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# How to Discover & Deliver Your Attendee-Focused Value Proposition

# **Participant Learning Objectives**

- 1. Learn 3 primary reasons people attend tradeshows.
- 2. Overview 2 types of key messaging.
- 3. Walkthrough an 8-step content development process.
- 4. See the process put into action.
- 5. How to use a combination of low-cost, high-impact marketing media for maximum response.

## **Top 3 Reasons People Attend Tradeshows**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_/Continuing Education/Accrediting
- 2. **Shopping**/Sourcing/Purchasing/Revalidating
- 3. Networking/Interacting with Colleagues/Suppliers/Key Opinion Leaders
  - Aligning your attendee-focused value proposition with one or more of these reasons is the key to driving qualified traffic.

#### **Two Core Types of Messages**

#### 1. Attendee-Focused Value Proposition:

A clear and concise message that gives attendees a compelling reason to visit your exhibit...

- By offering a solution to a problem or an opportunity to seize
- By letting the attendee know what they will \_\_\_\_\_, do, and \_\_\_\_\_
- By letting the attendee know how much time is required

#### 2. Unique Selling Proposition (USP):

A clear and concise message that helps attendees quickly understand what makes your company, products/services and/or your exhibit experience different or more valuable than others.

## Why are an Attendee-Focused Value Proposition & USP Important?

- 1. Over-choice
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ overload
- 3. Information overload
- 4. Short interaction time
- 5. Competitive presence
  - > Messaging must be thoughtfully crafted & delivered to counter these challenges.

## <u>8 Step Attendee-Focused Value Proposition & USP</u> <u>Development Process</u>

- 1. Define your \_\_\_\_\_ Customer
  - Type of Companies/Organizations
  - Job Functions/Titles
  - Types of Projects
  - Location
  - Other?
- 2. Decide what **Solution(s)** you will feature
  - Trending/Hot/Top of the Mind
  - Pillar Services/Products
- 3. Define the **Applications** for featured solution(s)
  - How does the customer use the solution?
  - What are or might they currently be doing or using to address the need for your solution?
- 4. Define what \_\_\_\_\_\_ would prompt them to think about your solution(s)
  - What are problems, frustrations and issues they might be experiencing that would create interest in your solution?
  - What opportunities does your solution create?
- 5. Define your Salient Features & Benefits
  - What are the top 3 features and benefits?
  - What customer needs do each feature and benefit address?
  - What questions could you ask to get the customer to voice a need for each feature and benefit?

## <u>8 Step Attendee-Focused Value Proposition & USP</u> <u>Development Process</u>

- 6. Define your \_\_\_\_\_ Features & Benefits
  - What are your key points of differentiation?
  - What customer needs do the points of differentiation address?
  - What questions could you ask to get customer to voice a need for your points of differentiation?
- 7. Define what the attendee will
  - See
  - Do
  - Learn
  - Get by visiting your booth
- 8. Develop **HOOKS** and **CONTENT** based on this analysis and integrate into:
  - Pre/at-show marketing: print, digital, mail, social media, etc.
  - Exhibitor Listing
  - Exhibit graphics
  - Presentation and demonstrations
  - Staff training

## **Put Into Action Example**

- 1. Target Customer: Company Exhibiting at B2B Tradeshows
- 2. Featured Solution: Exhibit Staff Training
- 3. **Situations**: Big spend, poor booth traffic, low lead count, poor lead quality, ineffective staff behaviors, little or no ROI
- 4. Applications: Pre and at-show staff prep and exhibiting skills training

# **Put Into Action Example**

- 5. **Salient F&B**: Tradeshow skills training improves staff awareness and performance leading to more traffic, higher quality interactions, higher quality leads and improved ROI.
- 6. **Differentiated F&B**: Unlike other training that teaches basic "boothmanship", we teach advanced-level, solution-focused interaction skills tailored to the unique challenges of effectively communicating in the tradeshow environment.
- 7. The attendee will:
  - SEE: a 3 minute funny video showing the biggest mistakes booth staffers make
  - DO: engage with an interactive touchscreen survey to determine what they feel the biggest mistakes their booth staff are making
  - LEARN: why booth staffers can make or break the success of the exhibit, what makes a great booth staffer, how to improve their exhibit staff performance
  - GET: a FREE exhibit staff assessment tool

#### 8. Develop Hooks:

- ✓ <u>Ask a Pain Question</u>: Tired of spending BIG money on shows with LITTLE results?
- ✓ <u>Ask Engaging Questions</u>:
  - What do you feel is REALLY limiting your tradeshow results?
  - If your boss asked you to prove your exhibiting ROI, could you?
  - What role does your booth staff play in your tradeshow success?
- ✓ <u>Test Their Knowledge</u>: How many of these mistakes are your booth staff making?
- ✓ <u>Make a Strong Statement</u>: People make judgments about your company based on your booth staff behaviors... are they really putting your best foot forward?
- ✓ <u>Share a Fact or Research</u>:
  - Did you know a CEIR study found that the average exhibitor converts 20% of tradeshow leads to sales? How are you doing?
  - An ASTD study found top performing companies in every market segment invest 3% of revenue in their people
- ✓ <u>Question a Behavior</u>: You spend a lot of money on your space and exhibit; how much do you invest to make sure your staff uses both wisely?

# **Attendee-Focused Value Proposition Template**

- \* \_\_\_\_: Tired of? Worried about? Struggling with?
- \* OPPORTUNITY: Interested in? Curious? Want to learn about?
- \* Give us 5 minutes at World of Concrete Booth #123
- \* You will SEE
- \* You can DO
- \* You will \_\_\_\_\_
- \* Oh by the way, you'll GET...

# Notes from Value Proposition/USP Examples

# **Delivering Your Value Proposition**

To deliver your value proposition, you must use integrated pre-show marketing.

To learn how, view these on-demand webinars on the Exhibitor Success & ROI Center:

- Driving Qualified Booth Traffic: How to Attract Enough of the Right Attendees to Your Exhibit
- Tradeshow Social Media Best Practices
- https://www.worldofconcrete.com/en/exhibitor /success-and-roi-center.html



# Three most important ideas I learned from this session were:

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# World of Concrete Commitment to Exhibitor Value, Knowledge & Success

- Success and ROI Center:
  - Step 1. Download planning and management tools
  - Step 2. Schedule and complete strategic planning exercises at target timeframes
  - Step 3. Watch live and on-demand webinars
  - Step 4. Read exhibiting articles for insights and ideas
  - Step 5. Ask the Tradeshow Experts" email Q&A for help
- Bookmark, Share and Access at:
  - https://www.worldofconcrete.com/en/exhibitor/success-and-roi-center.html

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