



Improve Exhibiting Performance, Value & ROI by Applying the Exhibit Marketing ProcessTM

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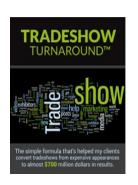
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- Consultant, trainer, speaker and author
- 30+ years exhibiting experience
- Developed Exhibit Marketing Process[™]
- Trained over 100,000 exhibitors
- Process-based and results-focused
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3 Important Expert Insights





- 1. "Only two things drive revenue: Marketing and Innovation... everything else is an expense."
 - Peter Drucker
- 2. "If you can't describe what you are doing as a process, you don't know what you're doing."
 - W. Edwards Deming
- 3. "Almost all quality improvement comes via simplification of design, manufacturing, layout, processes, and procedures."
 - Tom Peters





An Important Question

Would you say that you have a CLEAR and WELL-DEFINED **strategic** process to PLAN and EXECUTE your exhibiting program to ensure the BIG investment of time and money delivers VISIBLE and MEASURABLE results that are IMPORTANT to your company?



Two Important Outcomes Senior Management Wants Your Exhibit Program to Deliver







Introducing the Road Map...





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Exhibit Marketing Process ™ is a proven-effective systemic framework outlining the STRATEGIC factors an exhibitor must address to design and execute an effective exhibit program that

Visibly Supports Core Business Objectives and Delivers Measurable Financial Value Beyond Cost.

	PRE-EVENT			DURING EVENT		AFTER EVENT	
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the right and best events	exhibiting reasons w/company goals	a valuable, interactive visitor experience	enough of the right people	visitors, impress and discover opportunity	information rich leads w/committed next actions	visitor commitments to actions	performance, ROI & key 8 are

Which of these 8 areas has most limited your performance & ROI?

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INSIGHTS on Selecting



- > Principle: Be in the right shows, at the right levels, for the right reasons.
- Practice: Use a thorough show analysis and selection process.
- ✓ Key Ideas:
 - **1. Total** show attendance is not the most important number.
 - 2. The number of people that match your *Ideal Visitor Profile* is the most important number.
 - 3. Go "inside the numbers" to understand attendee demographics, interests and behaviors.
 - 4. Understand *dominant personality* of the event:
 - Educational
 - Technical/Scientific
 - Social/Relational
 - Buy/Sell





INSIGHTS on Selecting



Key Ideas:

- 5. Determine how **easy** the organizer makes it to identify, access and interact with attendees
 - ✓ Specific and verified attendance numbers
 - ✓ Access to pre-and post-show attendee lists
 - ✓ Number of exhibiting hours and number non-competing
 - ✓ Speaking and presentation opportunities
 - ✓ Targeted marketing and sponsorship opportunities
 - ✓ Year-round visibility and engagement opportunities
- 6. Base total **investment** and booth size on number of people in the show audience that match your profile.





INSIGHTS on Aligning



- ➤ **Principle:** Align reasons for exhibiting with corporate objectives and set clearly defined exhibiting **outcomes**.
- ➤ Practices: Communicate with internal company stakeholders and apply the Exhibiting By Objectives process.

√ Key Ideas:

- 1. Marketing, Sales and Customer Relationship Management are the big **value** drivers.
- 2. Talk to departmental stakeholders to determine what their specific goals and objectives are for the next 12 to 24 months.
- 3. Identify reasons for exhibiting that directly support their stated goals and objectives.
- 4. Reasons are **not enough**!!! You must convert them to SMART goals.





INSIGHTS on Aligning



Key Ideas:

- 5. Each goal must have a written action plan
- 6. The plan must be communicated to the exhibit team.
- 7. The exhibit team must be given **ownership** for specific outcomes relating to the goals.
- 8. There must be pre-, at and post-show checkpoints to *measure* activity, progress, and achievement of each goal.

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Define Your Outcomes exercise

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INSIGHTS on Designing



- **Principle:** Where the value is clear the decision is easy!
- > Practice: Create a valuable and highly-interactive visitor experience.
- ✓ Key Ideas:
 - 1. Understand why people attend trade shows.
 - 2. Design visitor experiences to address their primary reasons for attending.
 - 3. Determine what you want the visitor to DO, KNOW and REMEMBER during and after their visit.
 - 4. Design your visitor experience to be **multi-sensory**:
 - > See?
 - ➤ Hear?
 - ➤ Do?
 - Learn?
 - Give feedback?

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Manage YourVisitor's Experienceexercise

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INSIGHTS on Attracting



- ➤ Practice: Develop and execute a well-designed pre- and at-show marketing campaign
- > Principle: Attract enough of the right attendees.
- ✓ Key Ideas:
 - 1. Identify who the right people are for you.
 - 2. Calculate how many people you have capacity to interact with
 - 3. Develop an **irresistible** value proposition.
 - 4. Communicate your value proposition at spaced intervals through as many channels as possible.
 - 5. Integrate Pittcon exhibitor marketing programs.
 - 6. Include a clear call to action in all communications.
 - 7. To increase response rates, offer a compelling **reward** for visiting and/or scheduling an appointment.

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Identify & Attract Your Ideal Visitor exercise

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INSIGHTS on Engaging



- ➤ **Principle:** Quality engagement builds rapport, deepens relationships, builds trust, preference and loyalty.
- ➤ Practice: Carefully select and train your booth staff to more effectively manage visitor interactions.
- √ Key Ideas:
 - 1. People use trade shows to *evaluate* the people behind brands.
 - 2. People make *judgements* about your company and products based on their experience with your people.
 - 3. Success strategy: **Best People Forward!**
 - 4. The exhibiting environment is different and challenging.





INSIGHTS on Engaging



Key Ideas:

- **5. Untrained** booth staffers make behavioral and communication errors that limit traffic, reduce lead quantity and quality, and can negatively impact brand reputation.
- 6. Key information and skills that must be trained:
 - ✓ Environmental differences
 - ✓ Rules of Exhibitorship
 - ✓ Engaging and Disengaging booth visitors and attendees
 - ✓ Gain quick understanding
 - ✓ Deciding which products to present
 - ✓ Delivering concise, informative and persuasive messaging and presentations





INSIGHTS on Engaging



Key Ideas:

- 6. (continued) Key information and skills that must be trained:
 - ✓ Getting visitor feedback to determine presentation and messaging effectiveness
 - ✓ Capturing more visitor information
 - ✓ Gaining visitor commitment to the next action.
 - ✓ Managing customer meetings and hospitality events
 - ✓ Taking advantage of the complete event opportunity

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- Engaging International Attendees webinar

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INSIGHTS on Capturing



- Principle: Information is Valuable!
- **Practice:** Identify visitor touch points and capture **more** information.
- ✓ Key Ideas:
 - You may never have this chance again!
 - 2. Review what information you currently capture and how.
 - 3. Identify what additional information would be useful to capture.
 - 4. Ask your salespeople, dealers and distributors what info they value.
 - 5. Develop structured **questions** to elicit the information.
 - 6. Integrate questions into capture devices.
 - 7. Use show lead capture system. Located on Exhibitor Portal.
 - 8. Train your staff on asking the questions and using capture devices.

<u>DO</u>:

Manage Your
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INSIGHTS on Follow-up



- Principle: Be there when the buyer is ready to buy!
- ➤ **Practice:** Develop a follow-up system to deliver on promises and stay in front of target customers for as long as it takes.
- ✓ Key Ideas:
 - 1. Lead quality = Capture more information + commitment to next action
 - 2. First responders win the majority of deals!
 - 3. Grade leads by quality and assign priority A/B/C Hot/Warm/Cold
 - 4. Design and automate follow-up tracks by priority
 - 5. Use multiple marketing media
 - 6. Add value by sharing useful information not just selling!
 - 7. Use the principle of *Accelerating Discontent*
 - 8. Create engagement opportunities: polls, surveys, social media groups, webinars, events

READ:

Closed-Loop Lead Management





INSIGHTS on Measuring



- > Principle: What gets measured gets done and improved.
- **Practice:** Develop metrics, data capture points and a post-event reporting process.
- ✓ Key Ideas:
 - 1. Ask senior management what information they want to see.
 - 2. Things to measure:
 - > Event budget vs actual spend
 - Where you saved money
 - How well exhibit was executed
 - Progress on stated goals
 - Where value was generated
 - Return on investment: Short and long term
 - > Lessons to improve going forward
 - 3. Create a **template** post show report and use across all shows.
 - 4. Include an executive summary.

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In Summary...

- 1. Exhibiting is a big investment of human and financial capital.
- 2. Senior management wants two key outcomes.
- 3. Applying the *Exhibit Marketing Process* ™ can help you identify areas for improvement and deliver these two outcomes for your company.
- What are the 3 most important ideas learned today?
- Will you apply these for the upcoming Pittcon Conference & Exposition?



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