What can lenders provide at every step of an LBO or M&A process?

What lenders received What lenders are able to provide ☐ Introduction call and/or ☐ Very high level indications on whether they are **Initial stages** ☐ Initial presentation/teaser (prepared by the seller) interested to pursue and assemble a team to start diliaence ☐ **Sell-side information** (information memorandum, Preliminary indications on leverage (debt quantum, management presentation, sometimes initial pricing), subject to their ongoing diligence versions of vendor due diligence) Support letter (if requested, some lenders can Non-Binding Offer ("NBO") Stage provide a form of "early stage support letter" for bid purposes; It is heavily caveated and subject to diligence, not legally binding ☐ Full sell-side due diligence pack Refined leverage indications following review of ☐ First drafts of buyer due diligence diligence ☐ **Draft of buyer financial model** (financing / lender case) More detailed debt terms (typically in the form of financial grids or term sheet) Intermediate Stage **Support letter** (if requested, some lenders provide (Reconfirmation of Bids or 2nd Round Bid) a form of "highly confident letter" for bid reconfirmations; It is still heavily caveated, subject to diligence, and **not** legally binding, but with stronger language around confidence in their ability to provide financing ☐ Full buyer due diligence pack ☐ Signed legally binding debt commitment Final / Binding Bids Stage Final lender model papers which can be appended to final bid submitted to sellers