Factor Definition of the criteria based upon QF1
(i) Items for which there is a recent (1 year max.) quote or catalogue price, based on a nearly completed design and for which there is more than one potential vendor
(ii) Items that are a copy or are almost identical to an existing design for which there is a recent catalogue price or quote and for which there is more than one potential vendor.

QF2
(i) Items that just fall short of satisfying the QF1 criteria:
   (i) Items that have only one potential vendor.
   (ii) Estimates based on a detailed, but not completed, design.
   (iii) Items adapted from an existing design with minor modifications.
   (iv) Items having quotes >1 year old, but deemed still to be sufficiently reliable based on experience.

QF3
(i) Items with quotes > 2 years old.
   (ii) Items whose cost estimates are based on a conceptual design or adapted from an existing design with extensive modifications.
   (iii) Items whose costs are estimated using physicist or engineering experience regardless of the maturity of the design.

QF4
Items that have unproven fabrication yields or for which there are unique issues, e.g. a special-order item and/or a single preferred vendor.

QF5
Items that are still in a conceptual stage with no detailed specifications or design.