Are you thinking about outsourcing some of your software testing activities? Here are three key steps to include in your planning.

1. **Question**

First seek to understand where outsourcing fits in the larger landscape of your business.

- What is your true business?
- What is your motivation for outsourcing?
- What aspects of testing are critical to your strategic focus?
- Where can an outsourcing partner deliver solid ROI?

2. **Prioritize**

Rank the following benefits typical to outsourcing. Which do you need more: cost savings or scalable capability? How does your prospective testing partner match your priorities?

- Achieving cost savings
- Accelerating time to market
- Creating a clearer strategic focus
- Accessing on-demand capacity & expertise
- Freeing up internal resources
- Accessing thought leadership & leading practices

3. **Evaluate**

Have more than one partner to consider? Compare them with the following basic selection criteria. Have a trial project to really get to know them.

- Ability to deliver the required services
- Understanding of business/domain
- Understanding of project/technology complexities
- Full/hidden costs of labour arbitrage
- Geographical proximity & ease of travel
- Data/IP protection & legal maturity
- Account management practices
- Reliability of infrastructure
- Scalability of talent pool
- Attrition levels
- Geopolitical risks

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