





Strategy Development

- Management consulting and advanced sales training firm
- Advising companies on
 - Defending existing markets
 - Assessing entry into new ones
 - Developing growth strategies
 - Cost control
 - Profitable investment of resources



CSO Insights Sales Performance Optimization

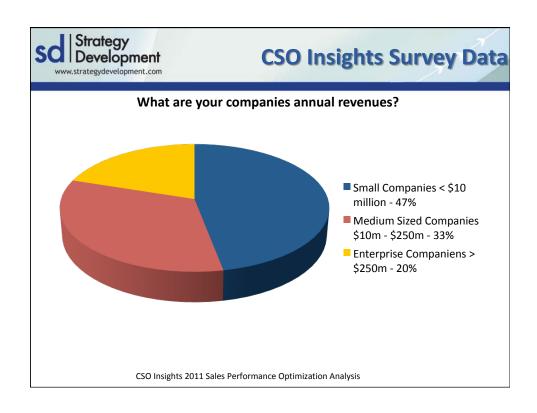






2011 Sales Performance Study

- 2,000+ Firms
- 100+ Metrics
- Understanding Sales Challenges and Why they Exist
- Validating What "Better" Looks Like







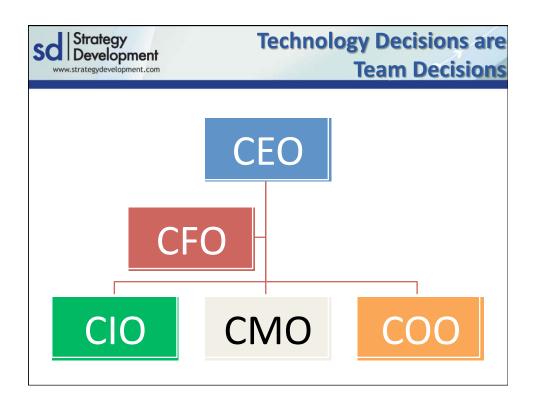
Sales Organization Goals for 2011

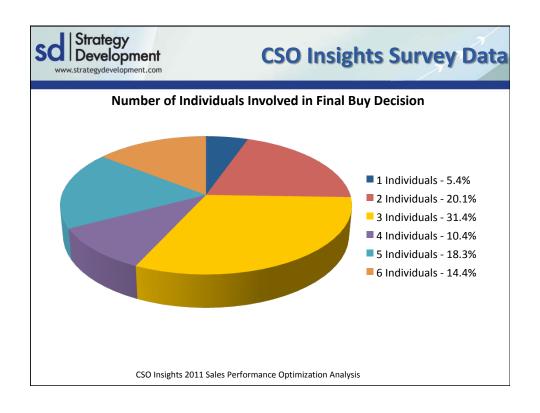
- Increase sales professional productivity
 - 1. Increase revenues
 - 2. Capture new accounts
 - 3. Increase sales effectiveness
 - 4. Improve Up-selling/Cross-selling
 - 5. Improve customer retention
- Improve access to key information
- Revise or implement sales process
- Reduce sales turnover
- · Getting the right people on the bus
 - Hiring the right people



Sales Organization Challenges

- Competition
 - Higher competitive activity A3 & A4 companies competing for same market
 - Leases build switching costs into vendor relationships
 - Mature replacement market
- Commoditization of core product lines
- Changes in buyer behaviors
 - New buying processes
 - Longer sales cycles







Bottom Line

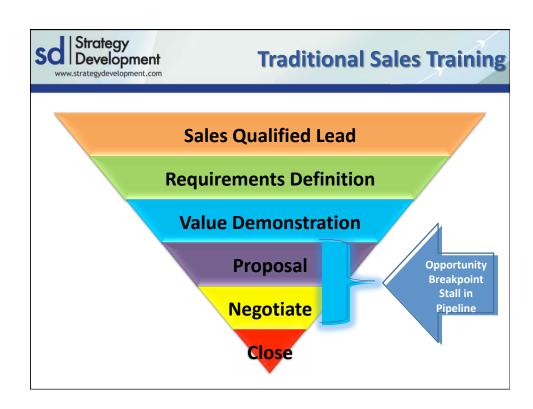
- Only 25.5% of the buying decisions are made by one or two individuals
- 74.5% are made by buying teams in organizations
- 58% of decisions take 6 9 months and an average of 6 – 9 calls
 - In 2009 it was 42% and 4 6 months and average of 3 – 5 calls

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Sales Skills Needed in Today's Marketplace

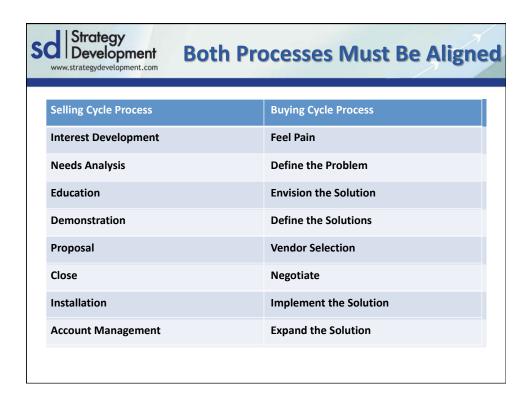
- Marketplace Knowledge (Business Acumen)
 - Business Principles
 - Industry Understanding
- Sales Communications
 - Ability to present concepts in one-on-one and group settings
 - Proposal writing skills
- Selling Skills
 - Prospecting with a balanced approach
 - Managing multiple decision makers
- Time and Territory Management
 - Ability to manage territory and achieve business goals
 - Targeting the accounts with the highest potential
- Sales Process
 - Measuring and Execution of Sales Cycle
 - Greater win rates with understanding of Customer Buying Cycle
- Products and Services
 - Ability to translate the by product and business value of the technology in your portfolio





The Grand Illusion

- The Grand Illusion Created
 - Created in absence of buying process
 - Challenges defined as sales problems
 - We are in charge





Sales Training Trend

"Basic business understanding from a financial and operational level."

Strategy Development



Business Acumen

| | Needs Improvement | Meets Expectations | Exceeds Expectations |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Reps achieving quota | 57% | 62% | 68% |
| Forecast outcome: Win/loss/ND | 45%/33%/22% | 49%/31%/20% | 58%/23%/19% |
| Total rep turnover | 42% | 30% | 25% |

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Sell With Success Course Agenda

- Introductions to Sales Process
- Time and Territory Management
- Business Acumen and Decision Maker Motivations
 - What is IT? Selling to the CIO
- What is Finance Management? Selling to the CFO
- Prospecting with Balanced Approach
 - Navigating access and becoming a networking expert
- Initial Sales Call Discovery and Presentation Skills
- Questioning and Listening Skills
- Proposal Writing
- Negotiation Skills
- Account Planning and Customer Retention



QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your time!

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