

Case Summary

Background of TVP

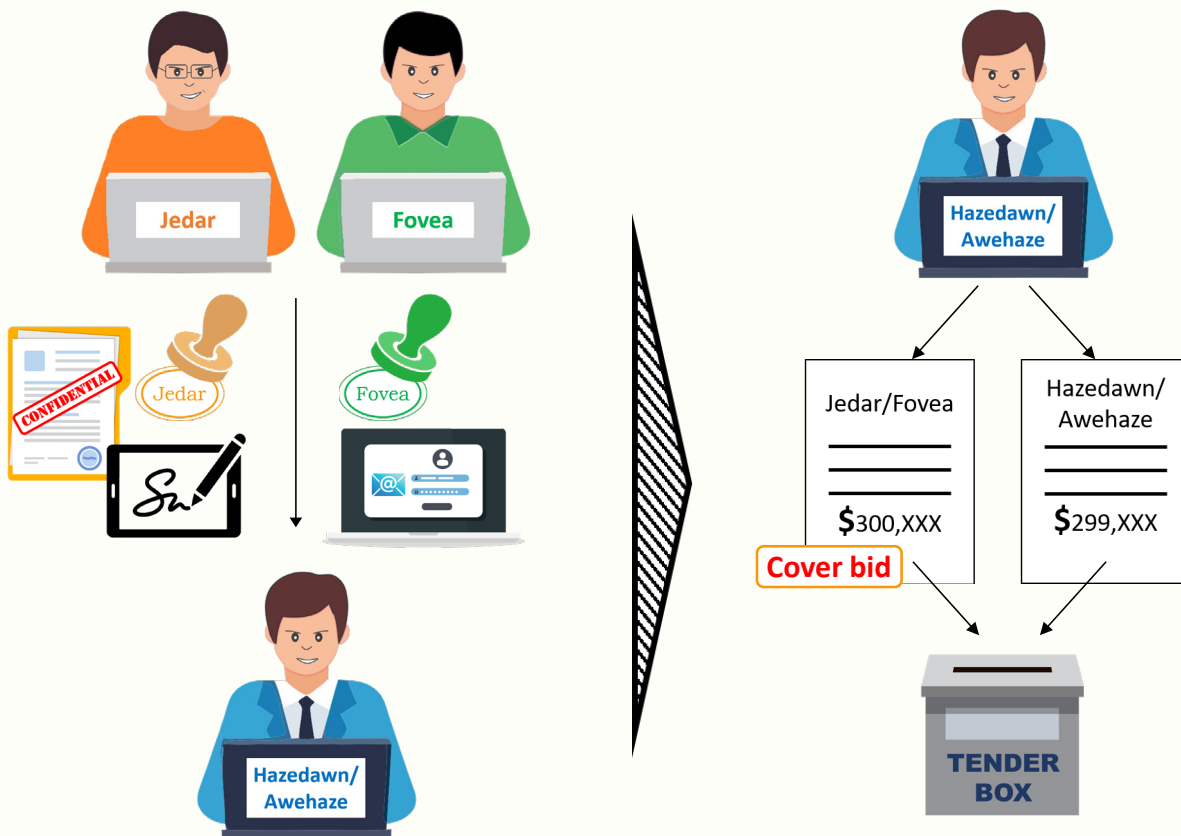


The Technology Voucher Programme (TVP) was a government funding scheme that aimed to subsidize local enterprises in using technological solutions. The programme was open for applications from 2016 to 2024.



The Commission's case

Between July 2019 and July 2024, Hazedawn, Awehaze, Jedar and Fovea engaged in anti-competitive practices when providing quotations for IT solutions in 380 TVP applications. The approved funding amounted to around HK\$60 million.



Jedar and Fovea provided company credentials e.g. quotation templates, electronic signatures, copies of company chops and access to email accounts to Hazedawn/Awehaze.

Hazedawn/Awehaze either directly prepared or controlled the pricing of Jedar's and/or Fovea's quotations, which predominantly served as cover bids to enhance the chance of Hazedawn/Awehaze winning the bids.

The Commission has reasonable cause to believe that such conduct amounts to serious anti-competitive conduct in the form of price-fixing, market-sharing, bid-rigging, and/or sharing of competitively sensitive information, in contravention of the First Conduct Rule under the Competition Ordinance.