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Incentives and Adaptation
MIT Press

In public sector
procurement, social
welfare often depends on
the time taken to

complete the contract. A leading example is highway construction, where slow completion times inflict a negative externality on commuters. Recently, highway departments have introduced innovative contracting methods that give contractors explicit time incentives. We characterize equilibrium bidding and efficient design of these contracts. We then gather a unique data set of highway repair projects awarded by the Minnesota Department of Transportation that

includes both innovative and standard contracts. Descriptive analysis shows that for both contract types, contractors respond to the incentives as the theory predicts, both at the bidding stage and after the contract is awarded. Next we build a structural econometric model that endogenizes project completion times, and perform counterfactual policy analysis. Our estimates suggest that switching from standard contracts to designs with socially efficient time

incentives would raise commuter surplus relative to the contractor's costs by 19% of the contract value; or in terms of the 2009 Mn/DOT budget, \$290 million.

Competition in Telecommunications

Cambridge University Press

Applied game theory in procurement has become an essential tool in many companies for systematically achieving successful negotiations. Reverse auctions are a central building block of game-theoretically

optimized negotiations. A foundational knowledge of auctions and game theory has thus become vital for procurement professionals. This book clearly describes many helpful methods and their application in practice. Procurement projects with a high volume, which are interesting for suppliers and whose performance can be well specified, are particularly suitable for using game theory in purchasing. The author also shows how cartels or restrained competition between suppliers can be

identified using a purely data-based method. Every purchase involves a sale. The book is, therefore, not only aimed at buyers. Auctions in procurement and the underlying game-theoretic principles also play an equally significant role for salespeople. Content Concepts of game theory Examples of applied game theory Purchasing negotiations Data-based identification of cooperation between suppliers Application and limits of game-theoretical procurement optimization The Author Dr. Christoph

Pfeiffer is a consultant and managing partner of Competitio Consulting, a management consultancy specializing in the systematic optimization of negotiations. The translation was done with the help of artificial intelligence. A subsequent human revision was done primarily in terms of content. Putting Auction Theory to Work Cambridge University Press Incentive theory has been a major development in economics and the principal-agent model is

the core of this theory. This authoritative collection brings together the essential literature concerning the principal-agent model when no restrictions on the design of the principal's contract exist in terms of complexity, enforcement and rationality. historical formulation of the problem to the first attempts to formalize it. Part two deals with the case of moral hazard and adverse selection is the topic of Part three. Part four presents contributions on current

research issues such as the impact of communication constraints, endogenous information structures and multidimensional incentive problems. *The Economics of Public-Private Partnerships* National Academies Press Contract theory, which emphasizes the importance of unverifiable actions and private information, has been a highly active field of research in microeconomics in the last decades. This thesis is divided into two parts.

Part I consists of three chapters that study contract-theoretic models which are motivated by the classic procurement problem of a principal who wants an agent to deliver a certain good or service. In such models it is typically assumed that decision makers are interested in their own monetary payoffs only. Moreover, they have unlimited cognitive abilities and behave in a perfectly rational way. Yet, in practice people often do not behave this way. While empirical

research is very difficult in contract theory, laboratory experiments have recently turned out to be an important source of data. In Part II, three experimental studies are presented that investigate contract-theoretic problems brought up in Part I.

Game Theory - Successful Negotiation in Purchasing

Springer
The class is theory of price regulation assumed that the regulator knows the firm's costs, the key piece of information that enables regulators to

pressure firms to choose appropriate behaviors. The "regulatory problem" was reduced to a mere pricing problem: the regulator's goal was to align price with marginal cost, subject to the constraint that revenues must cover costs. Elegant and important insights ensued. The most important was that regulation was inevitably a struggle to achieve second-best outcomes. (Ramsey pricing was a splendid example.) Reality proved harsh to regulatory theory. The

firm's costs are by no means known to the regulator. At best, the regulator may know how much is currently spent to provide services, but hardly what costs would be if the firm vigorously pursued efficiency. Even if the current cost curve were known to the regulator, technologies change so swiftly that today's costs are a very poor indicator of tomorrow's, and those are the costs that will determine the firm's future decisions. With the burgeoning attention to

information considerations and game theory in economics, the regulator's problem of eliciting host information about cost has received considerable attention. In most cases, however, it has been in context that are both static and stylized; such analyses rarely capture many of the essential elements of real world regulatory issues. This volume represents a fresh approach. It reflects Glenn Blackmon's twin strengths, a keen analytic mind and important

experience in the regulatory arena. **The Economics of Contracts** Springer Public Technology Procurement and Innovation studies public technology procurement as an instrument of innovation policy. In the past few years, public technology procurement has been a relatively neglected topic in the theoretical and research literature on the economics of innovation. Similarly, preoccupation with 'supply-side' measures has led policy-

makers to avoid making very extensive use of this important 'demand-side' instrument. These trends have been especially pronounced in the European Union. There, as this book will argue, existing legislation governing public procurement presents obstacles to the use of public technology procurement as a means of stimulating and supporting technological innovation. Recently, however, there has been a gradual re-awakening of practical interest in such

measures among policy-makers in the EU and elsewhere. For these and other related measures, this volume aims to contribute to a serious reconsideration of public technology procurement from the complementary standpoints of innovation theory and innovation policy.

Auctions Routledge
Procurement projects often encounter unanticipated problems. Deadlines and penalties are one important instrument used to incentivize contractors to

adapt their plans. We develop a theory of highway procurement in which contractors must modify their construction rate following a productivity shock. We model how time incentives affect the work rate and time taken, characterizing the efficient contract design. Using new micro-level data from Minnesota that includes day-by-day information on work plans, actual outcomes and delays, we find strong evidence supporting the theory. As an application,

we build an econometric model that endogenizes adaptation, and simulate how different incentive structures affect outcomes and the variance of contractor payments. Accounting for the traffic delays caused by construction, switching to a more efficient design would substantially increase welfare without substantially increasing risk.

[Improving the Quality of Health Care for Mental and Substance-Use Conditions](#) MIT Press
Based on their work in the

application of principal-agent theory to questions of regulation, Laffont and Tirole develop a synthetic approach to this field, focusing on the regulation of natural monopolies such as military contractors, utility companies and transportation authorities.

Sourcing of Services

Springer Science & Business Media

Derek Neal writes that economists must analyze public education policy in the same way they analyze other procurement problems.

He shows how standard tools from economics research speak directly to issues in education. For mastering the models and tools that economists of education should use in their work, there is no better resource available.-

Mechanism Design Theory in Buyer-supplier Negotiations Springer

The defense sector is subject to a form of cost-based economic regulation, just as public utilities are. A set of regulations determines the price that defense

contractors will receive for their products. This report describes and empirically investigates an extremely simple theory that captures an important aspect of the regulatory problem in defense contracting. The theory describes a critical difference between the regulatory problems in defense and public utilities and suggests why therefore different rules and institutions might be appropriate in each case. It also identifies several implications regarding the structuring of an optimal

regulatory policy and sheds light on current policy debates over Department of Defense policy. The author empirically verifies that the incentives posited by the theory exist and are large. The theory is that profit regulation of defense contractors is structured (and necessarily must be structured) so that firms generating valuable new innovations will receive large rewards or prizes. The author attempts to establish the theoretical link between prizes and

innovation and then to show that price levels induced by the current rules are large enough to make a theoretical analysis of the role of these prizes important. *Information, Incentives, and Education Policy* Cambridge University Press
A 2002 survey of economics of contracts appealing to scholars in economics, management and law. *Quantitative Models for Supply Chain Management* MIT Press
This book examines the

regulatory rules on public procurement in selected African countries and provides a comparative analysis of key regulatory issues.

Performance Measurement and Incentive Systems in Purchasing MIT Press

A concise introduction to the theory of contracts, emphasizing basic tools that allow the reader to understand the main theoretical models; revised and updated throughout for this edition.

Handbook of Procurement

Princeton University Press
 This book discusses current theories and practices in the field of public procurement. Over the past few decades, public procurement has had to evolve conceptually and organizationally in the face of unrelenting budget constraints, government downsizing, public demand for increased transparency in public procurement, as well as greater concerns about efficiency, fairness and equity. Procurement professionals have also

had to deal with a changeable climate produced by emerging technology, environmental concerns, and tension between complex regional trade agreements and national socioeconomic goals. This volume presents sixteen case studies focusing on the themes of public procurement as a policy tool and performance-based public procurement. The first section discusses public procurement as a policy tool and the challenges involved in balancing the

competing interests of market forces, legal requirements, political pressures, and environmental concerns. The second section discusses performance-based public procurement, highlighting the frameworks used to assess procurement systems, the gaps between policy and practice, and strategies for bridging those gaps. The final section of the book discusses current issues in procurement, such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, risk

mitigation, and procurement as a profession. By combining theory and analysis with evidence from the real world, this book is of equal use to academics, policy makers, and procurement professionals.

Competition Policy
Cambridge University Press

Quantitative models and computer-based tools are essential for making decisions in today's business environment. These tools are of particular importance in

the rapidly growing area of supply chain management. This volume is a unified effort to provide a systematic summary of the large variety of new issues being considered, the new set of models being developed, the new techniques for analysis, and the computational methods that have become available recently. The volume's objective is to provide a self-contained, sophisticated research summary - a snapshot at this point of time - in the

area of Quantitative Models for Supply Chain Management. While there are some multi-disciplinary aspects of supply chain management not covered here, the Editors and their contributors have captured many important developments in this rapidly expanding field. The 26 chapters can be divided into six categories. Basic Concepts and Technical Material (Chapters 1-6). The chapters in this category focus on introducing basic

concepts, providing mathematical background and validating algorithmic tools to solve operational problems in supply chains. Supply Contracts (Chapters 7-10). In this category, the primary focus is on design and evaluation of supply contracts between independent agents in the supply chain. Value of Information (Chapters 11-13). The chapters in this category explicitly model the effect of information on decision-making and on supply chain performance.

Managing Product Variety (Chapters 16-19). The chapters in this category analyze the effects of product variety and the different strategies to manage it. International Operations (Chapters 20-22). The three chapters in this category provide an overview of research in the emerging area of International Operations. Conceptual Issues and New Challenges (Chapters 23-27). These chapters outline a variety of frameworks that can be explored and used in

future research efforts. This volume can serve as a graduate text, as a reference for researchers and as a guide for further development of this field. *Incentive Regulation and the Regulation of Incentives* Cambridge University Press
The authors analyze regulatory reform and the emergence of competition in network industries using the state-of-the-art theoretical tools of industrial organization, political economy, and the economics of incentives. Profit Regulation of

Defense Contractors and Prizes for Innovation

Springer

This comprehensive two-volume research collection recaps major literary contributions to the economic theory of incentives. The carefully selected papers spanning forty years analyse and review collective decision problems in the context of asymmetric information, moral hazard and incomplete contracting. Together with an original introduction by the editor, this collection would be a valuable addition to the

bookshelves of any serious scholar and student in the field. Incentives in Government Contracting Oxford University Press, USA Lydia Bals identifies different types of offshoring, concluding that the buy option of offshore outsourcing versus hybrid or make options is directly related to purchasing. Her in-depth analysis specifically focuses on the sourcing of marketing services. In this context, the investigations of purchasing/marketing

integration provide a conceptual model of barriers to purchasing involvement in sourcing of services. Moreover, she seeks to shed light on issues of providing incentives for advertising agencies from an agency theory perspective. The Economic Theory of Incentives Springer Science & Business Media Complex systems are systems that comprise many interacting parts with the ability to generate a new quality of collective behavior through self-organization,

e.g. the spontaneous formation of temporal, spatial or functional structures. These systems are often characterized by extreme sensitivity to initial conditions as well as emergent behavior that are not readily predictable or even completely deterministic. The recognition that the collective behavior of the whole system cannot be simply inferred from an understanding of the behavior of the individual components has led to the development of numerous sophisticated

new computational and modeling tools with applications to a wide range of scientific, engineering, and societal phenomena. Computational Complexity: Theory, Techniques and Applications presents a detailed and integrated view of the theoretical basis, computational methods, and state-of-the-art approaches to investigating and modeling of inherently difficult problems whose solution requires extensive resources

approaching the practical limits of present-day computer systems. This comprehensive and authoritative reference examines key components of computational complexity, including cellular automata, graph theory, data mining, granular computing, soft computing, wavelets, and more. Computational Complexity Cambridge University Press
A textbook on optimal contract theory, An Introduction to the

Economics of Information covers the consequences for the character and efficiency of the interaction between individuals or organizations when one party has more or better information on some aspect of the relationship. This is the condition of asymmetric information, under which the information gap will be exploited if, by doing so, the better-informed party can achieve some advantage. The book is written for a one semester course for advanced

undergraduates taking specialized course options, and for first year postgraduate students of economics or business. After an introduction to the subject and the presentation of a benchmark model in which both parties share the same information throughout the relationship, chapters are devoted to the three main asymmetric information topics: Moral Hazard--when the asymmetry arises after the contract has been signed Adverse Selection--when

the agent has relevant private information before the contract is signed Signalling--when the informed party is able to reveal private information through behaviour before the agreement is formalized The wide range of economic situations where the conclusions are applied includes such areas as finance, regulation, insurance, labor economics, health economics, and even politics. Each chapter presents the basic theory before moving on to applications and

advanced topics. The problems are presented in the same framework throughout to

allow easy comparison of the different results. Solved exercises test the student's understanding of the material, and

develop the tools and skills provided by the main text to solve other, original problems.