

PROTECTED PROCUREMENT

Supply Chain Security Guidance



OVERSIGHT

Top-down endorsement, visibility, and responsibility for supply chain security will put your business in the best position to protect itself from supply chain threats.

Integrate procurement teams into security management to defend your business from direct and indirect attacks.

Empower your staff and suppliers to take responsibility for managing supply chain security risks.

THREATS



Geographical

Do you understand the laws by which overseas suppliers might be bound regarding access and storage of your assets?



Insider

What access do your suppliers' employees have to your assets, and what level of personnel security checks are in place to detect and disrupt insider threats?



Hostile ownership

Could suppliers owned, controlled or influenced by a foreign state lead to unintended exposure of your assets?



Technology

Could you be exposing your critical assets by relying on technology with inherent vulnerabilities that could be exploited by hostile actors?



Physical

Could vulnerabilities in your suppliers' physical security lead to unauthorised access, destruction, or disruption of your assets either onsite or during transportation?



Cyber

Could vulnerabilities in your suppliers' cyber security indirectly provide unauthorised access to your IT systems or assets?



TERMINATION

Regain control of your assets and information from suppliers at the end of a contract.



DECISION TO OUTSOURCE

Your supply chain can be targeted via a range of threats, and your exposure to those threats depends on the accesses you afford your suppliers.

Consider these factors when making the decision to outsource to limit your exposure and ensure that appropriate security practices are built in across the procurement processes.



SUPPLIER PERFORMANCE

Test and advance your suppliers' security offer throughout the contract lifecycle to ensure they are meeting your specifications, are aligned with the current threat landscape, and perform well in response to incidents and crises.

To do this, **create and implement effective audit, stress testing, incident management, and horizon scanning processes.**



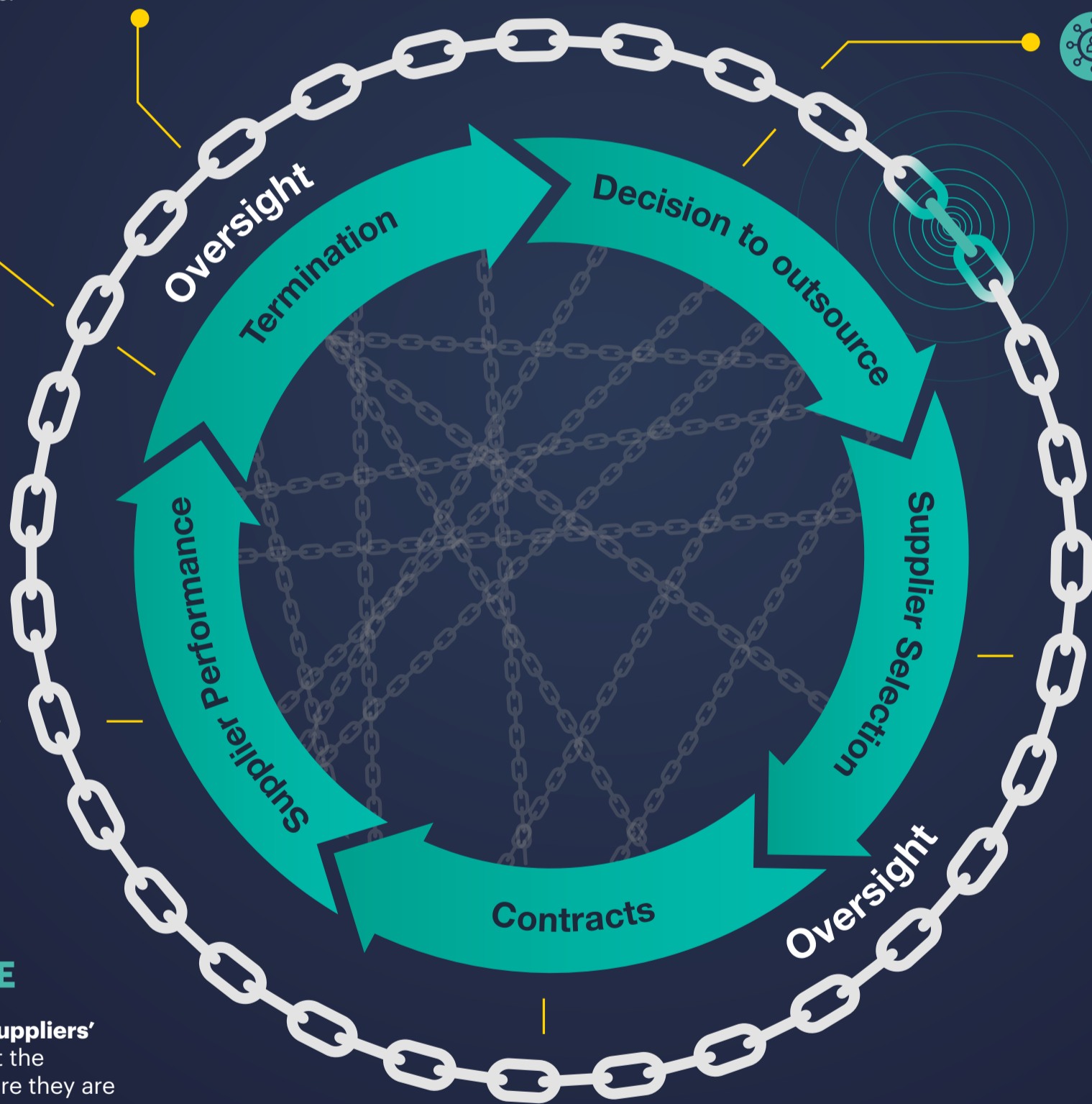
SUPPLIER SELECTION

Understand prospective suppliers' trustworthiness and security profile through due diligence and supplier assurance questions so you can make an informed decision about who to work with.



CONTRACTS

Use contracts to communicate and enforce security expectations.



For more information and advice on supply chain security, visit www.npsa.gov.uk.

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