

In preparation for its 2015 Third-Party/Vendor Risk Management Survey, RMA’s Third-Party Risk Management Round Table Steering Committee created definitions to improve clarity in the area of vendor and non-vendor third-party programs and practices. The definitions below cover all types of third-party relationships.

<b>THIRD-PARTY</b> definition (for purposes of the RMA survey and Round Tables)	<b>General Definition</b>	An entity, including individuals and affiliates, that has a business relationship with the institution or its customers, and is not itself a customer. Third-party relationships include:
	<b>Non-Vendors</b>	"Non-vendor" third-party relationships, which are typically acquired by a business line/segment directly, not through a sourcing/procurement function. Financial remuneration, if applicable, for "non-vendor" third-party relationships is typically rendered outside of Accounts Payable processes. These third-party relationships may be managed solely by a business line/segment, or in conjunction with a corporate third-party risk management function.
	<b>Vendors</b>	"Vendor" third parties, which are service providers/vendors that provide a product or service to the institution. These "vendor" third-party relationships are typically sourced through a sourcing/procurement process. Payment is typically rendered by Accounts Payable.

The Steering Committee, with valuable contributions from RMA member institutions, developed a list of nineteen (19) categories and fifty-two (52) subcategories of non-vendor relationships. The list of 19 categories was published in the July-August 2016 edition of *The RMA Journal* after consideration by the Steering Committee as a service to RMA members. The list was first published as part of an article titled “Third-Party Risk Management Round Table - The Power of Collaboration” by Linda Tuck Chapman.

RMA members may use the list of non-vendor relationships below for their benefit:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Analysts and Advisors</li> <li>2. Agents</li> <li>3. Affiliates</li> <li>4. Affinity Relationships</li> <li>5. Alliances and Partnerships</li> <li>6. Brokers</li> <li>7. Correspondent Banking</li> <li>8. Counterparties</li> <li>9. Debt Underwriters, Securitization, Trustees</li> <li>10. Financial Product Providers</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. Financial Market Utilities (FMUs)</li> <li>12. Government and Special-Purpose Entities (GSEs)</li> <li>13. Indirect Lending</li> <li>14. Joint Marketing and Co-branding</li> <li>15. Rating Agencies</li> <li>16. Services</li> <li>17. Tenants</li> <li>18. Trade Associations</li> <li>19. Wholesale Banking</li> </ol> |
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