

The Seven Pieces of Every Strong Offer

A strong offer isn't clever — it's complete. Check off all seven before you submit. An offer is a roadmap to closing.

☐ **1. Price**

State it clearly. If it differs from asking, justify it with facts, not emotion.

☐ **2. Down Payment**

Plan for about 30% and have the cash ready. Less is a bonus, never the plan.

☐ **3. Financing Terms**

Bank, SBA, seller financing, cash, or a hybrid — spelled out.

☐ **4. Contingencies**

Only the ones that truly matter — financing, appraisal, DD, environmental, title.

☐ **5. Due-Diligence Timeline**

45 days is plenty; 60 for a complex park; avoid 90+.

☐ **6. Earnest Money**

Meaningful, held by a neutral third-party escrow; goes hard after DD.

☐ **7. Closing Date**

A specific date, or “within 30 days of DD completion.” Sellers want certainty.