

## IT Ownership Practices

Vandis believes that once an environment has been structured with an effective IT / Business Relationship and appropriate IT Management practices it is possible to develop policies for ensuring the implementation of a variety of IT Ownership Practices.

Vandis has adapted non-IT asset management principles to develop IT Ownership Practices which are the basic steps taken to professionally own IT assets &ndash; undertaken in a measured and controlled manner.

IT Ownership Practices include such things as : review of supply contracts, ensuring maintenance and support contracts match expected service levels, governing risks and quality within Software investments, and determining price breaks in consolidation of common requirements.

In many IT environments, due to other pressures, these steps are undertaken on an ad-hoc basis, if at all, and there no controls to determine if they are being undertaken or not. The result is that environments are less efficient and effective than they can be, and executive management does not provide the resource to undertake the work as they are unaware of the oversight.

In fact every IT asset should have a documented policy on how that asset should best be managed during its lifetime. These policies themselves would be subject to regular review to provide continuous improvement of your effectivity management.

Whilst not the first area of addressing IT management practices for most organisations, this concept demonstrates the potential to ensure that every aspect of IT is aligned to the business goals, and operated to maximum effectiveness and efficiency.

Call to discuss how Vandis can help you to envision and deploy improved IT Management practices appropriate for your business.