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Building Brand Awareness & Driving Qualified Booth Traffic

How to Attract <u>Enough</u> of the <u>Right</u> Attendees to YOUR NFMT Exhibit

Participant Learning Objectives: By the end of this webinar, we will...

- 1. Discuss how attendee behaviors have changed and why you MUST pre-market your exhibit to be successful.
- 2. Walk through a proven-effective exhibit marketing planning process.
- 3. Overview NFMT exhibitor marketing resources available.
- 4. Review an example of an integrated exhibit marketing campaign in action.

What Really Drives Business Growth?

Peter Drucker said...

- 1. M_____
- 2. Innovation
- Everything else is an expense!

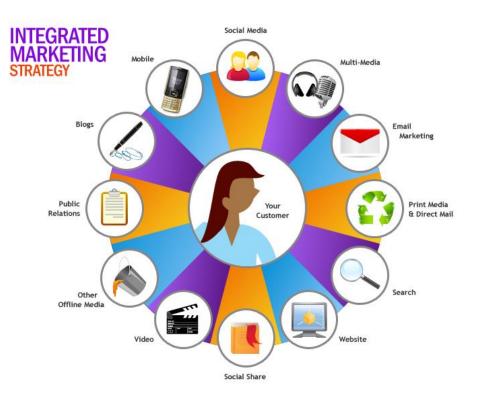
What is the Key to Marketing Success?

Jim Rohn said...

- 1. Have Something GOOD to Say
- 2. Say it WELL
- 3. Say it OFTEN

And I will add...

4. Say it through _____ Media



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Critical Business Success Factor

- How important is the facilities market to your company?
- How important is face-to-face contact with your market in terms of...
 - ✓ Customer Acquisition?
 - ✓ Customer _____?
 - ✓ Growing Your Business?
- On a great day in the field, how many customers or prospects is your average sales person standing face-to-face with?
- If I asked your sales team, are they finding it easier or harder to get face time with customers/prospects in the field, what would they tell me?

Tradeshows Are About...

<u>4 Dynamics That Are Difficult to Replicate</u> <u>Through Any Other Channel</u>

- 1. Customers/prospects come to you
- 2. With a relatively _____
- 3. In your branded space
- 4. In an environment hyper-conducive to talking & ultimately doing business.

Focus on Critical Exhibiting Success Factors

- 1. **OUTCOMES**: Set goals that support your company sales and marketing, and CRM objectives and take advantage of the opportunities NFMT presents.
- 2. _____ATTRACTION: Develop marketing processes to identify and attract <u>enough</u> of the <u>right</u> people to your exhibit.
- 3. **VISITOR EXPERIENCE**: Deliver a high-quality visitor experience that secures a <u>commitment</u> to a next action step with all qualified visitors.
- 4. **FOLLOW-THROUGH & MEASUREMENT:** Follow-through to convert visitor <u>commitments</u> to action, ideally purchasing, and <u>measure</u> and report results.

How Tradeshow Attendee Behaviors Have Changed

- 1. Registering closer to the show.
- 2. Spending fewer number of days at shows.
- 3. Looking for more content and useable information.
- 4. Preplanning visit: _____% arrive with an agenda.
- 5. Visits ______ exhibits on average.
- 6. 50% of exhibit stops are _____.
- In spite of all this, less than _____% of exhibitors execute a well-conceived pre-show marketing plan!

Sources: CEIR/Exhibit Surveys/Event Marketing Institute

Exhibit Marketing: 8 Step Planning Process

- 1. Determine Exhibiting Goals
- 2. Identify Target Visitors and Build Target Visitor Lists
- 3. Calculate EXHIBIT INTERACTION CAPACITY
- 4. Budget Enough Promotion Resources
- 5. Create Compelling Messaging
- 6. Analyze & Select Marketing Media
- 7. Execute Integrated Exhibit Marketing Plan
- 8. Measure Results



Step 1. Determine Exhibiting Goals

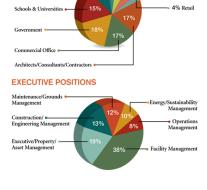
- 1. What are you trying to accomplish?
 - a. Company/Brand Awareness & Visibility
 - b. New Product/Service Introduction
 - c. Relationship Management and Building
 - d. Brand Positioning Differentiation
 - e. Educate
 - f. Lead Generation
 - g. Sales and Business Development
 - h. Thought Leadership
 - i. Other?

Our Top 3 Exhibiting Goals:

1.	
2.	
3.	

Step 2. Create Ideal Visitor Profile

- Who do you want to interact with?
 - Market Segment
 - Company Type
 - ➢ Job Function
 - ➢ Geography/Location
 - ➤ Other?
- ACTION: Write down the types of attendee you want to see?



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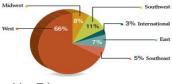
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The decision makers you've been looking for ...

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Identify Target Visitors

The C/P/S Triangle

Suspects Open the Door



Prospects: Advance to Next Step

Customers Relationship Management - Opportunity – Change – Advocacy

Implementing the C/P/S Marketing Program

- 1. Ask each member of your sales team to build a list of Customers, Prospects and Suspects.
- 2. Set a specific ______ for each name on the list.
- 3. Contact them ______ times before the show using various media: email, phone, social media, in person.
- 4. Try to get a Confirmed Appointment or Verbal Commitment to meet during the show.
- 5. Consider creating a contest to reward the person getting the most of their list to the shows.

Build Target Visitor Lists

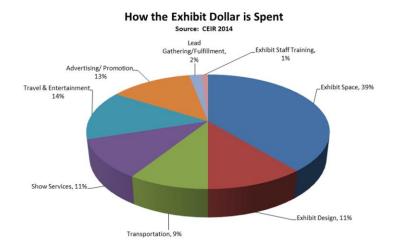
Best Tradeshow List Sources:

- 1. *Pre-registered attendee list
- 2. Previous or *Post-show attendee lists
- 3. Company database (C/P/S model)
- 4. Previous show(s) booth visitor lists
- 5. Recent inquiries
- 6. Distribution channel partner lists
- 7. Trade publication readership lists

***FREE Pre and Post show** attendee registrant mailing list available.

Example Participant 7 7 **Exhibiting Hours** Booth Staff on Duty 2* Х Х **Total Staff Hours** 14 = Interactions/Hour/Staffer 3-5** Х **Exhibit Interaction Capacity** 42-70 = * 50 sq. feet/ staffer VISITORS BY TARGET TYPE ** 3/conservative 4/moderate 5/aggressive Distributor: 4,477 individuals, 1,111 companies Building service contractor: 2,835 individuals, 1,166 companies In-house service provider: 1,303 individuals, 545 companies > Success Tip: • Try to make your list at least ______ times your Exhibit Interaction Capacity.

Step 3. Calculate Exhibit Interaction Capacity



Step 4. Budget Enough Promotion Resources

	Example	Participant
Total Show Investment	\$10,000	\$
% for Exhibit Promotion	<u>x .15</u> at least	X
Exhibit Promotion Budget	\$1,500	\$

When to increase? Big show, small booth, location concern, importance of show – allocate more!

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Step 5. Craft Compelling Messages

- * Job 1. Grab Attention!
 - ≻ _
 - Problematic
 - ➢ Familiar
 - Unusual
- * Job 2. Create Interest!

Ask: What situations would prompt them to think about what you offer?

- …dangle situations!
- * Position visiting exhibit as the place to _____, ____, and _____.

<u>Step 5. Deliver a Clear Value Proposition</u> <u>to Build Desire and Create Action</u>

- * ____: Tired of? Worried about?
- * OPPORTUNITY: Interested in? Curious about?
- * Give us 5 minutes at (show name) Booth #
- * You will SEE
- * You can DO
- * You will LEARN
- * Oh. by the way, you'll GET...

Step 6. Analyze & Select Marketing Media

Four "C's" to marketing success:

- 1. Captivating message and ______ design theme.
- 2. **Combination** of show, industry and direct marketing media.
- 3. Communicate four specific messages:
 - 1. What you do
 - 2. Why they should care
 - 3. Who you are
 - 4. Where and how to find you
- 4. Creative Frequency: Land *at least* _____ direct hits leading up to show time.

General Marketing Media Options:

- 1. Print & Display Advertising
 - ✓ Show Specific and Industry Specific Media
- 2. Public Relations
 - ✓ Media Contact List, Submit Electronic Press Kits
- 3. Electronic Media
 - ✓ Email Internet, Websites, Social Media, Mobile Apps
- 4. Direct Mail
 - ✓ Letters, Invitations, Postcards
- 5. Personal Contact
 - ✓ Rep Visits, Telephone Calls, Voice Broadcast

Low-Cost High-Impact Marketing Media Options:

- 1. Personalized Postcards
- 2. Personalized URL's (PURL's)
- 3. Landing Pages/Microsites with Needs Assessment & Appointment Enablers
- 4. Audio/Video Email
- 5. Voice Messaging
- 6. Social Media: Facebook/Twitter/Instagram/YouTube/LinkedIn
- 7. Blogs

Evaluate Exhibitor Marketing Opportunities

FREE Exhibitor Marketing Opportunities

- 1. Company Profile Online & In Printed Event Directory
 - > Includes Name, Contact Information, Company Video, and Product e-Brochure
- 2. FREE All Access Pass to Send to Your Customers



PAID Show Advertising & Sponsorship Opportunities

Advertising:

- Pre and or post email blast (exclusive) only \$1,500 to \$2,500
- Product Showcase Sign in Registration Area only \$749
- Event Directory Ad with company logo

Sponsorships:

- 1. Items: Tote Bags, Badge Holders, Lunch Coupons
- 2. Special Events: Networking Party, Enter to Win-Cash Prize Drawing
- 3. Show Floor/Convention Center: Charging Stations (3), Program-at-a-Glance Signage, Exhibitor Locator Signage, Aisle Banners
- 4. Digital: Audio Visual Services (exclusive)

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Step 7. Execute Marketing Campaign

Sample Exhibit Marketing Campaign: Small Exhibitor

- South Size/Space Cost: 10 x 10 in-line/\$3,300
- Show Budget: \$9,900 to \$16,500 (3-5x floor space at least 15% to promotion)
- ✤ Goals: Market Visibility/Awareness, Lead Generation/Sales
- * Media:
 - Execute C/P/S strategy with sales reps
 - Mail postcard to house list and pre-registered attendee list
 - Write exhibitor profile listing that gives attendees a compelling reason to visit
 - Promote show participation in relevant social media and use show's channels
 - Place show logo and booth promo on your company website, email signatures, all outgoing correspondence
 - Give Free All Access Pass to your sales reps to distribute to prospects
 - Product Showcase Sign in Registration Area only \$749

Sample Exhibit Marketing Campaign: *Medium-Large Exhibitor*

- ✤ Booth Size/Space Cost: 10 x 20/\$6,600 member
- **Show Budget:** \$19,800 to \$33,000 (3-5x floor space)
- ✤ Goals: New Product, Thought Leadership, Brand Visibility, Lead Gen/Sales
- Media:
 - Do same things as small exhibitor
 - Mail high-level invitations (instead of postcards) to C/P/S list and pre-registered attendee list with compelling reward for responding
 - Quick Fire Session to Introduce New Product
 - Sponsor Audio Visual Services to gain visibility in educational sessions
 - Daily video message to attendees (1 per day)

Pre-Show Marketing Plan Example



Pre-Show Print Advertisement

Personalized Postcard Mailer





2 Personalized Pre-show HTML Emails



Personalized Microsite with Video Host



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Step 8. Measure Exhibit Marketing Results

- 1. What media did we use?
- 2. _____ was each media deployed?
- 3. How many were distributed?
- 4. What was the cost of each media?
- 5. What was the number of ______ and/or traceable response?
- 6. What worked?
- 7. What did we _____?
- 8. What will we use for our next show?

What were the three most important ideas you learned in this webinar?

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2.	 	 	
3.	 	 	

What specifically will you do to better promote your participation in the show?

NFMT Commitment to Exhibitor Education & Success Online Exhibitor Knowledge Portal

- Exhibitor Success Resource Center:
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