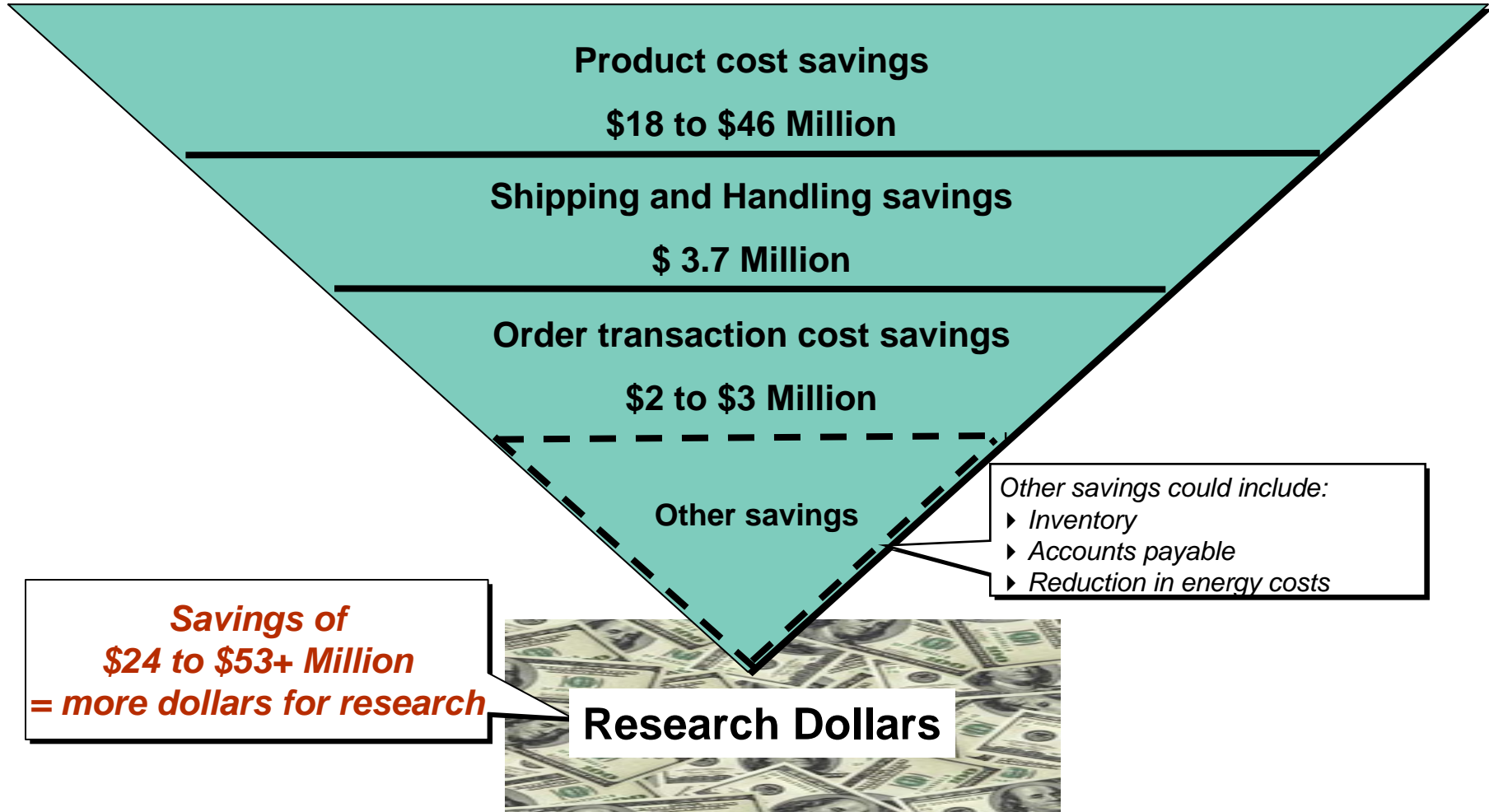
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# Consolidated purchasing will lead to less time and money consumed in transactional costs overall as well as lower prices on selected items





# Estimated \$24 to \$53 Million in savings from consolidated purchasing funnels research dollars back to the NIH community







## Section 4: Recommendations

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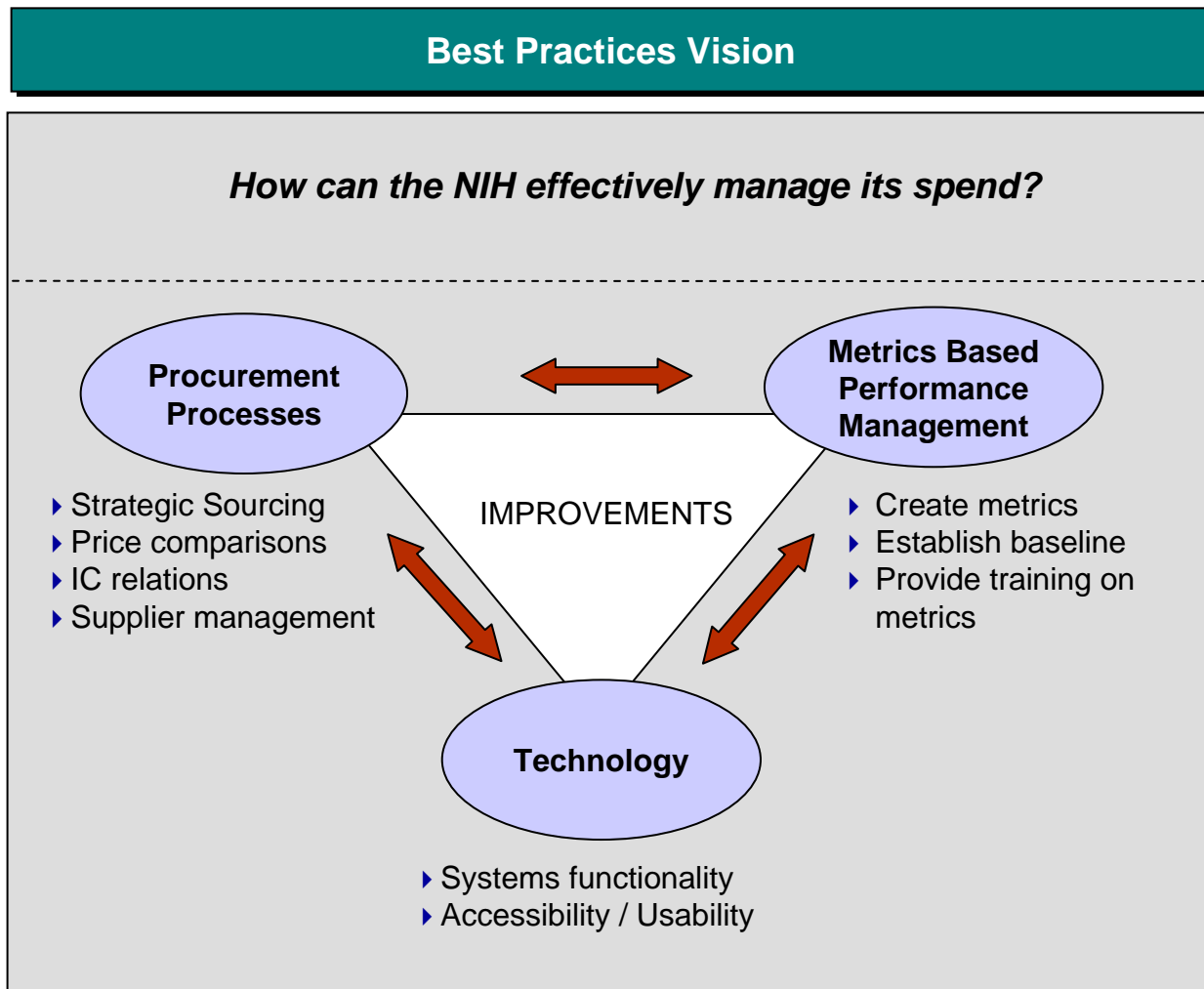
### Recommendations

- Best Practices Vision
- Procurement Processes
- Technology
- Performance Management



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# As the NIH needs to find ways to do more with less, this three pronged approach can save money and control costs





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## By simplifying the ordering process and/or implementing process improvements, the NIH could realized additional savings on ordering costs

ID	Procurement Processes Recommendations	Next Steps
P1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Rationalize the GDC portfolio because initial findings suggests that the NIH could save significant dollars through consolidated purchasing, initially focusing on low value, generic types of products like gloves and office supplies (<i>currently in progress</i>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Collect sales data from vendors</li> <li>▶ Identify specific items as targets for consolidated purchasing</li> <li>▶ Negotiate prices with vendors</li> <li>▶ Advertise GDC offering to the ICs</li> </ul>
P2a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Perform a more comprehensive analysis of price differences based on different methods of buying (purchasing channels) and develop a fulfillment channel strategy that gives the best values to the NIH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Identify item categories for price comparison research</li> <li>▶ Calculate total landed cost for each item through the various channels</li> <li>▶ Deliver a purchasing channel strategy for selected groups of items</li> </ul>
P2b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Brief Executive Officers on price differences and work with EOs and AOs to help the ICs change their purchasing habits and to adopt new methods that save time and money</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Present price comparison findings and purchasing channel strategy to EOs and AOs</li> <li>▶ Gain acceptance of new purchasing strategy</li> <li>▶ Train buyers on when and how to use the best purchasing channel for any given item</li> </ul>



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## Expanding iProcurement's functionality can save time, direct buyers to specific vendors, and provide needed data for future procurement/spend analyses

ID	Technology Recommendations	Next Steps
<p>T1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Initial research suggests that iProcurement has many more capabilities than are currently being utilized and NIH could benefit immensely from a more robust procurement system               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Standardized data including drop down menus of vendor names and item descriptions</li> <li>– Reduced time to place an order</li> <li>– “Punch outs” to direct purchaser to vendors that the NIH wants used, often automatically linking the purchaser with the vendor of choice’s web site</li> <li>– Eliminates the scenario of different ICs paying varying prices for the same product by directing purchasers to predetermined vendors and standardizing the more generic items</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Meet with NBS to present technology findings</li> <li>▶ Investigate iProcurement’s functionality</li> <li>▶ Develop plan for making system upgrades</li> <li>▶ After system has been modified, train all users</li> </ul>



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## Improved metrics allow NIH leadership to make knowledge based decisions

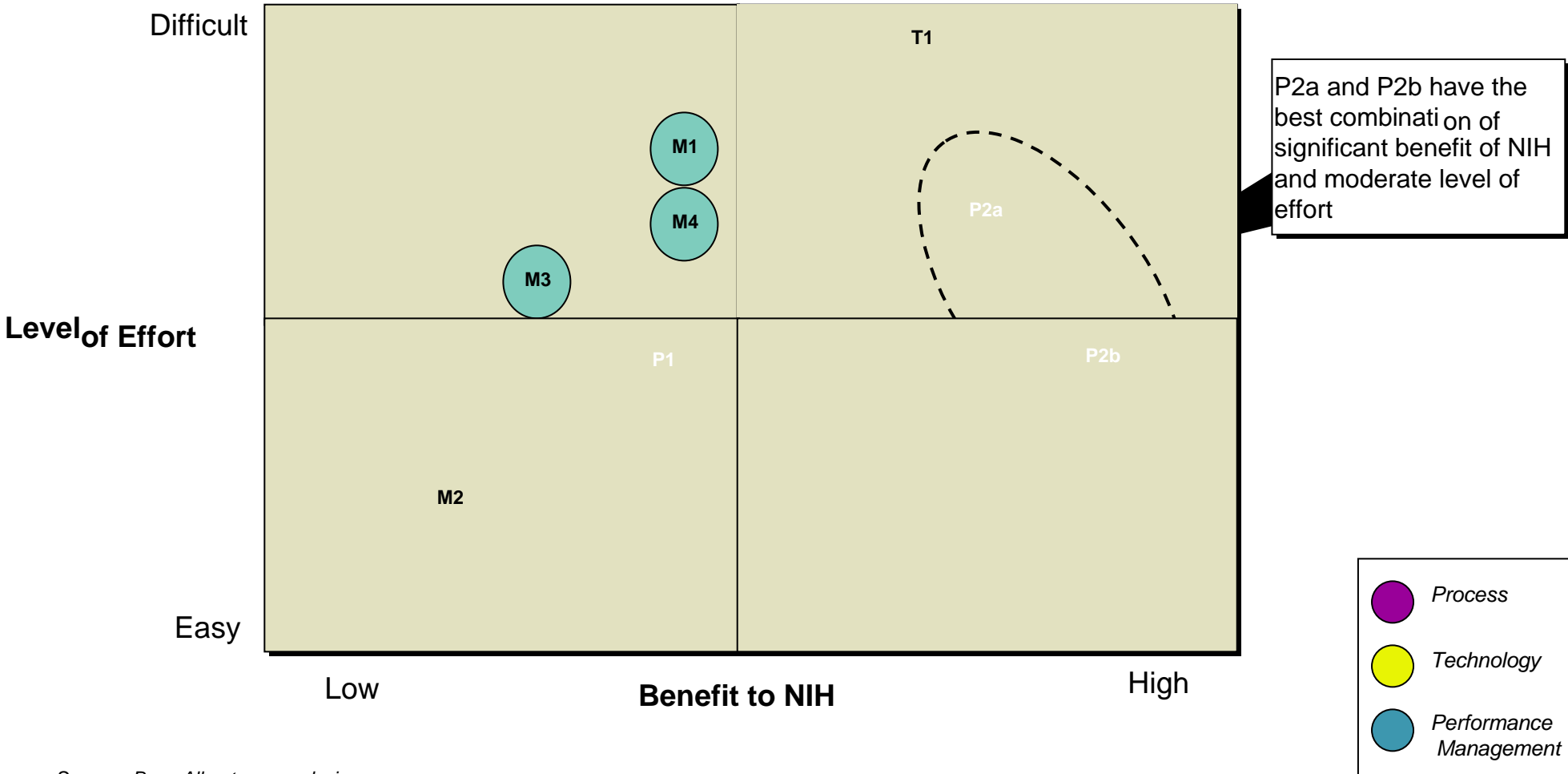
ID	Metrics Based Performance Management Recommendations	Next Steps
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Develop and implement comprehensive metrics for NIH leadership to track the efficiency of the procurement process and make it easier to track expenditures on supplies and materials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Identify metrics</li> <li>▶ Define data collection and calculation</li> <li>▶ Establish baselines</li> <li>▶ Roll out metrics program</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Facilitate sharing of internal NIH best practices based on established metrics</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Establish a performance management committee to discuss metrics and share best practices</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Conduct a regularly scheduled spend analysis to report changes, e.g., purchasing trends, major supplies, supplier price differentials, purchasing channels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Determine frequency of conducting spend analyses</li> <li>▶ Identify and train staff on how to conduct analysis</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Establish a vendor scorecarding process to allow the NIH to measure supplier performance throughout the lifecycle of the contract</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Identify metrics that will be used to evaluate vendor performance</li> <li>▶ Define data collection and calculation</li> <li>▶ Roll out the vendor scorecarding program</li> <li>▶ Establish vendor rewards/penalties based on performance</li> </ul>



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# To prioritize the recommendations, we ranked them based on potential impact and ease of implementation

Implementation Assessment of Recommendations



Source: Booz Allen team analysis



# Appendices

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## Appendices

- Appendix A: Variables Used for Analysis
- Appendix B: Object Classes Included in Analysis
- Appendix C: Methodology for Item Price Comparisons



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## Data Dictionary

### nVision Variables Extracted for Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	Award Created Date
<b>Definition</b>	Date on which the award was created.
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to analyze trends in orders over time
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted

<b>Variable</b>	Award Line Item Description
<b>Definition</b>	Text description of the product or service requested on a specific line of an Award. Up to the first 800 characters will be displayed. For Awards created in PRISM or converted Awards, this will be the line item description sourced from PRISM. For P-Card Awards, this will be the line item description sourced from Oracle
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to determine supplies and materials purchased
<b>Data Limitations</b>	Content of free text entry is highly variable and does not allow for easy identification of items purchase or comparison across multiple order lines





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## Data Dictionary

### nVision Variables Extracted for Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	Award Line Item No.
<b>Definition</b>	A unique identifier for a specific line within an Award. For Awards created in PRISM or converted Awards, this will be the line number sourced from PRISM. For P-Card Awards, this will be the line number sourced from Oracle
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to identify each unique lines on an order
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted

<b>Variable</b>	Award No.
<b>Definition</b>	Unique identifier for the acquisition document. For awards generated in PRISM, the Award No. will follow the PIID format. For awards generated in Oracle and P-Card documents, the Award No. will be a unique numeric sequence
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to determine type of award
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted



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## Data Dictionary

### nVision Variables Extracted for Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	Buyer IC
<b>Definition</b>	Standard acronym, based on NBS role-mapping, for the NIH Institute or Center where the individual authorized to negotiate prices, and create awards for goods and services is assigned
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to identify IC for buyer if any additional information or clarification on an order was required
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted

<b>Variable</b>	Buyer Name
<b>Definition</b>	Name of individual authorized to negotiate prices, and create awards for goods and services
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to identify buyer if any additional information or clarification on an order was required
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted



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### nVision Variables Extracted for Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	Inventory Organization
<b>Definition</b>	Code that identifies the warehouse where the item is stored
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to identify items stored at the GDC – Gaithersburg Distribution Center or at the SSS – Self Service Stores
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted

<b>Variable</b>	Item
<b>Definition</b>	National Stock Number used to identify materials in the warehouse
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to identify items purchased by the GDC in an attempt to compare prices to those paid by other ICs
<b>Data Limitations</b>	GDC is the only organization that uses this variable as a unique identifier for items purchased



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### nVision Variables Extracted for Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	Item Category Code
<b>Definition</b>	Two character numerical code used to group items with similar characteristics
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to group items purchased by the GDC into item categories aligned with object classifications used to compare the different types of items purchased by the GDC and the ICs
<b>Data Limitations</b>	GDC is the only organization that uses this variable as way to categorize items

<b>Variable</b>	Item Category Description
<b>Definition</b>	Text that describes the numerical code used to group items with similar characteristics
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to group items purchased by the GDC into item categories aligned with object classifications used to compare the different types of items purchased by the GDC and the ICs
<b>Data Limitations</b>	GDC is the only organization that uses this variable as way to categorize items



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### nVision Variables Extracted for Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	Last Line Payment Date
<b>Definition</b>	Latest payment date for a specific award line item
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to limit the data extraction to orders paid between July 2007 and July 2008
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted

<b>Variable</b>	Line Payment Status
<b>Definition</b>	Status of the payments against a specific award line item number
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to limit the data extraction to only "Partially Paid" and "Fully Paid" values
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted



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### nVision Variables Extracted for Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	Object Class Code
<b>Definition</b>	A 4 character classification code according to the type or nature of services, articles, or other items involved. This study included only Object Class 26 (supplies and materials)
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to extract data for supplies and materials and to identify larger object categories for analysis
<b>Data Limitations</b>	Cannot be used to items purchased by the GDC (must use Item Category Code instead)

<b>Variable</b>	Object Class Description
<b>Definition</b>	Text description for an object class code
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to extract data for supplies and materials and to identify larger object categories for analysis
<b>Data Limitations</b>	Cannot be used to items purchased by the GDC (must use Item Category Description instead)



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### nVision Variables Extracted for Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	Payment Amt
<b>Definition</b>	Amount paid towards a specific award line or a project on the line
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to calculate the total payments for other combinations of variables (e.g., by supplier, by IC)
<b>Data Limitations</b>	This amount may include the amount paid for more than one item, and may include shipping and handling charges, hazardous material charges, and other charges that are not separately identified in the item description field

<b>Variable</b>	P-Card Purchase Indicator
<b>Definition</b>	Flag indicating that the requisition or award is being paid for with a purchase card
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to determine P-Card orders
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted



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<b>Variable</b>	P-Card Merchant Name
<b>Definition</b>	Name of the supplier of the goods and services for an award
<b>Rationale</b>	Used in creation of New Combined Supplier Name
<b>Data Limitations</b>	Content of free text entry is highly variable (e.g., misspelled merchant names, multiple abbreviations, addition of buyer initials) and does not allow for easy comparison across orders. Additionally, data field is blank for purchases placed on a contract.

<b>Variable</b>	Project IC
<b>Definition</b>	Standard Acronym for the NIH Institute or Center that funds the requisition or award
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to identify the IC that paid for the supplies and materials purchased
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted





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## Data Dictionary

### nVision Variables Extracted for Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	Supplier Name
<b>Definition</b>	Name of the supplier of the goods and services for an award
<b>Rationale</b>	Used in creation of New Combined Supplier Name
<b>Data Limitations</b>	Shows Supplier name only when purchases were made on contract and shows "IMPAC GOVERNMENT SERVICES" for all P-Card orders.

<b>Variable</b>	Unit Price
<b>Definition</b>	Supplier's price for one unit of the supply or material
<b>Rationale</b>	Initially planned to use to identify unit cost of items
<b>Data Limitations</b>	Data inaccuracies in Quantity Ordered field make it impossible to use this variable to determine unit price accurately.



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## Data Dictionary

### Variables Created For Use in Spend Analysis

<b>Variable</b>	New Combine Supplier
<b>Definition</b>	Combines data from P-Card Merchant field for orders placed on P-Cards and from Supplier Name for orders placed on contracts. Data in this field was cleaned and standardized as much as possible by the research team.
<b>Rationale</b>	Used for all analysis of Suppliers
<b>Data Limitations</b>	Content of field is based on free text entry and non-standardized results remain as the team was not able to clean 100% of the data due to time constraints and uncertainty about some data entered by the original buyers

<b>Variable</b>	Last Line Payment Month & Year
<b>Definition</b>	Shows data from Last Line Payment Date variable as month and year
<b>Rationale</b>	Used to analyze trends in orders over time
<b>Data Limitations</b>	None Noted



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### Object Classification Codes and Descriptions

Object Classification Code	Object Classification Description
26.13	<p><b>Biological materials - direct use</b> Cost of enzymes, coenzymes, bacteria and cell cultures for biomedical research. Included are items such as restriction enzymes, lysozyme, albumin, phosphatases, ligases, transfereases, dehydrogenases, kinases, transcription systems, RNA, DNA, and polymerases. Prior to FY 84 these items were charged to 26.52, Chemicals - Direct Use and 26.3A, Medical and Surgical, Including X-Ray, Photographic and X-Ray File-Direct Use.</p>
26.16	<p><b>Media for propagation tissue cultures - direct use</b> Any liquid, gel, or powder used to maintain and support cell growth. This includes microbiological media, bacteriological media, tissue culture media plated media, tubed media, buffered salts, and identification systems. Media is a term which can be used in connection with the propagation of tissue cultures for the detection and/or identification of a virus.</p>
26.23	<p><b>Biological materials – inventory</b> See description of 26.13</p>
26.3A	<p><b>Medical &amp; surgical, including x-ray, photographic and x-ray file - direct use</b> Medical and veterinary supply and material commodities used in laboratory and clinical research. This code is to be assigned to supply and material commodities included in FSC's 6510, 6515, 6525, and 6545. Excludes such commodities used for dental related research included under sub-object class 26.3D.</p>
26.3B	<p><b>Surgical-hospital supplies S&amp;SF</b></p>



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26.3Z	<b>Other medical and dental supplies - direct use</b> Includes those medical, dental and veterinary supply and material items not otherwise classified. This code is to be cited by authorized, requisitioning officials only.
26.31	<b>Supplies and materials for additional emergency hospitals</b>
26.33	<b>Supplies and materials for community hospitals</b>
26.36	<b>Supplies and materials that increase hospital capacity</b>
26.38	<b>Supplies and materials for replacement of hospital stocks</b>
26.39	<b>Supplies for repackaging (other than medical/dental supplies)</b>
26.4A	<b>Medical &amp; surgical including x-ray photography &amp; x-ray film – inventory</b> Medical and veterinary supply and material commodities used in laboratory and clinical research. This code is to be assigned to supply and material commodities included in FSC's 6510, 6515, 6525, and 6545. Excludes such commodities used for dental related research included under sub-object class 26.3D.
26.4Z	<b>Other medical and dental supplies – inventory</b> Includes those medical, dental and veterinary supply and materials items not otherwise classified.



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### Object Classification Codes and Descriptions

Object Classification Code	Object Classification Description
26.5A	<p><b>Laboratory supplies – inventory</b> All commodities, not identified elsewhere in this group, normally consumed or expended during laboratory activity. This code is to be assigned to all supply and material commodities included in Federal Supply Classification group 66, except laboratory glassware (26.54) items included in FSC 6640. Includes balances, clamps, filters, stopcocks, measures, stoppers, syringes, thermometers.</p>
26.5B	<p><b>Chemicals – inventory</b> All chemicals and gases required for clinical, laboratory or plant maintenance use. This code is to be assigned to all individual non-medicinal chemical elements and compounds included in FSC group 68, except pest control agents and disinfectants (26.8R) included in FSC 6840.</p>
26.5C	<p><b>Forage including feed for research animals – inventory</b> All animal food and bedding used in the maintenance of research animals. This code is to be assigned to all commodities included in FSC 8710, Forage and Feed and to those commodities included in FSC's 8910 and 8915 when procured for the purpose of research animal maintenance.</p>
26.5D	<p><b>Glassware (Lab) – inventory</b> All glassware items required for use in research laboratories. This code is to be assigned to all disposable and reusable laboratory glassware items included in FSC 6640. Includes screwcaps, bottles, graduated cylinders, petri dishes, test tubes, pipets, beakers.</p>
26.5Z	<p><b>All other - inventory</b> Includes those items of laboratory supplies and chemicals not otherwise classified.</p>



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Object Classification Code	Object Classification Description
26.51	<b>Laboratory supplies - direct use</b> See description of 26.5A
26.52	<b>Chemicals - direct use</b> See description of 26.5B
26.53	<b>Forage including feed for research animals - direct use</b> See description of 26.5C
26.54	<b>Glassware (Lab) – direct use</b> See description of 26.5D
26.57	<b>Laboratory glassware S&amp;SF</b>
26.58	<b>Chemicals S&amp;SF</b>
26.59	<b>All Other - direct use</b> See description of 26.5Z
26.6A	<b>ADPE supplies</b> Supplies acquired such as magnetic tape, containers, reels, tabulating paper, punched cards and paper tape.
26.6L	<b>Office supplies - direct use</b> Items of supplies and materials normally intended for administrative or clerical use. Includes those items of supply and material included in FSC's 7510, 7520, 7530 and 7540.



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26.6N	<b>Office supplies S&amp;SF</b>
26.6Z	<b>All other administrative supplies - direct use</b> All administrative supplies not specifically identified in this grouping.
26.7A	<b>ADPE Supplies - inventory</b> See description of 26.6A
26.7L	<b>Office supplies - inventory</b> See description of 26.6L
26.7Z	<b>All other administrative supplies - inventory</b> See description of 26.6Z
26.8A	<b>Kitchen &amp; dietetic (excludes subsistence) - direct use</b> Comprises those supply and material commodities used in food preparation and serving operations. Includes such items as are included in FSC 7300, Food Preparation and Serving Equipment and those included in FSC 8540, Toiletry Paper Products.
26.8B	<b>Laboratory supplies S&amp;SF</b>
26.8C	<b>Forms &amp; envelopes S&amp;SF</b>



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26.8E	<p><b>Uniforms of non-medical personnel - direct use</b> All wearing apparel and protective clothing acquired for non-medical personnel. Comprises those items included in FSC 84, Clothing Individual Equipment and Insignia. Excludes those clothing items for use in medical facilities grouped in FSC 6532.</p>
26.8J	<p><b>Housekeeping and janitorial supplies - direct use</b> All items utilized in the domestic up-keep of offices and laboratories. Includes those items of supply and material included in the following FSC's: 7200 Household and commercial furnishing and appliances 7900 Cleaning equipment and supplies 8100 Containers, packaging, and packing supplies 8500 Toiletries</p>
26.8K	<p><b>Housekeeping supplies S&amp;SF</b></p>
26.8L	<p><b>Dry ice S&amp;SF</b></p>
26.8N	<p><b>All other maintenance supplies - direct use</b> All other supplies used for maintenance purposes that are not otherwise classified.</p>
26.8P	<p><b>Animal food &amp; bedding S&amp;SF</b></p>
26.8X	<p><b>Laundry supplies - direct use</b> All commodities required to launder and process wearing apparel, bed clothing and drapes.</p>





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26.8Z	<b>All other - direct use</b>
26.81	<b>Paper stock-printing &amp; printing supplies - direct use</b> Items of supplies and materials, procured for use in the processes of printing duplicating/copying and microform duplicating, are to be assigned this code.
26.82	<b>Photographic paper and supplies - direct use</b> Paper and supplies used in the developing of film and other photographic processes.
26.83	<b>Microfilm - direct use</b> Comprises all processed microfilm included in FSC 7670.
26.84	<b>Other unexposed film - direct use</b> Comprises all processed film included in FSC 6770. Does not include processed microfilm (26.83) and X-ray film (26.3A) or 26.3D. Includes still picture film and motion picture film.
26.85	<b>Pictures prints negatives etc - visual aids - direct use</b> Comprises pictures, slides, illustrations, charts and other graphic or pictorial items to be used as a visual aid.
26.86	<b>Envelopes</b>
26.87	<b>Forms &amp; envelopes - direct use</b> Includes standard forms, agency forms, envelopes and stationery included in FSC's 7530 and 7540.



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### Object Classification Codes and Descriptions

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26.89	<b>All other printing &amp; photographic supplies - direct use</b> All other printing and photographic supplies and materials not otherwise classified.
26.9J	<b>Housekeeping and janitorial supplies - inventory</b> All items utilized in the domestic up-keep of offices and laboratories.
26.9Z	<b>All other</b>
26.91	<b>Paper stock for printing &amp; printing supplies - inventory</b> See description of 26.81
26.92	<b>Photographic paper and supplies – inventory</b> See description of 26.82
26.94	<b>Other unexposed film – inventory</b> See description of 26.84
26.96	<b>Forms and envelopes – inventory</b> See description of 26.87
26.99	<b>All other printing &amp; photographic supplies – inventory</b> All other printing and photographic supplies and materials not otherwise classified.



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## Items for price comparison were identified using this methodology

- ▶ Using this methodology, the team identified approximately 50 items for price comparison analysis
  1. Data from GDC's Stock Master Report, NIAID's AMBIS and NIDDK's POTS system were imported into Microsoft Access
  2. Item description specific key words like "Biomax" or "Kodak" were used to define the search criteria. For example, when Biomax film products were searched, 58 unique item descriptions including the word "Biomax" were displayed
  3. Based on the search results, each unique item was compared to the GDC's item descriptions to find a match for comparison
  4. When identical items descriptions were found, the item's price and unit of issue was confirmed.
    - For GDC items
      - The unit of issue was confirmed in NBS
      - The price was confirmed using the price of that item on the most current fully received purchase order
    - For NIAID and NIDDK items
      - Unit of issue was confirmed on the vendor's website
      - Price was difficult to confirm on the vendor's website since the majority of buyers typically receive an undisclosed NIH discount on items and the price listed on a vendor's website today would more than likely not reflect the price for that item a year to six months ago