



## **Data to Request Before Issuing RFQs**

### **1. Program Context & Intent**

- ☐ Intended production lifecycle (pilot → ramp → steady state)
- ☐ Expected volatility (engineering changes, demand swings)
- ☐ Program criticality (launch-driven vs cost-optimized)
- ☐ Internal timeline constraints vs external deadlines

### **2. Volume & Demand Profile**

- ☐ Ramp curve (how fast, not just how much)
- ☐ Batch sizes and run frequency
- ☐ Seasonality or forecast uncertainty
- ☐ Acceptable volume variability

### **3. Part Risk Profile (Beyond Print & Tolerances)**

- ☐ Features most sensitive to variation
- ☐ Material behavior concerns at scale
- ☐ Cosmetic vs functional priorities
- ☐ Known pain points from similar programs
- ☐ A short risk narrative accompanying drawings

### **4. Tooling Strategy Assumptions (Decisions that lock in cost, lead time, and flexibility)**

- ☐ Prototype vs production tooling intent
- ☐ Expected tool life
- ☐ Anticipated engineering changes
- ☐ Tool ownership and relocation expectations

### **5. Quality & Validation Expectations**

- ☐ Validation depth (IQ/OQ/PQ or equivalent)



- ☐ Critical capability thresholds
- ☐ Documentation rigor required
- ☐ Change control tolerance post-validation

#### **6. Secondary Operations & Dependencies (Hidden cost and risk multipliers)**

- ☐ Required secondary processes
- ☐ Approved vendors vs open sourcing
- ☐ Inspection and testing handoffs
- ☐ Packaging, labeling, and logistics constraints

#### **7. Communication & Program Management Expectations**

- ☐ Update cadence and format
- ☐ Escalation thresholds
- ☐ Data visibility expectations
- ☐ Defined interfaces between teams

#### **8. Commercial Guardrails**

- ☐ Cost vs risk tradeoff boundaries
- ☐ What cost includes (tool changes, validation support, rework)
- ☐ Flexibility expectations over time