

6 Tips for Choosing a TMS

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Know Your Current Technology Landscape

Assessing your current capabilities and future needs will help you understand the type of features and platform you're in the market for.

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Decide How Much You Are Willing to Invest

Your investment will depend on the intricacy of your requirements. When determining your investment level, remember what's at stake: If your new TMS fails, you're likely left without a strong ability to execute freight.

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Choose Your Platform Type

There are typically three types of TMS platforms to choose from: home grown, on-premise and cloud. Understanding the pros and cons of each will help you narrow down which platform type is right for your organization.

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Outline Your Goals and Identify the Benefits You Seek

Outlining your goals for a new TMS and identifying which benefits you'd like to gain can help you set the course for your home-grown solution or create a checklist by which you can evaluate each provider.

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Make a List of Questions to Ask Providers

If you're buying a solution rather than building a home grown one, make a list of questions to ask providers so you're making an apples-to-apples comparison.

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Think Twice, Choose Once

Upgrading your technology only happens every decade or two, so don't rush into the decision; weigh all of your options carefully.