

## **Step Three - Show Promotions Worksheet**

# A) Determine your promotional goals

- Communications Goals
  - Affect perceptions
  - Establish/enhance awareness
  - Reinforce/change or create a position (i.e. market leader, dominance etc.)
  - Generate a specific message
  - Indentify capabilities
  - Differentiate your company from competitors
- Logistical Goals
  - Attract attention to those not familiar with your organization
  - Generate excitement in the exhibit and around the show floor
  - Increase pre-show awareness of your participation
  - Educate customers/prospects about solutions offered at your display
  - Generate desirable traffic flow around the exhibit
- Measurable Goals
  - Total number of prospect vs. qualified prospects
  - Percentage increases/changes in number from previous shows
  - Total number of quality leads you need to generate through the promotion
  - Establish qualified leads
  - Build database
  - Establish new distributorships/suppliers/reps
  - Recruit employees
  - Press coverage

### B) Determine your pre-show, at-show and/or post - show promotions:

#### Pre - show:

- Pre-show mailer
- □ Room drops
- Website ads
- Email invitations
- Sponsorships
- □ Speakers
- Public relations
- □ Advertising
- □ In booth meeting planning
- Pre-show surveys
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## At - show:

- Program/exhibit guide
- Premiums/give-aways
- Prizes
- □ Live presentations
- Games/educational activities
- Demonstrations
- Videos
- □ Specific product/service/promotional graphics
- Booth surveys/exit interviews
- Sales promotion offers
- Staff attire
- Press conference(s)
- □ Convention center advertising/banners,/signage etc
- Airport/hotel/transit/outdoor advertising
- Shuttle bus wraps
- Other \_\_\_\_\_\_

## Post - show:

- Dest-show public relations (PR) and PR analysis
- Post show surveys
- Post show advertising
- Sales promotions
- Other

## C) Questions to ask yourself/team when setting promotional objectives:

- 1) Is the show vertical or horizontal?
  - Vertical high percentage of attendees are your target prospects
  - Horizontal wide variety of audience members, smaller percentage of target audience
- 2) Where are you going to get the list from which to target your promotion?
  - □ Show management
    - pre-registered list for this year's show or list from last year's final?
    - can you select by title, business size, or industry?
  - In-house
    - Get from sales or marketing team?
    - Check quality of list.



3) How many and what type of staffers do you need to implement, qualify and measure the performance of your promotion

	Technical How many
	Marketing How many
	Sales How many
	Demonstrators How many
	Other How many
4) Booth and show logistics	
	What size is your space
	Where are you located in the hall
	How long are the show hours
	Are there dedicated hours for special attendees
D) Develop a proposal for each promotional idea to include:	
	Show name and date Your major message Theme/tagline Target audience

- Briefly describe the promotion idea
- □ How will it be applied before, during and after the show
- □ Explain why it will appeal to your target audience

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