PHASE 1

Set Your Partner Program Budget

Phase 1: Simulation Business Problem to Solve

- You are spending money to build your channel budget
- Your **annual budget** is \$2M
- Your **annual revenue goal** to achieve is \$5M
 - The 3-5 year ramp of this program is expected to deliver a \$30M to \$50M channel in terms of indirect revenues
- Headcount spend has already been allocated and hired; you are building the program spend portion of the budget
- **The Product**: "MacroSoft's CloudOne Appliance"
 - Managed Services Offering: ASP \$1,000 per mo./ per appliance
- Target market: SMB, mid market, enterprise customers
- **Competitive landscape**: limited to one major appliance competitive vendor competes but many larger HW & SW vendors claim capabilities via alliance or OEM relationships
- **Single tier channel** of highly productive HW & SW VARs with solution and managed services capabilities. Annual revenues \$10M - \$40M and growing.



IPED Vendor Benchmark Research: Helping Channel Chiefs Justify Spend

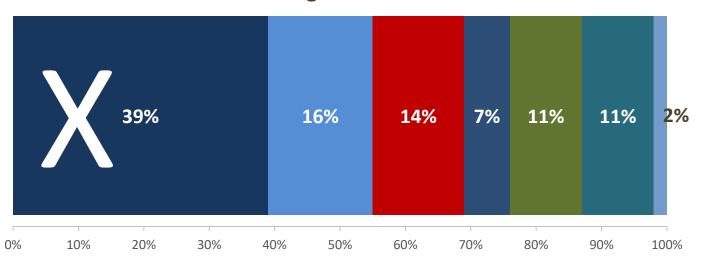
This is a Channel Chief task in real life!



You will allocate budget across these categories in your teams.

There will be no budget targeted to headcount, it has already been allocated for you!

How is the total channel budget allocated?



- All channel-related headcount
- Incentives
- Demand generation funds
- Program or other partner marketing excluding MDF
- Infrastructure and operations
- Education budget
- Other

N=98

HC has been hired, do not allocate budget to headcount

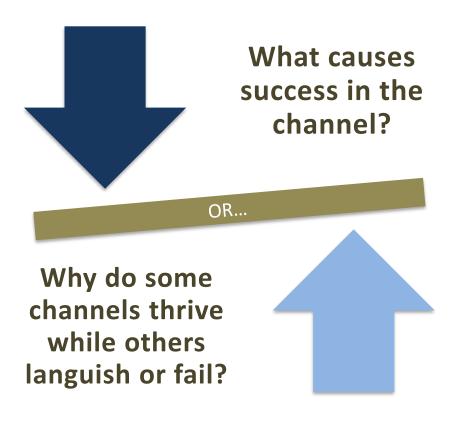
Source: IPED Channelytics Vendor Benchmark Study

Base = All respondents; by Vendor Type

Now, what is the mix of this investment, by activity type? This should

be the % of your total channel spending above, attributable to each type of activity -- not as a % of channel revenues.

Why Might the Benchmark #s Offer Insight, but Not the Entire Answer?





The Million Dollar Channel Answer...Channel Context & Strategy is Critical

Avoid One Size Fits All... What are the Stated Objectives?

Is It Possible To Do All Of These At The Same Time?





This is "Channel Context" ... and there is NO SUCH THING as a Single Right Answer

- New or Mature Product?
- New or Existing Channel?
- A Program for the Masses or Targeted Few?
- Volume/Commodity versus Complex Solution?
- Customer Target Market Enterprise or SMB?
- Which Routes to Market? Customers they Reach?
- Fulfillment versus Value-Add Channel
- Product and Brand Awareness & Share

Let's Use a Methodology Based on Context to Solve our Simulation Business Problems



REQUIRED INPUT

- ✓ Product ASP
- ✓ Target Markets
- ✓ Buying Behaviors
- ✓ Competition

CHANNEL STRATEGY

RTM Capacity

✓ Partner

Capacity

Planning

Productivity

Assumptions

- ✓ Routes to Market Selection
- ✓ Partner Profile Development
- ✓ Value Proposition Development

PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Enable

- ✓ Sales & Technical Training
- ✓ Tools & IP Sharing
- ✓ Field Mentoring or teaming

Market

- Market to, through, with strategy
- Demand generation
 - tools
 - Comarketing funds &

rules

✓ Deal Registration

Sell

post-sale

support

Incentive

structures

Pricing and

discount

models

✓ Pre- and

FIELD EXECUTION

Recruit

Manage

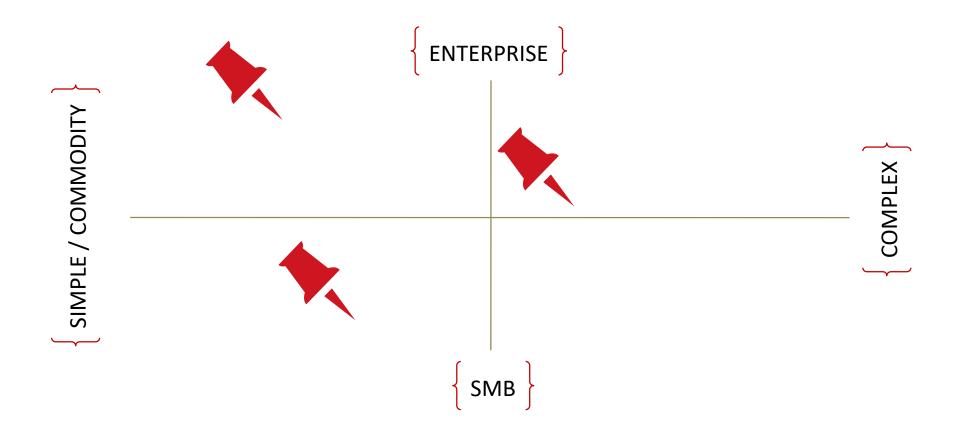
- ✓ Staffing model
- ✓ Program metrics management
- ✓ Onboarding activities
- ✓ Joint business planning
- ✓ Role of distribution
- Rules of engagement



SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE (PRM, 800#, Support Line, Portal)



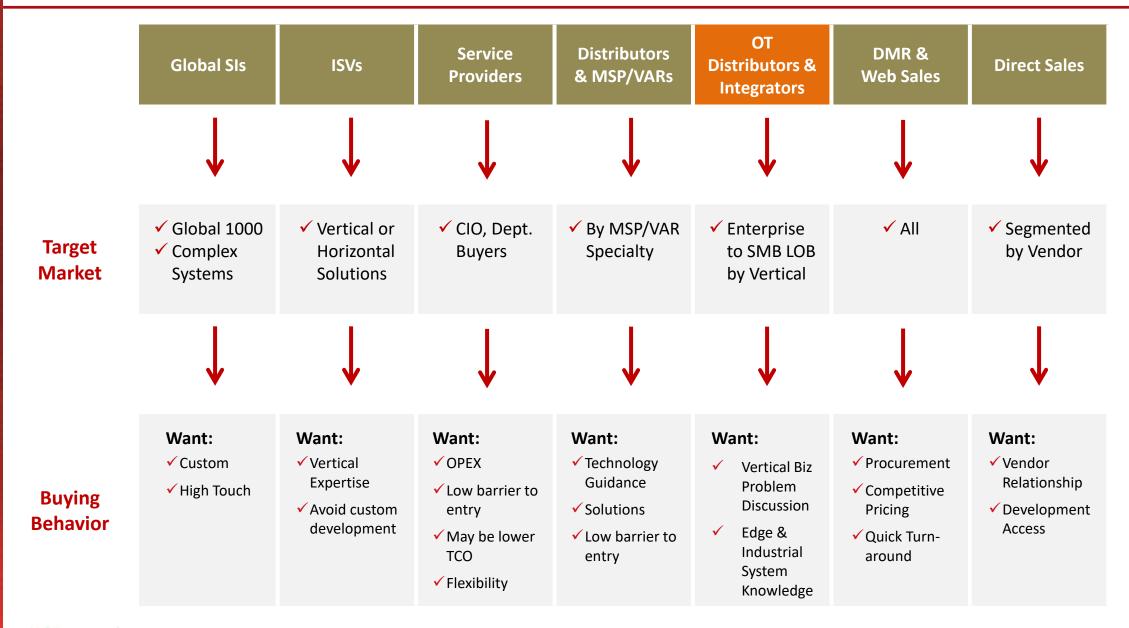
Which Target Markets are You Going After?



✓ Different again for components or embedded software versus whole products



Which Partner Business Models have Access to the Target Markets?





A Solid Partner Profile Is Essential! Sample: Hybrid MSP/VAR Partner Profile

Partner Potential

PRODUCT ADOPTION RECORD: The entire Product Line to enable cross-sell

ENABLEMENT: Sales, Operational, Technical Training, **Support Capabilities**

- **Dedicated Sales Staff Trained (Qty.)**
- Technical staff trained for both pre-sales design/configure & post-sales implementation
- **Operations staff trained for Managed Services Delivery**

CAPABILITIES: Dedicated Marketing coordinator, matches MDF, tracks leads and reports back on MDF usage

HW, SW, SERVICES MIX: 25%-25%-50%

TOP LINE REVENUE GROWTH: 10%

Revenue

REVENUE/SALES:

- Target: \$10 \$40M annual revenues
- Vertically targeted customers with specialization in our target markets and products
- Receives high customer satisfaction feedback, has customers ready for be references
- Last FY annual or recurring or product revenue \$XXX,XXX

SAMPLE SALES CRITERIA: Customer Target Markets, Industry Verticals, Horizontal Solutions, Customer Satisfaction, References, Average Deal Economics, Transaction Volumes Account Alignment: Quantity of accounts in your named territory segmentation

- Access to Whitespace Accounts: Low, Medium, High

BTW... You will rarely find a partner that meets the profile EXACTLY. Judgment is required.



Capacity Planning

In real life, as you build your program features,

you need to know if you are building for or accommodating 1000s of partners or 100s of partners.

Most channel chief reviews, with management, include an assessment of the number of partners required to achieve annual revenue goals.

Capacity Plans model these numbers.



Capacity Planning Helps Identify How Many Partners are Required for Recruitment

INFO REQUIRED	
Product Average Selling Price (ASP) of a deal @ Net Revenue	\$10,000 Repo
Number of Deals Average a Typical Partner Can Sell / Year	\$10,000 Reporting Tools
My Annual Quota	\$1,000,000
Recruitment Failure Rate: (Historically what % of partners recruited do not achieve AT LEAST 80% of the # of deals the Average Partner sells per year?)	30% Tribal Knowledge
CALCULATIONS	
Average Partner Productivity Per Partner = Product average selling price (ASP) * number of deals partner can sell/year	\$100,000
Number of Partners Required = Quota / average partner productivity/year (round up)	10
Number of Partners Likely to Fail = Recruitment failure rate * number of partners required (round up)	3

Number of partners required + number of partners likely to fail (round up)

In this **example**, all numbers are net revenue to the vendor.

Final Number of Partners to Recruit =

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Capacity Planning Worksheet for MRR: Estimate the Number of Partners to Recruit

From the Navigator we find the following info:

- Net Revenue Average Selling Prices (ASPs) \$1,000/month
 - less 25% discount

We chose ACV for Simulation purposes only:

> All deals generate 12 months of MRR revenue using Annual Contract Value (ACV) without regard to the month in which they close

In **real life**, there are several options when MRR is involved:

- One month of MRR is recognized <u>monthly</u> over the life of the contract
- 12 months of MRR is recognized <u>up front</u> with likely auto-renew, aka, the **Annual Contract Value (ACV)**
- In some cases, 36 months or MRR is recognized <u>up front</u>, aka, the Total Contract Value (TCV)

We will use ACV for Capacity Planning purposes and MRR for Partner Value Propositions



LAUNCH Year Capacity Planning Worksheet for MRR....Complete as a Team



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Launch Year Capacity Plan (First Year Revenue for New Program)

FOR SIMULATION EASE ONLY: ASSUME ALL PARTNERS ARE ON BOARD MONTH ONE and Deals are recognized at ACV

,		Average Selling Price (ASP) at the ACV = (MRR * 12 Months)	Typical # Sold /Year		Sub-total (ASP * # sold/yr)		
	Year 1: New MRR Deals @ \$1000/month	\$12,000 /year	10		\$120,000		
	Total = Average Productivity Per Partner / Year 1 (I	ist price)		\$	\$120,000	@ list	
	Less Partner Discount (per Navigator = 25%)			Less \$	\$30,000	\$ discount	
	Equals Net Productivity Per Partner / Year 1 (net to	MacroSoft)		\$	\$ 90,000	@ net	

Annual Quota?

\$5,000,000 net (after 25% discount)

Failure Rate =

(% of partners recruited historically that don't make revenue expectations)

30%

Number of Revenue Producing Partners Required =

(annual year quota / net average productivity per partner / year (round up))

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Number of Partners Likely to Fail =

(failure rate * number of partners required (round up))

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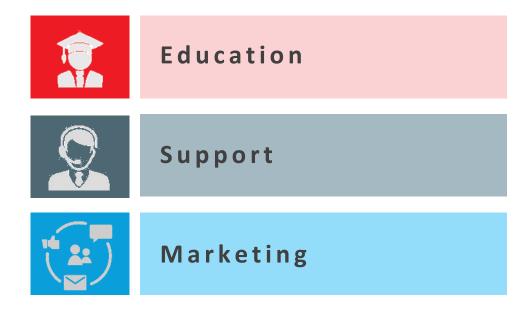
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Based on the Ideal Partner Profile...

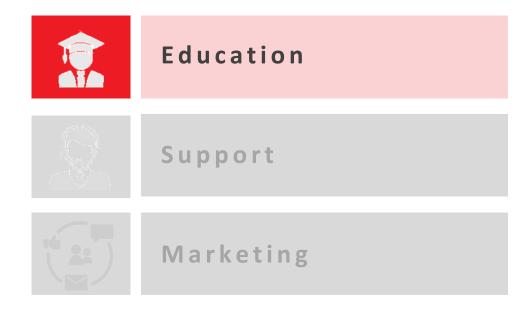
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Start with: Vendor Education Infrastructure Needs

Provide Content & Learning Paths by Role

Architect, Sales, Developer, Implementer, MSP Operations, Marketing Mgr. etc.

Ensure Learning Path are Easy to Access & Use and are Personalized

- Learning paths support training plans
- Track progress via individual dashboards
- Leverage content inside & outside of firewall
- Think hard before requiring expensive, in-person training
- Provide "test outs" and fast path education options

Educate for Solutions Rather than Products

Private cloud versus server & storage, Retail POS solution versus database & network

Facilitate Access to Communities

Both inside (authenticated) and outside (YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter) of your Partner Portal to create sustained learning and ecosystem collaboration



Add Partner Priorities

Pre-Sales Resources			Post Sales Resources			
1	Technical Product Training	1	Configuration and Integration Training			
2	Competitive Training	2	Architecture and Design Training			
3	Configuration Training	3	Product Optimization and Tuning Training			
4	Vertical Industry/Business Value	4	Project Management			
5	Advanced Architecture/Solution Design Training	5	Level 1 Product Support Training			

How do your Education offerings map to these?



Include As a Service Education & Support Delivery for MSPs

THE MSP EDUCATION PROCESS

"The right sales education is hard to find."

Marketing materials:

position product and customer value prop

If Complex:

we'll look for tech specs on the web

If not clear:

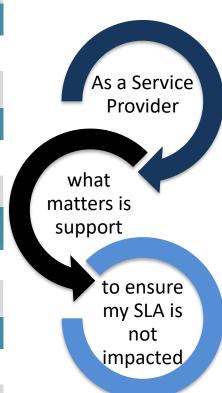
we Google to see what others are saying, LinkedIn and MSP discussion groups

If we commit strategically:

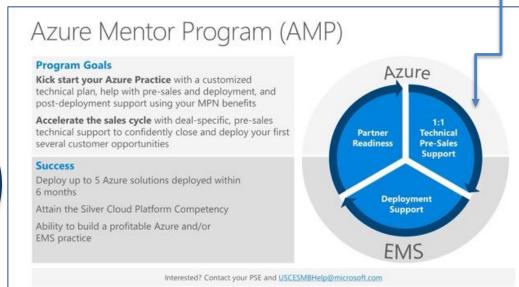
then I'll find vendor's sales education

We're an MSP, we just need positioning

20 minutes would be ideal; no more than 1hr







"Regarding education, our needs are a bit different. We're an MSP, web based, free or on-site for our team works. I don't think I should have to pay to understand how to sell the product."

"We would pay for post-sales support then pass that on to the client in our service level contracts."

Check for Realistic "Number of Training Days" Goals

Days of Vendor Training Annually Across all Vendors (by role and business model)

e.g. NOC Operators NOT back office operations staff	Days of Vendor Training (avg.)			
	VAR (n=53)	MSP (n=47)	Consultant and SI (n=48)	
Pre Sales Technical Staff	10	9	7	
Post Sales Technical Staff	10	6	5	
Telephone/Help Desk Support	9	10	4	
Break/Fix Onsite Support	8	7	5	
MSP Operations Staff	9	9	7	
Customer Success Team	9	6	5	

How do the # of days your program require map to the number above?



Q: Approximately how many days of vendor training annually do the following staff members attend (all delivery methods, online, in-person)?

How do you balance against complex MSP and loT Programs based on far greater investments required.

IPED Research Note: # of days have been rounded up as appropriate

Factor in Partner Education Delivery Preferences when Possible

Vendor Training Delivery Methods

Facilitates weekend training!

SALES				
1	Lunch n' Learns	On-site		
2	Distance learning – self-paced	On-line		
3	In-person training	On-site		
4	In-person training	Off-site/ classroom		
5	Distance learning – instructor led	On-line		

"What matters is fast and efficient. Let me download materials/audio and use while I drive." (non-major metro area)

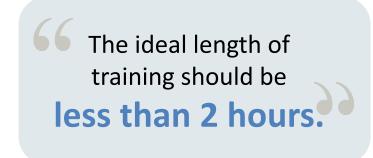
TECHNICAL				
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2	Distance learning – self-paced	On-line		
3	Distance learning – Instructor led	On-line		
4	In-person training	Off-site Classroom		
5	In person training	On-site		

"Different people learn in different ways; for some people a (recorded) webinar is a waste of time because you can't ask questions." - \$2.8M regional VAR

Education: Biggest Inhibitors...Does the Partner Believe You Understand?



- ✓ Time and Money
- Return on Investment
- **✓** True Opportunity Costs:
 - Keeping the business running while participating in education
 - Pulling people out of the field
 - Project delays if we pull people off projects to train
 - SLA impact if we pull people off the NOC/management to train
- ✓ Access to enablement resources, post-training
 - Demo/lab gear
 - Technical sand-box
 - Access to vendor field technical staff



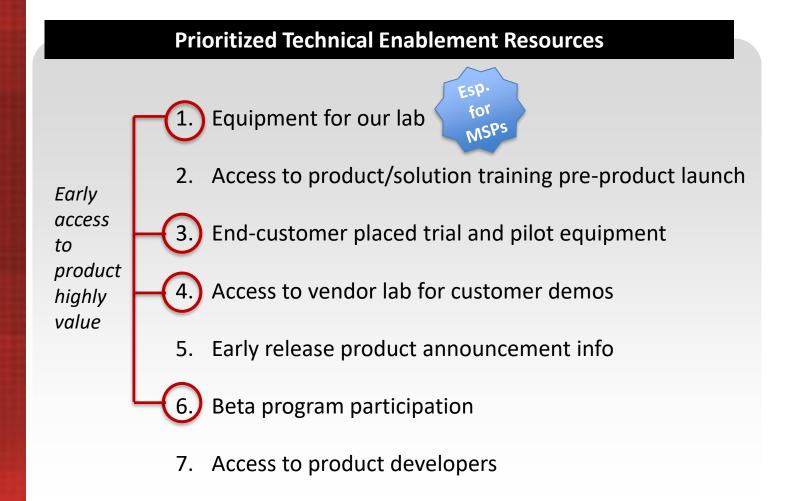


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Support: Access to Product & Field Technical Staff are Critical for Managed Partners



86%

of solution providers prioritize

access to vendor field technical staff

post-training as critical to

technical enablement

Vendors are missing both the tech side and the sales sides by not offering gear ...

It lets me get my techs on board with the product – then techs talk it up to sales guys."

Regional VAR

Pre and Post Sales Support: How do these offerings affect a partner's P&L?

Technical Support Offerings:

- 800# Unlimited
- 800# Limited Calls
- Field based technical staff

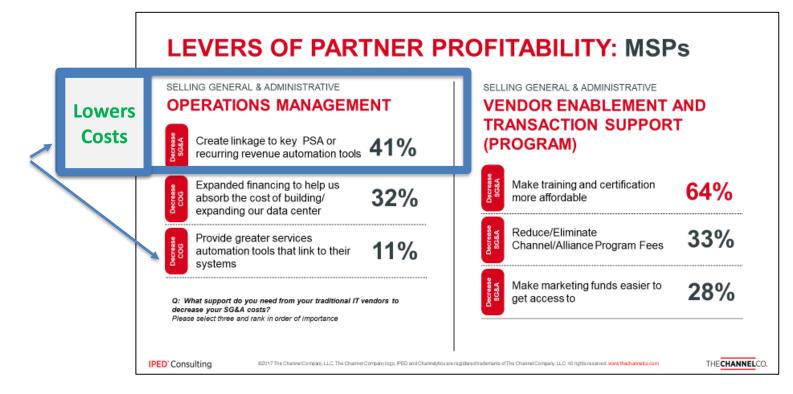
- Field based services division mentor.
- Distributor technical resources.
- Demo Systems, Not For Resale Code

All Partners

For MSPs:

- **Expedited Support Processes: to Support SLAs**
- PSA: Professional Services Automation & RMM: Remote Monitoring & Management Integration
- Customer Success Processes: Service adoption rates and renewal motions, LAER etc.







MSP PSA Integration & Elevated Levels of Support Samples

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Gain increased visibility into all your Cisco solutions, and monitor proactively for superior productivity and enhanced customer satisfaction.

"I only work with products that integrate with ConnectWise. Billing, service delivery & management integration allowed me to double revenue while maintaining expense. As a result, my profitability increased!"

Mid-market MSP



Proactive Care Service – Partner Delivery Program

HP will provide to authorized service partner:

- HP Remote Support Team for L3/L4 Severity 2+ incidents
- Remote support service coverage window to achieve 24x7
- Accelerated escalation management
- Firmware release and software patching analysis
- Proactive scan of covered HP equipment
- HP Advanced Solution Center technical resources
- Access to electronic support information thru the HP Support Center portal

Channel Masters MSP Partner Panelist: "I need an elevated level of support. You can tie it to certification or other requirements."







Read Bio »

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Marketing is Strategic to Business Growth but Planning and Skills are Declared Weaknesses



MARKETING'S ROLE IN COMPANY'S SUCCESS

> Critical – 49% Important – 41% Doesn't Have a Role – 0%

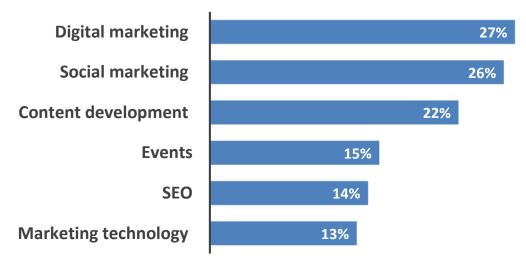
Q: How does your company view marketing as it relates to their success in the future? (1 – 7 scale agreement); %'s represent top two agreement categories

~70%
say marketing is important or critical to their company's future

CREATE A REGULAR MARKETING PLAN?



SKILLS DESIRED IN NEW MARKETING EMPLOYEES



Source: IPED State of Partner Marketing

Q: How does your company view marketing as it relates to their success in the future?

Q: Does your company create a regular (annual, quarterly) marketing plan as a key component of your business plan?

Q: In which of the following areas will your company look to focus when hiring these new marketing employees?

Formal Marketing Certifications Becoming a Common Education Offering

Formal accreditation; required at the Gold program level





Visit today at

www.cisco.com/go/marketingprofessional

- Marketing curriculum and training modules count towards partners' accreditation and program tier eligibility
- Focus on building digital and social marketing skills
 - also tied to Dell's "Four Transformations"





Marketing accreditation:

> Partner Academy: Marketing Institute

Curriculum-based training through required and elective based courses built to redefine a partner's education around available Dell EMC resources and industry trends and behaviors to help with marketing efforts.



Dell EMC resources and industry trends and behaviors to help with marketing efforts.



Define and download marketing strategy and customer-facing content:

> Campaign Playbook

> Marketing Platform

Partners receive direct access to a wide range of marketing materials including infographics, videos, white papers, ad banners, event presentations, sales activation packs and customer references.

Build and execute to activate campaigns:

NO-COST marketing automation tool that can turn websites

into a dynamic sales and marketing platforms. Provides content

syndication, automated email marketing and social media marketing.



Pre-packaged or custom-built campaigns through agencies:

> Marketing Concierge

Supports partners in the development and execution of Dell EMC initiatives. MDF can be utilized and the agencies can help partners penetrate new markets, customers and/or prospects to potentially uncover new opportunities.



Merchandise and swag:

> Dell Event Shop

Partner site to purchase co-branded items from tchochke items to tablecloths for their activities.



For Your Un-managed Partners, What % are Utilizing Your Portal Marketing Assets?

PARTNER MARKETING SUPPORT DELIVERY MODELS

PARTNER SELF-SERVE

What % are using portal materials?

VENDOR SUPPORTED

43%

VENDOR MANAGED

18%

Vendor and/or partner materials, managed as a complete campaign; managed by vendor on an ongoing basis

Vendor supports partner planning, materials and/or execution; partner leads

Templated materials& content made available for partners to customize & create campaigns around; partner is autonomous

Best of Breed Partner Marketing Programs:

- Offer all three engagement models
- Offer marketing agency support to assist with sustained (portal) utilization and execution
- Build independent skills
- Offer automation that supports access to self-service marketing (ranked #1 automation benefit)



IT vendor co-marketing engagement apply? (n=219)

Partners Claim MDF Program Complexity and Lack of Staffing as Top Inhibitors

Partner Marketing Inhibitors

Partners Perceive MDF Program Barriers		
Rank	Issue	
1	Approval complexity or timing for proposal-based MDF	
2	Lack of MDF predictability for 6+ mo. planning	
3	Insufficient MDF funds available	
4	Complexity of rules for eligible activities	
5	Insufficient vendor marketing staff to help plan & execute campaigns	

"Our #1 inhibitor is lack of full time staffing
-- we have 2 FTEs, we supplement
with outside firms.

Lack of funding is 2nd, lack of budget is 3rd."

"Quarter by quarter approval of funds doesn't work, as we can't plan. If you can't tell me what my 2019 funds are in January, I can't write a plan with you to execute and staff for the year."

Marketing Best of Breed Vendor Examples: Easy to Access, Turn Key and Digital-Enabled

"Adobe has great templates and microsites."

"Nutanix content is very good."

- easy portal
- *list buying through 3rd party*
- list development



"Citrix Marketing IQ Portal"

- Great interface
- Great content
- Proposal based"



"Datto marketing offerings are superior. By making it simple partners use it, and it works, so partners engage."

- They set up webinar to attend; email blast and 5 nurturing emails in between.
- Full product info on portal
- Designated person to help craft healthcare HIPPA campaign
- Datto University teaches us requirements and how to size (medical vs. hospital and how to go after new markets)
- Datto helps do this for \$1,000/year
- We can use MDF to pay for it.

datto

"The best marketing support is from **VMware."**

- Client-facing microsites branded for customer
- Fed by an email lead nurturing campaign (3-5 emails)
- Laid out over 3 5 weeks with activity coming from us
- They hired a marketing firm to host drip campaigns



"Lenovo Campaigns are very good."

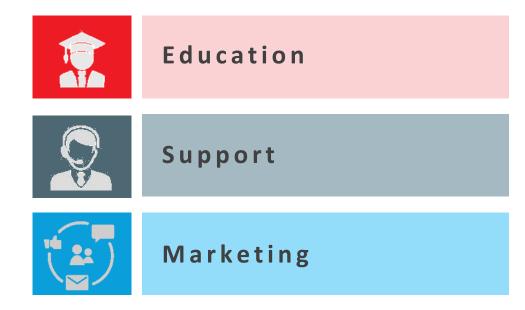
- Web browser access to see what leads are coming in.
- I can get back to the customer in 5 minutes
- They use OneAffiniti automation platform





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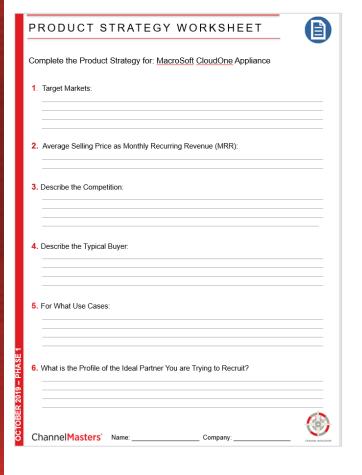


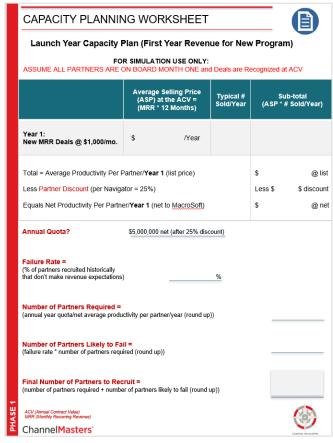
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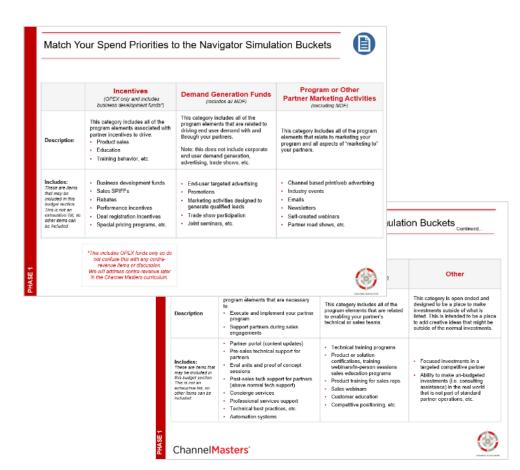
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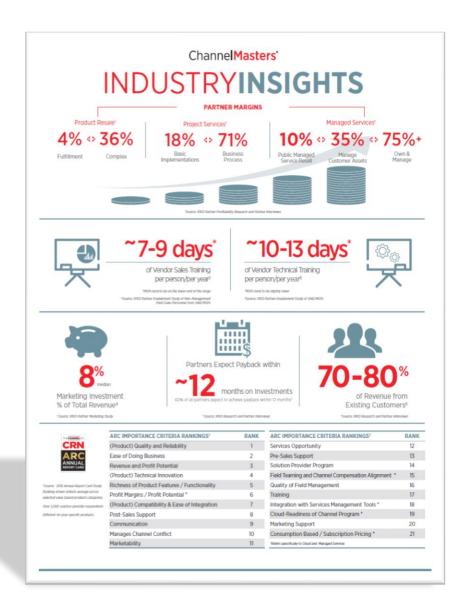








Posters In Each Team Room Offer Additional Considerations

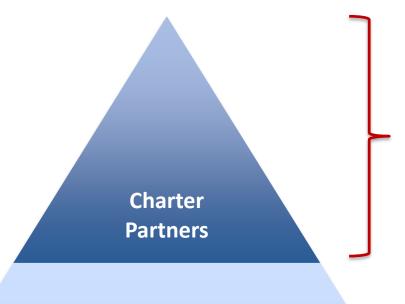


Note: CRN Annual Report Card (ARC) partners rank vendor evaluation criteria. Ranking shown reflects average across selected value based products categories.

Newer solutions may require different priorities.



The First Program is One With no Tiers nor Tracks. You Are Recruiting "Managed" Partners.



- Managed Partners
- Top group to start
- Designated CAMs
- May write business plans
- Will have high value contact with MacroSoft

VAR, MSP OR HYBRID

Partners who join after this charter group will be supported with more programmatic benefits until they earn their way up a new program with levels.



You Now Have Your Channel Context and Some Best of Breed Program Examples!

Context Factor	Your Simulation Context	
COMPANY	Newly established division utilizing direct sales, DMR and National Solution Providers	
PRODUCT	MacroSoft's CloudOne Appliance™	
CUSTOMER	Small, upper mid market, enterprise departmental who may have the following needs: Backup Disaster Recovery, Web Based Applications, IoT, Etc.	
CHANNEL	Single Tier, services capable value added solution providers with managed services	
RESOURCES	People, Programs, Budget, etc.	
OBJECTIVE	\$5M Revenue on a \$2M budget spend. Set Program Funding to Build out Program Recruit Enable Win	

Use Cases

- Managed Security or Networking
- Digital Ready Infrastructure
- Hybrid Cloud Server
- IoT/Al Server
- Backup-Disaster Recovery
- Any LOB or Departmental Enterprise Server

Key Product Features:

- Cloud management and IoT platform
- Self-contained hardware unit
- Built in security and network
- Pre-integrated access to most major public cloud offerings
- Open APIs

Customer Business Value:

- Reduced costs
- Faster time to market
- Reduced risks

Sold as MRR:

- Consumed by MSP or placed with customer in order to offer a service
- Priced as a service



Now, Prioritize Your Budget Spend Priorities for Your Ideal Partner

All are important, RED Indicates Partner Priorities

Product Led Resellers

- ✓ Predictable product flow
- Competitive SRP pricing & Rebates
- ✓ Strong brand presence
- ✓ Clear, stable front-end margins
- ✓ On-line sales & technical training
- ✓ Deal protection/reg.
- ✓ Affordable training
- ✓ Access to Channel rep
- ✓ Minimal channel conflict

Simplicity & affordability

Project Based Services

- ✓ Reference architectures
- Technical training, architectures & tools Certification/Specializations
- Clear rules of engagement (w/vendor, partners & field sales)
- ✓ Co-marketing/MDF, Incentives/Rebates
- ✓ Use-cases and references
- ✓ Prof. Services mentoring & tools

Services-attach & tech. depth

Managed Services

- ✓ Deep technical relationship
- Classroom and lab based training
- ✓ Utility-based licensing models
- ✓ Expedited L3/L4 support
- ✓ Creative financing
- ✓ P2P collaboration program visibility
- ✓ Compensation neutrality for vendor field teams

Solid technology financing/licensing

Match Your Spend Priorities to the Navigator Simulation Buckets

revenue items or discussion. We will address contra-revenue later in the Channel Masters curriculum.



	Incentives (OPEX only and includes business development funds*)	Demand Generation Funds (includes all MDF)	Program or Other Partner Marketing Activities (excluding MDF)
Description	This category includes all of the program elements associated with partner incentives to drive: • Product sales • Education • Training behavior, etc.	This category includes all of the program elements that are related to driving end user demand with and through your partners. Note: this does not include corporate end user demand generation, advertising, trade shows, etc.	This category includes all of the program elements that relate to marketing your program and all aspects of "marketing to" your partners.
Includes: These are items that may be included in this budget section. This is not an exhaustive list, so other items can be included.	 Business development funds Sales SPIFFs Rebates Performance incentives Deal registration incentives Special pricing programs, etc. *This includes OPEX funds only so do not confuse this with any contra-	 End-user targeted advertising Promotions Marketing activities designed to generate qualified leads Trade show participation Joint seminars, etc. 	 Channel based print/web advertising Industry events Emails Newsletters Self-created webinars Partner road shows, etc.



Match Your Spend Priorities to the Navigator Simulation Buckets Continued



	Support (includes program infrastructure AND partner eval units, POCs, Pre/Post sales support items & portal)	Education (Sales and Technical)	Other
Description	 This category includes all of the program elements that are necessary to: Execute and implement your partner program Support partners during sales engagements 	This category includes all of the program elements that are related to enabling your partner's technical or sales teams.	This category is open ended and designed to be a place to make investments outside of what is listed. This is intended to be a place to add creative ideas that might be outside of the normal investments.
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Reading the Navigator Handbook

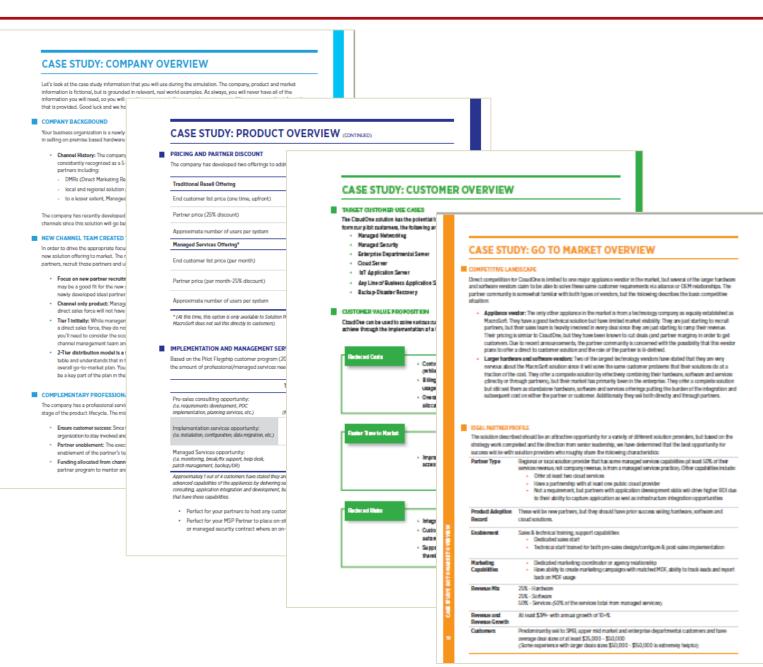
Four Case Study Sections in the Navigator are each color coded.

Section 1: Company Overview

Section 2: Product Overview

Section 3: Customer Overview

Section 4: Go-to-Market Overview



Team Workshop Phase 1 – Reading the Navigator Handbook

Navigator (Simulation) Overview

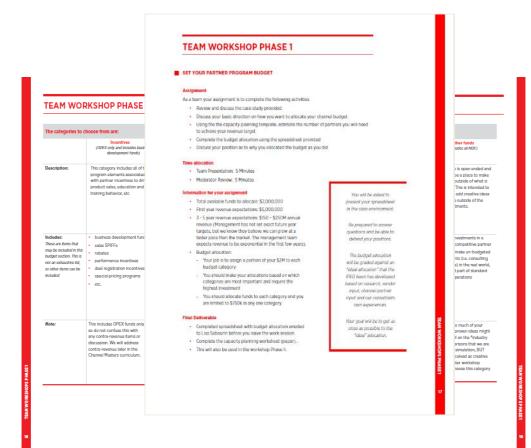
Pages 4-6

The Business Environment

- Pages 7-14
- The Product: "MacroSoft's CloudOne Appliance"
- Managed Services Offering: ASP \$1,000 per mo./per appliance
- Target market: SMB, mid market and enterprise
- Competitive Landscape: limited to one major appliance vendor, but many larger HW & SW vendors claim capabilities via alliance or OEM relationships
- Single tier channel of highly productive HW & SW VARs with solution and managed services capabilities. Annual revenues of \$10M - \$40M and growing.

Phase 1: Partner Program Budget Planning

- Infrastructure assumptions: Page 13
- Invest in the Right Program Elements: Pages 17-19
- Spend \$2,000,000 to build your program that will achieve a \$5,000,000 revenue contribution in launch year one



Phase 1 Build Program Budget: Simulation Logistics

You are buying program components in the stated increments

Lisa will send each team member an email with:

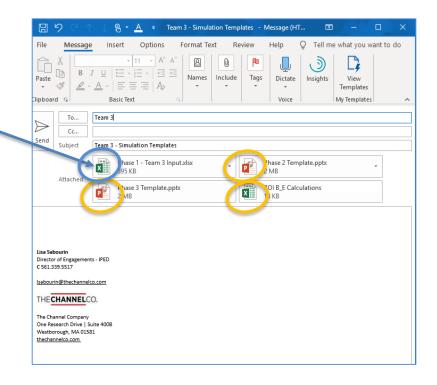
- Input Spreadsheet for Phase 1: to allocate budget dollars
- PPT Templates/Reference Materials for Phases 2 & 3 (hold onto these for later)

Pull Capacity Planning Template and Budget Allocation Definitions from the back pocket of your binder.

- 1. Using the Capacity Planning Template, estimate the number of partners you will need to achieve \$5M in revenue.
- 2. Using the Budget Input Spreadsheet provided, complete your purchase of the program components until you spend your \$2,000,000 budget to achieve a \$5,000,000 revenue number in Year 1

(Note: The 3-5 year revenue expectation is \$30M - \$50M in annual revenue)

- 3. Save your Capacity Planning Template (paper) for Phase 2
- 4. Save your final Budget Allocation (spreadsheet) on your laptop
- 5. Email a copy of your final Budget Allocation to Lisa lsabourin@thechannelco.com



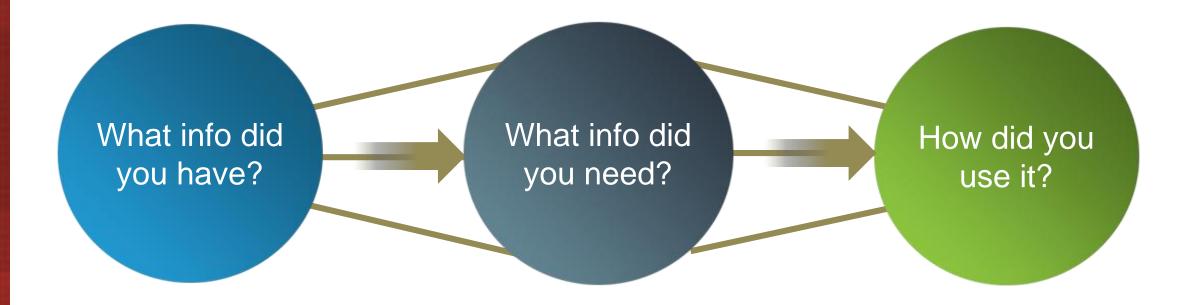
Once emailed, you may not make any adjustments.



Debrief Team Workshop Phase 1

Set Your Partner Program Budget

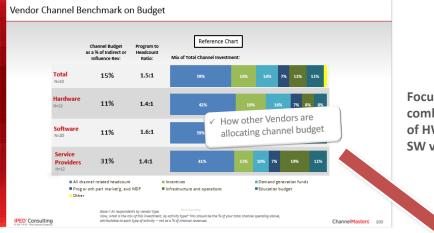
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Simulation Calculation Methodology

VENDOR INVESTMENT PRIORITY



2019 Annual Report Card Study. Ranking shown reflects average across selected value based products categories.



Focus on combination of HW and **SW** vendors



CHANNEL EXPERIENCE

Used real world experience to rationalize model to simulation assumptions



nber	Program Element		Budget Amt (\$) Note: \$750K Ma Program Ele	
1	Incentives (OPEX only)		51	16.7%
2	Demand generation funds (Includes all MDF)		\$1	10.7%
3	Program or other partner marketing excluding MDF		51	16.7%
4	Support (includes Infrastructure)		\$1	16.7%
5	Education budget		\$1	16.7%
6	Other		51	16.7%
		Total Allocated MAXIMUM Amt left to allocate: % left to allocate:	\$2,000	

RESULTS

PARTNER PREFERENCE

ARC Importance Criteria Ratings	RANK
(Product) Quality and Reliability	1
Ease of Doing Business	2
Revenue and Profit Potential	3
(Product) Technical Innovation	4
Richness of Product Features / Functionality	5
Profit Margins / Profit Potential *	6
(Product) Compatibility & Ease of Integration	7
Post-Sales Support	8
Communication	9
Manages Channel Conflict	10
Marketability	11
Services Opportunity	12
Pre-Sales Support	13
Solution Provider Program	14
Field Teaming and Channel Compensation Alignment *	15
Quality of Field Management	16
Training	17
Integration with Services Management Tools*	18
Cloud-Readiness of Channel Program *	19
Marketing Support	20
Consumption Based / Subscription Pricing *	21

^{*} Refers specifically to Cloud and Managed serviced



Partner Priorities. Annual Report Card for Value Based Solutions

What's Most Important

When Evaluating Vendors



- ✓ 2019 Annual Report Card Study. Ranking shown reflects average across selected value-based products categories.
- ✓ Over 3,000 solution provider respondents
- Different for your specific products.

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IPED Vendor Benchmark Research: Helping Channel Chiefs Justify Spend

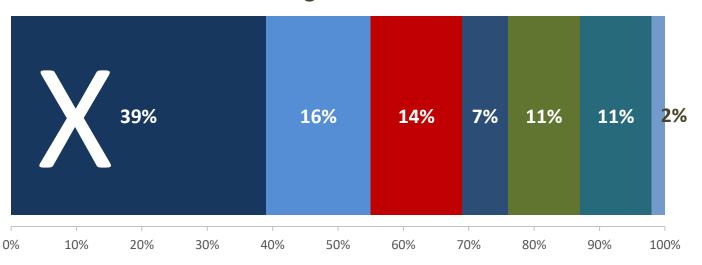
This is a Channel Chief task in real life!



You will allocate budget across these categories in your teams.

There will be no budget targeted to headcount, it has already been allocated for you!

How is the total channel budget allocated?



- All channel-related headcount
- Incentives
- Demand generation funds
- Program or other partner marketing excluding MDF
- Infrastructure and operations
- Education budget
- Other

N=98

HC has been hired, do not allocate budget to headcount

Source: IPED Channelytics Vendor Benchmark Study

Base = All respondents; by Vendor Type

Now, what is the mix of this investment, by activity type? This should

be the % of your total channel spending above, attributable to each type of activity -- not as a % of channel revenues.

But Wait, There's More!





What About Other Routes to Market; Stay Tuned for the IPED Profitability Webinar

Partner Type	Account Management Objectives Requiring Program or Contract Support		
ISVs	Development Design Win	Lead with Your Brand	Potential Royalty, Resale, Influence Revenue
DIRECT MARKETING RESELLERS (DMRs)	Heads on Call Center Floor	Design into Marketing Campaigns	In-bound, Outbound call centers, Spiff Impact is High
SERVICE PROVIDERS	Architectural Design Win	Share of "sell to" Revenue	With "sell to" relationship, investigate opportunity to coordinate reseller recruitment
MSPs	Architectural Design Win	Share of "sell to" Revenue	Influence as existing on-premise workloads move to managed service

Which Partner Business Models have Access to the Target Markets?

