

7 Signs Procurement Is Slowing Your Jobs

How to Spot Procurement Issues Before They Delay Crews and Schedules

Use this checklist to identify whether procurement friction is quietly impacting job starts, schedules, or field productivity.

✓ Check all that apply:

- Crews are ready, but materials aren't**
Jobs are delayed because materials haven't arrived or availability changed late
- Project managers spend time chasing quotes**
PMs or supervisors regularly follow up with multiple suppliers to get pricing or confirmations
- Availability issues are discovered too late**
Material constraints surface after schedules or crews are already lined up
- Last-minute substitutions are common**
Teams frequently scramble to find alternates due to stockouts or delays
- Procurement requests come in many formats**
Emails, texts, spreadsheets, and phone calls all require manual coordination
- Job starts depend on individual follow-up**
Whether a job starts on time often depends on who is managing the request
- Procurement issues create downstream rework**
Delays force schedule changes, crew reassignment, or expedited purchasing.

If you checked 3 or more, procurement may be slowing job execution more than it should.



What These Results Typically Indicate

When multiple items apply, it's a sign that procurement challenges aren't isolated issues; they're structural.

In many contractor environments, procurement slows down not because teams aren't working hard, but because sourcing, availability, and follow-up are handled manually across too many jobs, suppliers, and workflows.



How Contractors Are Addressing This

Rather than asking teams to do more or adopt rigid processes, some contractors are shifting to Procurement-as-a-Service, where sourcing, availability, alternates, and exceptions are supported day to day.

Raiven delivers Procurement-as-a-Service for the building trades, helping teams improve consistency and job readiness while continuing to work the way they already do.



Next Step

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Identify how procurement challenges are impacting your business and how to address them.