The following are circumstances in which innovation procurement may be preferred to traditional procurement practices:

1. When there is no existing solution in the market
2. When needs cannot be met without significant modifications to existing solutions
3. When looking for alternative approaches
4. When the solution is complex and involves multiple stakeholders
5. When the value of procurement is high enough to justify the time and resources
6. When collaboration and partnership with suppliers in solution development may be required
7. When the solution cannot be objectively defined
8. When the technical specifications cannot be established with sufficient precision

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