Collusive Tendering

- Any agreement (written or oral) between bidders that limits or reduces competition in a tender.
- The agreement may be between a bidder and a potential bidder who does not actually submit a bid.
- The bidders agree amongst themselves on who should win the tender and at what price.

Different forms of collusive tendering:



1. Bid Suppression

One or more competitors **agree not to bid**, or withdraw a bid submitted previously.



2. Complementary Bidding

Bidders **agree** to submit **bids with higher prices** or unacceptable terms than the bid of the designated winner.



3. Bid Rotation

Competitors **agree** to **take turns winning bids** on a series of contracts. The terms of rotation may vary according to the size of cartel members, geographic territory or by the type of consumer concerned.



4. Subcontracting

Competitors agree not to bid or submit losing bid to receive subcontracts in exchange from the successful low bidder.