

## **BTA Southeast**



### Your Sales Playbook



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### **Pros Elite Group**

- Benchmark execution experts
- Training offerings in:
   Sales and service management
   MFP → MPS → MNS
- Sales and service consulting supports continuous benchmark achievement of clients
- PIVOT software: "Automated execution excellence"



### **Pros Elite Group Results**

Currently engaged with 200-plus dealerships located in 82 markets in North America and internationally generating more than \$1.6 billion in annual revenue.

#### **Our Results**

- \$130 million in increased equipment sales
- \$82 million in bottom-line profit improvement
- 400,000 MPS printer devices under contract
- \$50 million in IT services revenues



#### **Five States of Office Technology Dealers**

- 1. Growing organically
- 2. Growing through acquisition
- 3. Growing through technology
- 4. Underperforming (less than 10% growth)
- 5. Shrinking and being acquired



# What Separates the Growing From Underperforming & Shrinking Dealers?

- Passion for the business
- Fact-based conversations
- Understanding of market share
- · Humility versus pride
- Documented sales management process (The Playbook)



#### **Your Sales Management Playbook**

#### **Components**

- Setting objective expectations
- Hiring process to secure hunters, not farmers
- Defined prospecting continuum
- Review process for RESULTS of activities



#### **Your Sales Management Playbook**

- Accurate valuation of pipeline
- Account review process
- Sales management development process
- Sustainable, profitable growth
- Financially driven product strategy



# Your Sales Playbook: Setting Objective Activity Expectations

- Meet or exceed your assignment's sales quota.
- Make prospecting contacts daily either by phone or in-person consistent with the prospecting continuum that results in one addition to your pipeline every day.
- · Conduct 10 net go-forward appointments each week in customers' offices.
- Mature 40 targeted social media contacts each week that are followed up by phone contact during the following week.
- Conduct four demonstrations/trials a month.
- Achieve 30% of all equipment sales as net new or add on business each quarter.
- Visit each current customer every 90 days.
- Ensure that managed print services is presented in 100% of proposals and demonstrations.



# Your Sales Playbook: Selling Activity RESULTS Expectation

- One addition to the pipeline every day
- 10 move-forward appointments a week (Initial rapport building call, account analysis, demo/trial, proposal, closing, MPS)
- Total pipeline dollar value in excess of \$700,000 (after 18 months)
- Eight current-customer cyclic visits/week
- 100% of all deals proposed with MPS
- 30% of equipment revenues are net-new business



# Your Sales Playbook: Number-One Selling Activity RESULTS Expectation

You will earn \$70,000 to \$100,000 each year commencing year two by maintaining a 270-day pipeline of \$700,000 to \$1,000,000-plus of closeable opportunities.



# Your Sales Playbook: "Hiring Process to Secure Hunters, Not Farmers."

Hunters: They kill your competition. They prospect, they network, they are in the field. Understand the goal is 30% net-new business at a minimum.

Farmers: They kill you! They work their base, they are in the office, they renew their equipment business at the cost of your service and supply profitability.



# Your Sales Playbook: "Hiring Process to Secure Hunters, Not Farmers."

#### Where Are the Hunters Hiding?

- Some are competing against you and you should target them, but ...
- Colleges and universities. They are communications, sociology, psychology, business and marketing majors.
- They have tuition loans they need help paying. Build it into your compensation plan. (It is the investment.)



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#### **Attracting Hunters**

- Develop a scholarship program with colleges and universities to give you the first shot at the "pick of the litter."
- Pay your employees finders fees equal to what you would pay headhunters. (Your employees won't re-recruit.)



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#### **Attracting Hunters**

- Develop a mentoring/collaborative training program using your own people and reward team success.
- Develop a professional recruiting brochure targeted to the aggressive hunter.



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#### **Create a New Position**

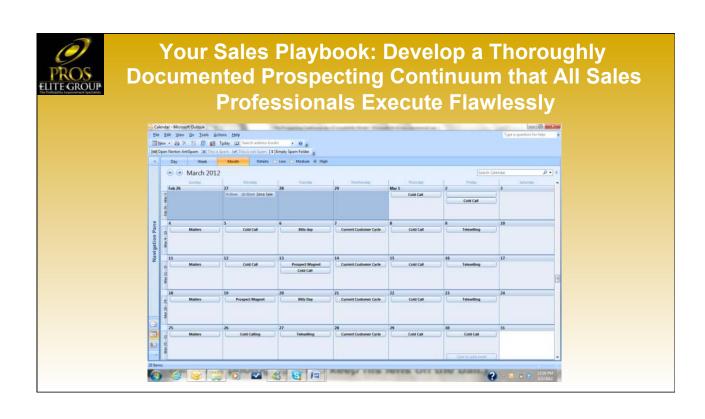
#### <u>Digital Information Management Systems Rep:</u>

On the front end, document and content management, and scanning. In the middle, it is technology services. At the tail end, it is optimizing fleets of digital output devices.



# Your Sales Playbook: Develop a Thoroughly Documented Prospecting Continuum that All Sales Professionals Execute Flawlessly

- Publish a monthly calendar of those activities and execute them on that day as if it were a matter of "life or death" (because they are).
- Defines how many prospecting touches will be made in a specific time frame.
- Defines the prospecting activities (cold calling, teleselling, blitzing, current-customer cyclic visits, social marketing) that all of your sales reps will execute and exactly how they will be executed.





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- Touches = attempts to make contact with a suspect. Use a cold call, a telephone follow-up, an email or U.S. mail follow-up, a manager follow-up and a social marketing follow-up.
- Minimum number of touches on a suspect is five within 30 days.
- If no contact, place suspect in CRM and start process all over.



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#### Cold Calling (A way not THE way)

- Cold calling begins with the sales rep creating a letter and making 20 copies of the letter on the company's letterhead. The letter contains the theme for the cold-calling day.
- This letter always includes the name of the sales professional, their qualifications as an expert on that specific theme and how it will enable the potential prospect to either increase the prospect's revenue or grow profit.
- Most importantly, the letter closes with a statement of the sales professional's intent to follow up on a specific day and time range (which is the time of one of the next telleselling days) to speak with the decision maker with whom they are trying to make a MFA.



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#### The Cold Call

"Can you help me? I am looking to leave some very important information for the individual who makes decisions on digital information management systems."

The gatekeeper may get flustered by that opening and ask for more specifics. If that happens, the sales professional should say: "That individual will be responsible for either your scanning capability and the document management solutions that drive them, or your server maintenance and server applications (if you offer tech services) and, finally, that person is responsible for optimizing your fleet of digital output devices such as digital printing devices. Is he or she available?"

If "yes," have first rapport meeting and close for account analysis.

If "no," hand-write the decision maker's name on the envelope and hand the letter to the gatekeeper.



# Your Sales Playbook: The Effective Reviewing Process for RESULTS of Activity

- Operate with a four-week side-by-side analysis to review activity results in a manageable format (one piece of paper/rep). Don't let your CRM frustrate you.
- Pipeline value and activity information must be at your fingertips and extremely easy to resurrect.
- All reporting should be bottom up!
- Support reported activity with management quality call follow up.



#### Your Sales Playbook: The Effective Reviewing Process for RESULTS of Activity

### Create a one-page report that summarizes the following activities for four consecutive weeks:

- Pipeline additions, number and \$ value for next 270 days
- Move-forward appointments by account name, type of appointment, net new or current customer
- Current customers' cyclic visits completed
- Demos or trials completed
- Proposals issued that week
- MPS opportunities working
- Business closed that week



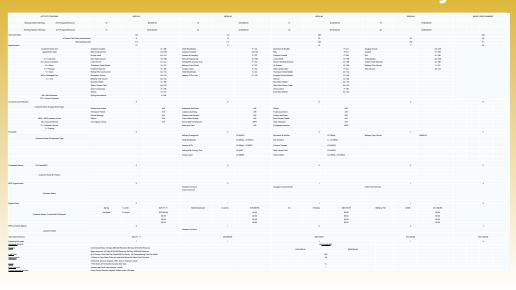
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# Your Sales Playbook: Accurate Valuation of Your Pipeline

#### Fill in the blanks:

- 1. Where are you right now? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. What is your wedding anniversary date? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What are your grandchildren's names? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. How many employees do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. What is the balance in your company's checkbook? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. What is the dollar size of your company's 0-270-day pipeline? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. What % of your 0-270 pipeline do you close monthly? (You should close 7 to 10%.) \_\_\_\_\_

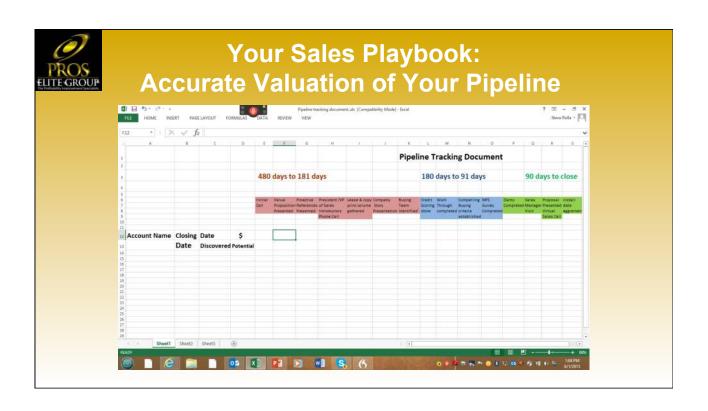


# Your Sales Playbook: Accurate Valuation of Your Pipeline

- You should have an accurate one-page summary of every sales rep's pipeline.
- Pipeline input information should be audited.
- There are 13 closing steps to be taken from identification of the prospect to close. You should know how many have been done.

#### WHY?

- What do you do when a rep suddenly quits? How hard is it for you assemble what they were working on?
- Have you ever heard, "The reps' pipeline was full of garbage"?





#### Your Sales Playbook: The Account Review Process

#### **Account Review Outline**

- Customer satisfaction survey
- Notes/history of previous reviews
- Updates on your company
- · Review of all assets
- Review of all contract-related invoices
- Review of service performance
- Update new hardware offerings
- Update new software
- · Updates on tech services offerings
- Important documents



#### Your Sales Playbook: The Account Review Process

Ideally conducted on a quarterly basis.

#### **Account Focus**

- Major accounts = 10-plus unit installations, 100-plus white-collar workers.
- Named accounts = >3 but <10 unit installations, or any account with any number of segment 4+ devices.



## Your Sales Playbook Master the Sales Financial Model

- · Revenue growth without profit growth is unsustainable growth.
- Sales organization should deliver 12% profit contribution.
- Manage to the sales financial benchmarks.



## Your Sales Playbook Master the Sales Financial Model

#### **Production Benchmarks**

Quota: The point where recognition and incentives kick in.

Retail/solutions rep \$30,000/month
Named account rep \$50,000/month
Major account rep \$75,000/month

#### **Minimum Standards RESULTS**

The point in time where consequences kick in (and you break even).

Retail/solutions rep \$51,000/quarter

Named account rep \$72,000/quarter

Major account rep \$102,000/quarter



#### Your Sales Playbook: Master the Sales Financial Model

Financial benchmarks that most affect sales profitability are <u>always</u> measured as a % of equipment gross profit.

- Sales rep and sales supervisor compensation: 37.5% EGP
- Sales manager and vice president of sales compensation: 13.5% EGP
- All other sales expenses compensation and non-compensation (MSRs, solutions reps, pre-sales systems support, delivery, database management, sales promotions, CRM and advertising): 18.5% EGP



# Your Sales Playbook: Develop Future Sales Managers

- Begins with hiring sales reps who are self-motivated former leaders.
- As sales leaders, they knew their stuff, BELIEVED THEIR STUFF and people bought their stuff.
- Compare all potential leaders using a "leadership matrix" for comparison.
- Invest in a goal-setting program. Get an understanding of their goals — personal and professional. Know their "have-tos."
- Make investments in management training before they are promoted.



# Your Sales Playbook: Define Your Product Marketing Strategy

Study of 75 dealers, total revenues of \$1.1 billion, average dealer size of \$12.6 million.

- Single-line dealers have the greatest equipment revenue growth with 71% of the dealers in the top 1/3 of the distribution. <u>Sales</u> reps knew their products.
- Dual-line dealers, with 70% or greater distribution of one product line, also have good equipment revenue growth with 70% of the dealers in the top 2/3 of the distribution.
- Multi-line dealers (three or more) have the lowest growth rate (more is less).



# Your Sales Playbook: Define Your Product Marketing Strategy

- Top 1/3 saw an average of 28% equipment growth or \$1.96 million, which contributed \$235,000 profitability.
- Middle 1/3 saw an average of 16% equipment revenue growth or \$1.19 million, which contributed \$142,000 profitability.
- Bottom 1/3 saw and average of 7% equipment revenue growth or \$490,000, and contributed \$58,000 profitability.



# Your Sales Playbook: Define Your Product Marketing Strategy

#### **Define Your MNS Offering and Stick to it!**

- Level 1 Failure only (not preventative)

  Monitoring only with the goal of reducing mean time to resolution when there is a failure.
- Level 2 Preventative

  Monitoring for thresholds that lead to failures. There may be some preventative testing
  (i.e., test restore on backup). There is usually some scheduled preventative
  maintenance in this type of agreement.
- Level 3 Comprehensive/Proactive
   Goal is to create a proactive program that is all inclusive of Level 1 and Level 2
   offerings. Provider is the most trusted advisor. Client eliminates internal IT director.



#### Your Sales Playbook: One Final Tip

- Communicate the Size of your market and your market share at every meeting (Remind <u>you</u> and them know there is plenty of game to hunt and kill.)
- BEQI for hypothetical Floradise market is 2.1%
- Floradise total market potential size 2016:

\$210,000,000 (2.1% X \$11.1 B)

- Floradise company 2016 equipment sales: \$19,000,000
- Floradise company market share: 9.1%



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