

Your Program Thoughts Should Include Coverage & On-boarding Thoughts



PRODUCT STRATEGY

REQUIRED INPUT

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

CHANNEL STRATEGY

RTM

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

Capacity

- ✓ Partner Productivity **Assumptions**
- ✓ Capacity Planning
- ✓ Value 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

✓ Pre- and post-

structures

Pricing and

discount

models

✓ Incentive

sale support

FIELD EXECUTION

Recruit

- ✓ Staffing model
- ✓ Onboarding activities
- Role of distribution

Manage

- ✓ Program metrics management
- Joint business planning
 - Rules of engagement



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



Partner Enablement & Management

How You Manage Your Partners Depends On WHO They Are As Well As "WHERE" They Are

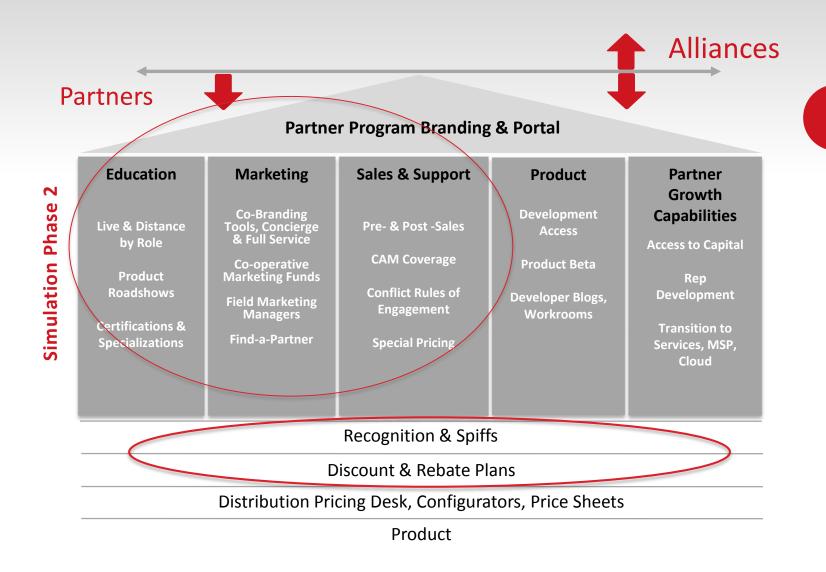




- How much effort / investment?
- How much revenue expected?
- How stable is the relationship?
- Which specific actions / tactics apply?

Each discipline must be adapted to partner types (model / effectiveness / etc.) as well as relationship type & coverage model

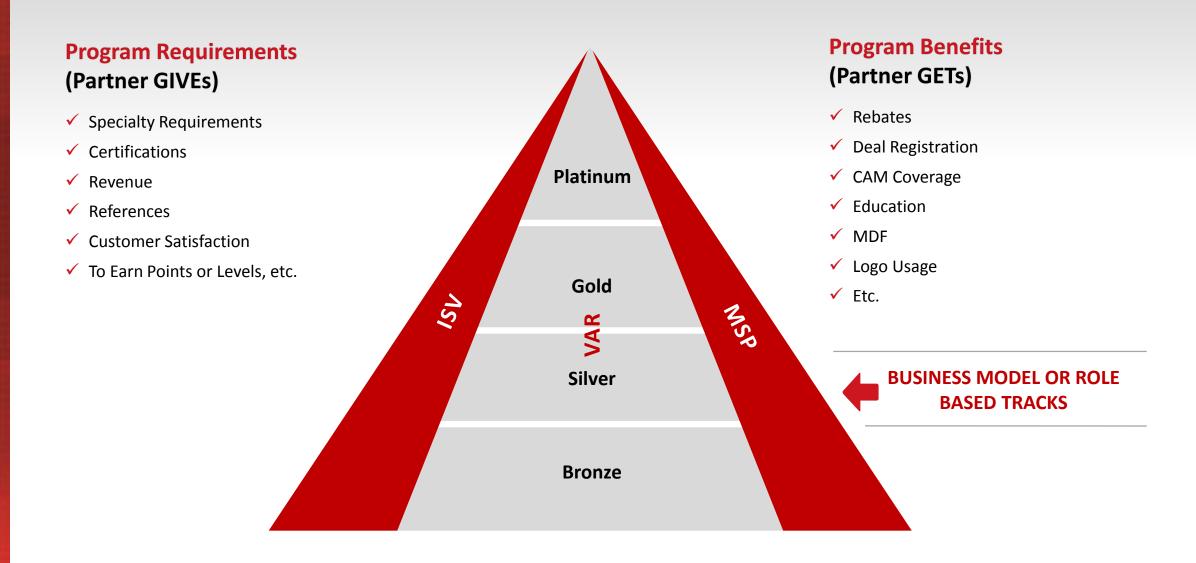
Sample Partner Program Benefits (Typically developed and differ by business model/track)





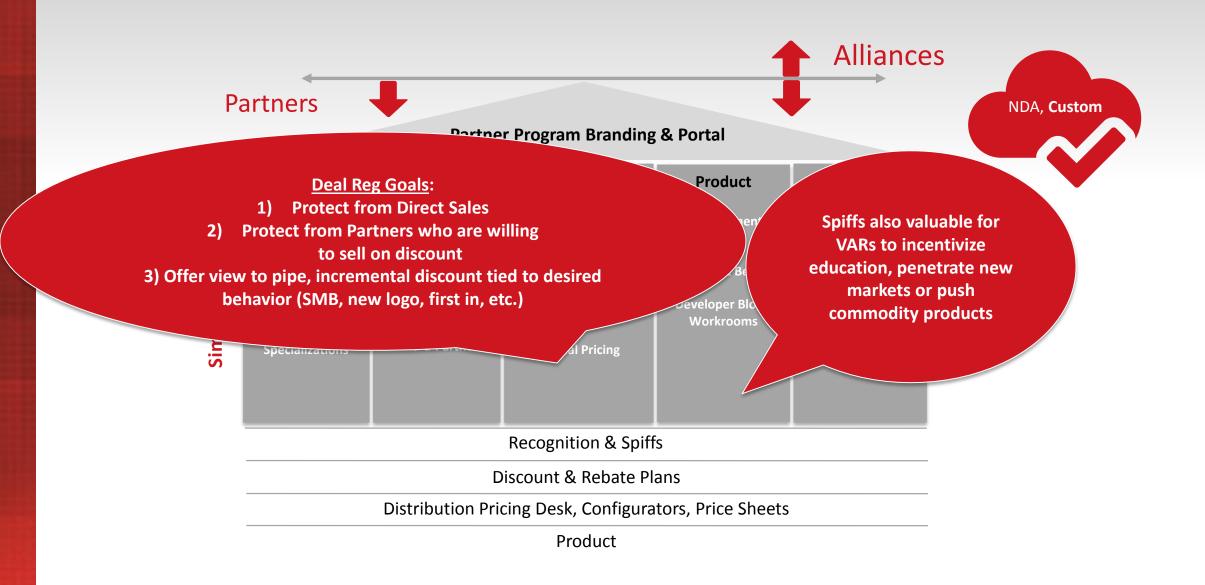
NDA, Custom

A Mature Program Would Include Multiple Levels & Tracks by Biz Model





11. Build First 3 Columns for Your Ideal Partner Profile: One Track, No Levels





11.1 Sales Education: Content Matters

Easy to Use

- ✓ Short and to the point
- Easy, clear and time efficient
- ✓ Practical and easy to understand
- ✓ It was available when I needed it
- ✓ Simple, easy, but accomplished a goal
- ✓ Effective and quick
- Well planned, executed and available in multiple formats
- Easy to use, flexible, reliable, credible

Leads to Sales

- Includes information that leads to customer sales
- ✓ It focused on the entire sales cycle
- ✓ Drove quick sales
- Enhanced my product knowledge to better close sales
- Taught me how to diagnose a customer situation and build a win, win scenario

Product Sales

- Taught employees to respond to customer inquiries
- Taught me new features on best of breed product
- Allowed me to leave with a working demo



11.1 New Business Models Require New Education & Support Offerings

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:

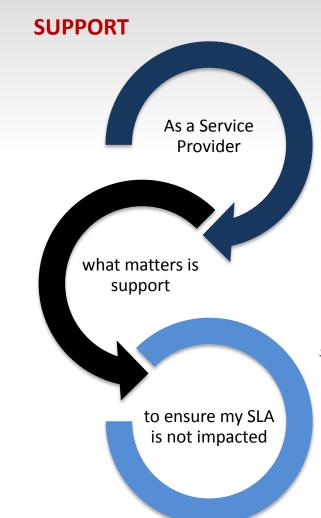
we Google to see what others are saying, LinkedIn and MSP discussion groups

If we commit strategically:

then I'll find vendor's sales education

We're an MSP, we just need positioning

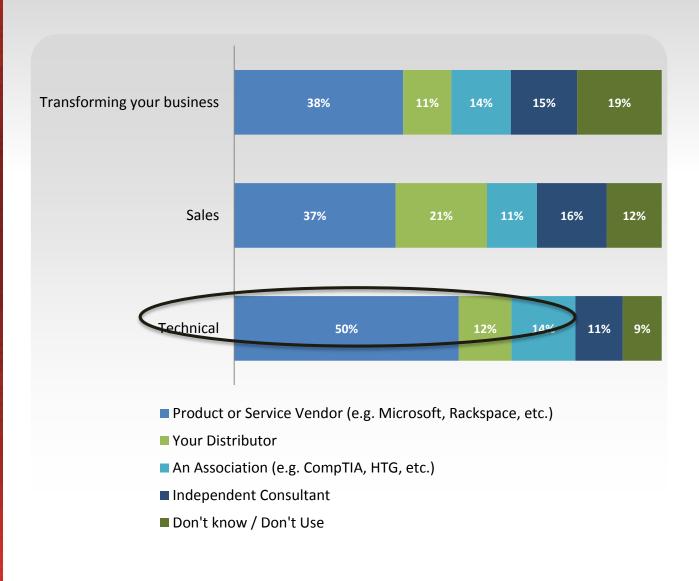
20 minutes would be ideal; no more than 1hr



"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."

11.1 Vendors Account for 50% of Technical Training Delivered with Distributors Delivering Roughly 12%



"Our training is sourced from a combination of distributors and vendors."

"Best of Breed is efficiency when we need it!

- Basic features
- What business problem it solves or the intended purpose
- Why is it different or better than the alternatives
- Sizing, configuration and model differences"

"Our CEO will not invest in non-technical training... I look at CRN, Infoweek, RSS feeds, network or vendors visiting. I don't need to pay CompTIA to tell us."

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



11.1 Best of Breed Technical Education includes a "Virtual Sandbox" Lab

Vendor:



Compelling event: Citrix acquires XenSource

Objective: train global partner ecosystem on the newly acquired Citrix XenServer (virtualization technology)

- In a compressed timeframe
- Requiring a cost effective and on-demand delivery



Supporting onsite, online, and hybrid classrooms.

The "virtual sandbox" provides students with instant, on-demand access to virtual lab environments from the convenience of a web-browser and allows students to build technical skills.

Solution: Citrix XenServer integrated within the Toolwire "virtual sand box" platform. Provides each user the ability to access physical servers for the labs focusing on a range of technical topics. (e.g., users have the ability to install and configure Citrix XenServer components on a physical server as well as on a virtual machine image, as needed.)

"Working with Toolwire to develop and deliver an experiential training solution to meet our Citrix XenServer global training objectives has enabled us to cost effectively extend our training footprint. We see on-demand, hands-on training as a value add to our partners and a differentiator that will contribute to an increase in our global virtualization market share."

-Julieann Scalisi, Managing Director of Education for Citrix Systems

IPED Consulting

11.1 Education Table Stakes

Provide Content & Learning Paths by Role

• E.g. Sales, Developer, Implementer, Architect, Service Level Manager, etc.

More often, Educate for Solutions Rather than Products

Private cloud solution versus server & storage

Ensure Learning Path Ease of Access, Ease of Use and Personalization

- Learning paths should facilitate training plans and track progress via dashboards by individual
- Consider which content is available outside firewalls, e.g. YouTube
- Think hard before requiring expensive, in person training requiring travel and time out of territory
- Provide "test outs" and fast path education when a similar or competitive certification is held

Facilitate Access to Developers & Communities

Both inside (authenticated) and Outside (YouTube, LinkedIn, Twitter) of your Partner Portal



11.1 Education Best Practices

The New Builders Podcast

By IBM developerWorks TV

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Description

Today's applications are central to decision-making at all levels of society - whether governments monitor critical infrastructure using smart sensor data, or helping cons buy their favorite brand of cereal. The New Builders podcast features interviews with apps, in which they reveal their best practices, latest projects and favorite tools.

	Name	Description	Released	Р
1	Ep. 31: Data, Demos-N	This week, we're previ i	3/15/2017	F
2	Ep. 30: Meditations on Cl	The TV landscape has i	2/26/2017	F

- Virtual technical labs with continued access after class
- Mobile device delivered content
- Determine what must be ubiquitous and outside the firewall versus inside
- Individual incentives to achieve required learning including, cash/debit cards, points programs for merchandise, access to developer or Vendor Partner forums, individual designations/badges/certification titles

MSP education needs differ.

Sales education is considered best of breed when the curriculum provides revenue generating direction in the least amount of time, when needed.



Best of breed technical training requires the use virtual labs where work can be saved for reference after class.



Spiffs

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

- Time and Money
- Cost and ROI
- 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



Almost **80%** of respondents expect free (47%) or vendor funded (33%) support and education.

"Lack of executive support."

"Lack of proximity (major metropolitan area) and we prefer in person training."

"Our CEO will not invest in training."



11.2 Partners Declare Marketing a Significant Weakness



Marketing

- Assistance to supplement Partners' acknowledged poor marketing skills is highly valued
- ✓ Fewer than 35% of solution providers utilize vendor self service marketing assets.
- ✓ Some, looking for high touch support, opt for lesser known vendors who will allocate full marketing support.

"Ruckus isn't necessarily best of breed, but I'm building a pipeline with them.
Ruckus is trying to capture share from the big guys, they tailored demand creation to meet our needs."

"Both Cisco and EMC have invested in Channel Partner Marketing Certification."

11.2 Partners Rank the Value of Marketing Benefits Available from You and Distribution

Partner Investments	IT Vendors	Distributors
1. Email/on-line mktg.	1. Web content syndication	1. Video production
2. Social media platform	2. Email/on-line mktg.	2. Marketing campaign mgmt.
3. Lead mgmt. & nurturing	3. Mktg. campaign mgmt.	3. Web content syndication



11.2 Self Service Tools Demonstrate A Less Than 35% Adoption Rate. Vendor Support Is Needed To Supplement The Typical Partners' Capabilities.

The Question

Can high touch capabilities scale to the masses through a marketing automation investment driving greater participation?

BEST OF BREED OPTIONS

<35% ADOPTION

SELF SERVICE

- Enable partners with simple, easy to use, turnkey campaigns
- Allows partners to customize multiple campaign elements for complete end-to-end marketing programs

SUPPORTED SERVICE

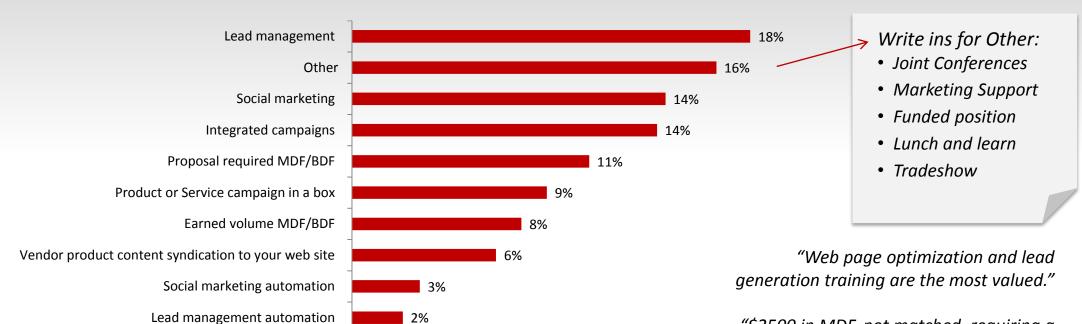
- Deliver guidance and direction to partners and assist with planning, setup and execution of campaigns
- Single point of contact for all marketing inquiries
- Leveraged for high value partners

MANAGED SERVICE

- Deliver full marketing support to partners from planning through execution
- Offers highest level of automation and integration
- Designed to minimize partner effort
- Focus on highest value marketing activities and partners



11.2 Best of Breed Partner Marketing is a Supported or Managed Service typically allocated to Strategic Partners



"Complete end to end support, funded through MDF, including mailings, website support (with content syndication) and twitter tie-in."

"Integrated marketing automation solution with CRM to provide visibility to sales and letting them help provide lead scoring with aggressive tele-follow up by the vendor and distributor."

"\$2500 in MDF, not matched, requiring a 40 to 1 ROI. It happened simply across multiple product lines. Yes, it was proposal based. I reported back on a spreadsheet." provided by a major HW and SW vendor alliance

11.2 Joint Marketing Inhibitors Range from Business Goal Mismatch to Lack of Willingness to Utilize Self Service Materials

Small company, limited resources Not big enough We are of Insignificant Size We don't qualify for vendor co-op and campaigns **Lack of marketing department Lack of manpower** Lack of Funds, Time & Staff Lack of funding, funding, funding Costs and time, time, time Paperwork requirements Difficult to Use • Too complicated, logistics We segment the market differently **Business Goal Mismatch** • We are too diversified in our offerings to focus on a specific product • They sell products, we sell a service with those products



11.3 Coverage Model Considerations



Enabling new partners is an intensive activity ... but it can be scaled and systemized for different tiers of partners

TIER 1 PARTNERS

TIER 2 PARTNERS

TIER 3 PARTNERS

Direct Managed Relationships = CAM Coverage

- Customized business plans and resource investments
- Detailed ramp expectations and forecast-ability

Indirect Managed Relationships = ICAM Coverage

- Semi-customized business plans and resource allocations
- Still detailed enablement calendars; but less forecast-able

Disti/Un-Managed Relationships = Portal Coverage

- Standardized business planning templates adjusted for segments
- Standardized resource allocations and conditions
- Automated, Push-email based on-boarding plans and task lists

11.1 – 11.3 Outline Your Program in a GIVE to GET Format

- Go back to worksheet 8 and pull the Ideal Partner profile.
- Is your program screening for this type of partner?
- Ensure your program design and recruitment presentation are directed at a partner who meets the profile.





What Happens After They Say YES?

Just Because They Signed Up Doesn't Mean They're Ready to Go ... Or Likely to Produce Revenue Anytime Soon

- ✓ Vendors invest millions of dollars in recruiting ... much of it wasted on partners who never become productive
- ✓ Once a partner is in the program, it's almost entirely up to the Channel Manager to cause that partner to become productive
- ✓ The concept of "buyer's remorse" universally applies once the buzz of the recruiting process wears off

Time Is Critical

- ✓ The **FIRST 90 DAYS** of your relationship directly influence whether the partner will ever become productive
- ✓ Even the most effective partners may require intensive support for 1 FULL YEAR
- ✓ When sales cycles are longer than 90 days, focus on and measure the activities that lead to revenue

Partner Recruiting – Closing The Deal and Commit to On-board

Once a Channel Partner Agrees to Join Your Program,
the Effectiveness and Simplicity of your Sign-up Process is Mission Critical

Formal Application – Make It Easy!

- Make a simple checklist of all the paperwork to ensure you don't miss any details in the process
- Help them fill out the paperwork ... no matter how short or long it is

Authorization – Make It Fast!

- Provide a specific description of exactly who is involved the approval process, what steps will be taken, and how long each stage of the process will take
- Notify the partner of progress throughout the process ... even if it's just a formality

Distribution Alignment – Make It Obvious!

- If it's necessary for partners to purchase through Distribution, make sure you tell them why ... in terms that add value for the Partner!
- If there's additional paperwork to be completed ... see the "Application" information above

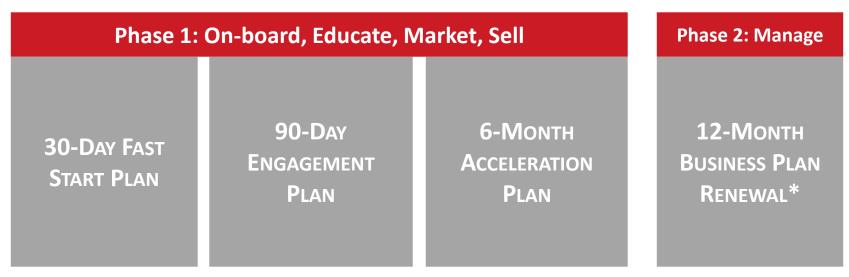
Next Steps – Make It Urgent!

- No matter how compelling the reasons were to sign up, if you don't IMMEDIATELY follow up with action that leads to opportunity then "buyer's remorse" will undo the entire process
- Be specific exactly what you'll do, when, why, and what's in it for the Partner



11.4 Building A Partner On-Boarding & Enablement Plan

- Foundation for Performance and Accountability
- Simple, Specific, Repeatable Process
- Brand It, Teach It, Own It, Execute It Consistently
- Incorporate Business Plans for "Managed" Partners in either Phase 1 or Phase 2



"Business Plan should be initiated no later than 12 months after recruitment for "Managed" Partners



11.4 Typical On-boarding Structure – Brand the Program

30-Day Fast Start Plan

90-Day Engagement Plan

6-Month
Acceleration Plan

12-Month
Business Plan

- Basic Connections, Contracts, Forms, etc.
- ✓ Logistics
- ✓ Introductions
- ✓ Sales Introductions
- ✓ Initial Technical Training Plan

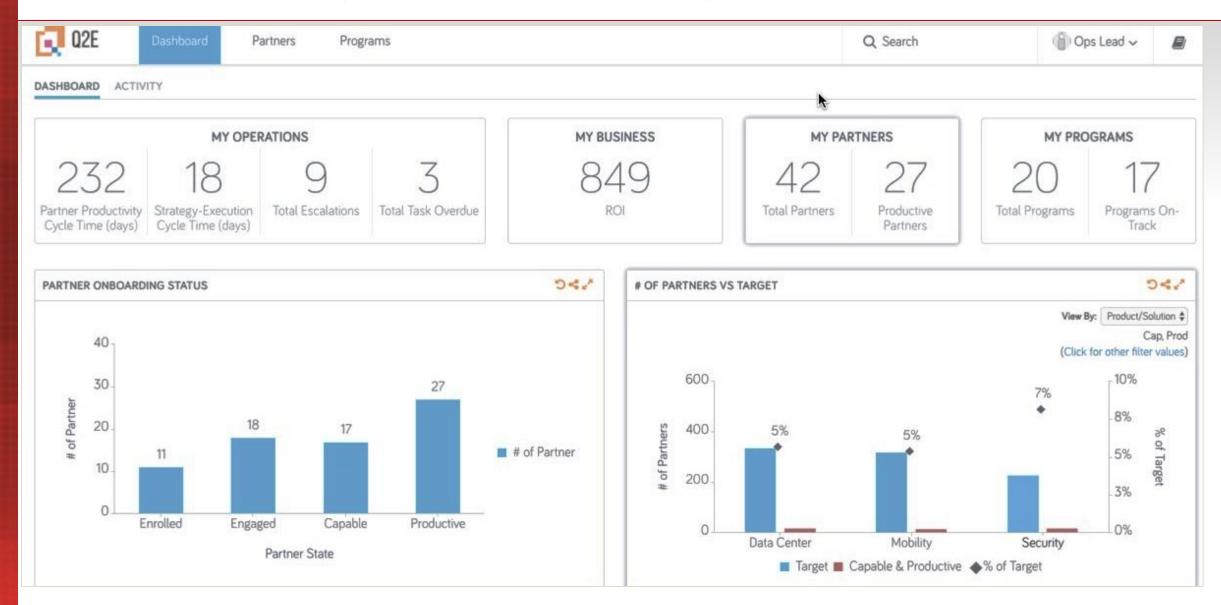
- Technical Training Activities
- ✓ Sales Planning and Targeting
- ✓ Initial Sales Opportunities
- ✓ Systems Alignment
- ✓ Executive Alignment

- ✓ Joint Sales Activities
- ✓ Customer Assessments
- ProductDemonstrations
- ✓ Initial Customer Wins
- ✓ Product Delivery & Logistics

- Accelerating Sales Activity
- ✓ Technical Service Development
- ✓ Sales Forecasting
- ✓ Communication Processes
- ✓ Growth Strategies



11.4 Sample On-boarding Dashboard – Brand the Program



Sample: 30 Day Plan to Success



Check List – 30 Days

- Contracts
- Introductions: Channel Manager / Sales / Technical
- Order / Process Training
- Identify two Sales Reps and schedule training
- Identify two Sales Engineers / Implementation and schedule training
- Joint Meeting with Customer to schedule POC
- ☐ Identify Marketing Resources; contact interfaces
- MDF Plans
- Demo Kits on site; and schedule on-site engineer to install, implement and train

Sample: 90 Day Plan to Success



Check List – 90 Days

- Build business plan with CM
- Executive governance and alignment
- Complete training; both sales and technical
- Complete marketing plan with seed money
- Partner Ready On-Demand Marketing Tool Kits
- Complete Initial Customer POCs with WINs
- Partner identifies four potential customers
- □ Face-to-Face Co-Sell
- Schedule POC

Sample: 180 Day Plan to Sustainable Sales



Check List – 180 Days

- Published Customer References / Press Release
- Execute two "Vendor prime--Partner sub" implementation opportunities
- 6 month review
 - On-boarding & Enablement Plan review
 - 4 Closed Opportunities
 - Establish 90 Day Goals
 - Prepare to move to full Business Plan at 12 months
- Identify additional resources to support growth in implementation requirements

11.5 Dashboard Measures of Success

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Partners On-boarded	8	20	28	40
Pipeline	\$3M	\$6M	\$9M	\$12M
Revenue	\$1.2M	\$3.1M	\$4.36	\$6.23

Activity	Goal	YTD	Notes
Partners Recruited; 60	60		
Active Partners (made it to Lift Off); 30	30		
Sales Training (2/partner)	60		
Pre-Sales Tech Training	30		
Marketing Training	30		
Operations Training	30		
Demo Unit	30		
Joint Business Plan	30		
MDF (\$14K/partner)	\$420K		
Marketing Activities (40/partner/year)	1200		
Joint Sales Calls (1/month/partner)	360		
Customer Wins	\$10M		

Monthly Dashboard Metrics

Track performance against plans:

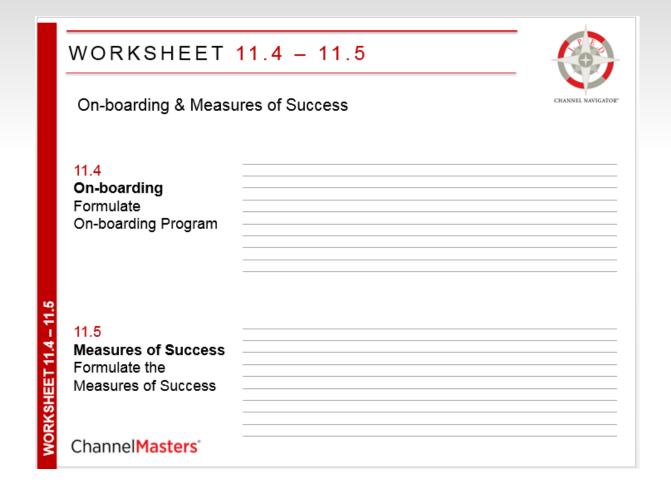
- Capacity
- Education
- Marketing
- Revenue

In real life: your company culture and systems support typically dictate how elaborate or simple your tracking dashboard will be.

11.4 – 11.5 Ensure Success with On-boarding and Measures of Success

- With the decisions you made in worksheets 11.1, 11.2 and 11.3 in your hand, organize as a team or divide and conquer to brainstorm your:
 - on-boarding program and
 - measures of success
- You are preparing for an internal Management meeting.

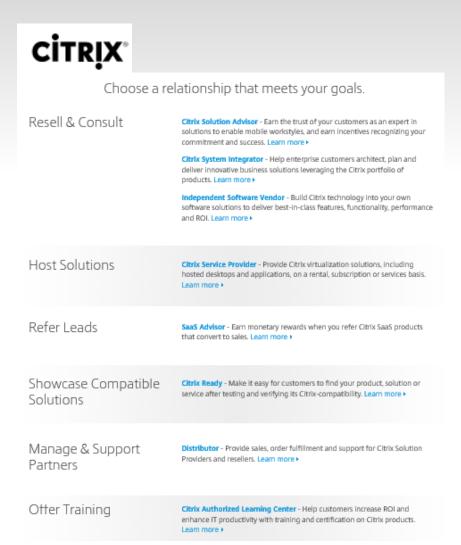




IN REAL LIFE



Role Based versus Specific Track Program Structures





Ways to Partner with SAP

SAP Channel Partners

Join the value-added resellers that build, service, and sell SAP solutions to customers of all sizes including the rapidly expanding SME market.

Learn more >

SAP Authorized Resellers

Resell and implement our leading analytic, database & technology, and mobile solutions - to expand your market reach and boost your revenue.

Learn more >

SAP Extended Business Member Program

Align with an SAP channel partner through our extended business program to access tools that help you sell, implement, or develop SAP solutions.

Learn more >

SAP Crystal Solutions

Grow your revenue by reselling SAP Crystal solutions. To obtain authorization, contact your local SAP Crystal Solutions distributor.

Learn more >

SAP OEM Partners

Embed and integrate SAP solutions and platforms into your own offerings to expand your market potential and provide greater customer value.

Learn more >

SAP PartnerEdge for Application Development

The tools, benefits, and support to help you quickly build, market, and sell SAP platform-based apps through the SAP Store.

Learn more >

Partner Managed Cloud Subscription Delivery

Give customers the flexibility, rapid time to value, and pay-asyou-go economics of the cloud together with fully managed. enterprise-class SAP solutions.

Learn more >

SAP Outsourcing Operations Partners

Offer customers certified operations and maintenance services that provide high-quality. sustainable, and cost-effective operation of their SAP solutions. This program is by-invitation only

Learn more >

SAP Services Partners

Work with SAP sales teams to provide consulting services to our customers - helping them design, implement, and integrate our solutions

Learn more >

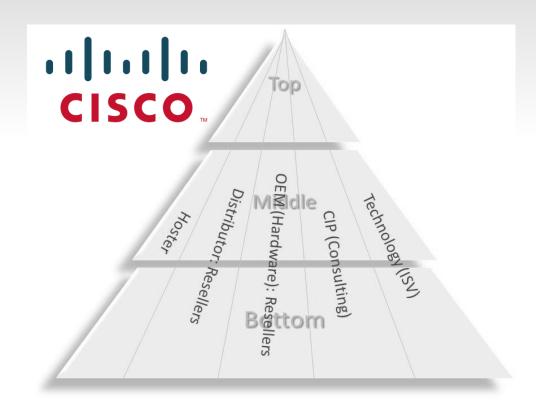
SAP Language Services Partners

Offer customer-specific language consultation support and translation services - to meet the needs of SAP customers in today's global market.

Learn more >



Next Gen Cisco Partner Program 2014



Driving Change

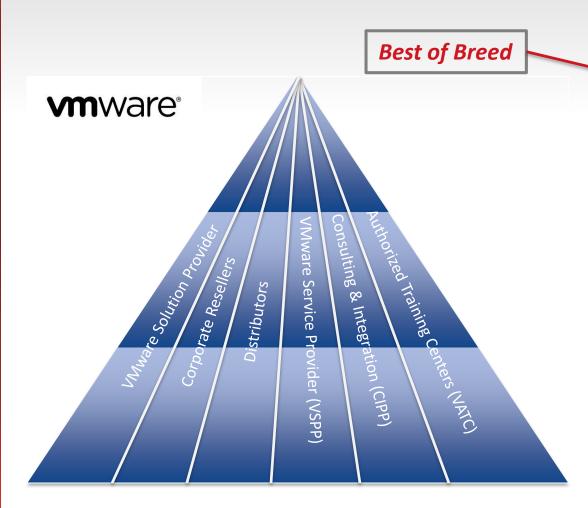
Driving Cloud Adoption by Role:

- ✓ Cloud Builder designed for those building clouds (private and pubic)
- ✓ Cloud Provider designed for those who want to take an offering to the public
- ✓ Cloud and Managed Services Reseller designed to connect the traditional Cisco reseller to a public cloud provider

2014 Cisco enters the Public Cloud Services Space, competes with AWS, VMware, etc.

Under the new program, partners at the Gold level — still the highest possible tier — need to be actively selling a minimum of four Cisco cloud or managed services offerings, and can only meet that requirement by selling at least one cloud service and at least one managed service.

Partner Program Trend Examples: VMware



VMware Best Practices focuses on helping partners build services and service revenue quickly:



Bundled kit of services wrapped around VMware Software to allow partners the ability to streamline and simplify many repetitive, time- intensive tasks performed in virtualization projects.

SKUd solution from distributors or available direct via download from VMware for higher level partners.

Service Kits also available to partners

Kits that wrap up VMware IP to provide partners with resources and tools to sell services around VMware products.

Includes:

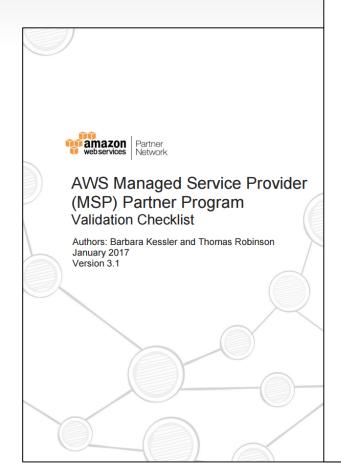
- Checklists
- Best practices
- Spreadsheets

Partner Program Examples: Amazon



Emerging vendors are NOT encumbered by the past.

- ✓ Focused on WHY they need partners and offering targeted programs
- ✓ Focused on specific business models that make sense for their product offerings
- Building programs that meet their needs sometimes contradicting traditional behavior
 - ✓ i.e. AWS Managed Services Program
 - ✓ Requires validation by 3rd party audit firm
 - ✓ \$3,000 USD audit fee + related travel expenses if applicable
 - ✓ Represented as Audited Managed Services Partners on AWS website/marketplace
 - ✓ According to AWS Partner finder = 93 MSP partners





AWS MSP Partner Program Validation Checklist

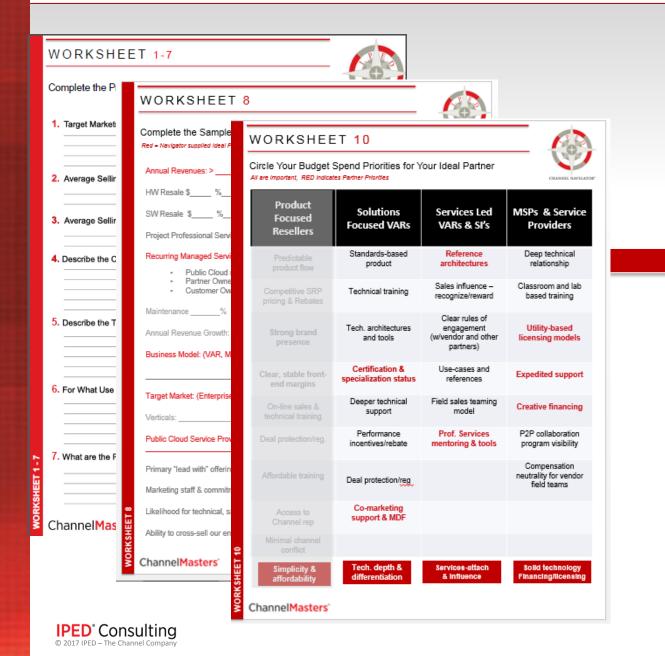
AWS MSP Partner Program Validation Checklist

Discover, Plan, Migrate, Integrate, Validate

		Subtract if Does Not Meet Capability	Add if Does Meet Capability	Partner Self- Assessment	Auditor Validation
1.0 Busines	s Health				
1.1 Financial Health	Partner regularly assesses financial health of their business including Altman's 2-Score, Dun and Bradstreet (D&B) Paydex Score, D&B Rating, D&B Financial Stress Score, D&B Supplier Evaluation Risk Rating, or equivalent. AWS MSPs are trusted advisors to customers of all sizes, helping companies make decisions based on their overall goals. In undertaking customer engagements, AWS MSPs take the lead in ensuring customer data is protected and AWS best practices are followed in all areas including the planning and design, migration, and new solution development. The expectation is that these solutions and workloads will be monitored and maintained on an ongoing basis, with the AWS MSP providing regular touch points with the customer with continual recommendations on ways to increase efficiencies. Due to the importance of the role of the AWS MSP, Partners must also show that they have viable businesses to earn and maintain customer trust. Acceptable evidence includes D&B Company Credit	-200	0		
	Reports (or equivalent for Partner's region) and proof that Partner is assessing and creating plans when risks are identified. Public securities filings for the most recent period are sufficient evidence for publicly traded companies.				
	Articles in the press about the company, analyst reports, and/or statements made by the company on their website will not be considered sufficient evidence to meet this requirement.				
	Any mergers, acquisitions, or divestitures in-process that materially impact a company's ability to deliver AWS Cloud managed services must be disclosed at the time of the audit.				
1.2 Financial Planning and Reporting	Partner has processes in place for financial planning, including forecasting, budgeting, and review of financial metrics and reports.	-200	0		
	Evidence must be in the form of records of financial planning and reviews, and records of collection and review of financial metrics. Public securities filings for the most recent period are sufficient evidence for publicly traded companies.				



Use Data and Decisions from Module 1 Decisions to Outline Your Program





Today's Meeting

Agenda:

Meeting Goal:



- ➤ Goal of today's meeting is to update management on our progress before recruitment of partners commences.
- This meeting is a success if...management understands the partner profile, partner program, program elements, on-boarding program how they will support your revenue goal and measure of success



Capacity to Program Revenue Goal

- # of partners to recruit
- Typical Partner Productivity
- First year revenue goal

Budget Allocations

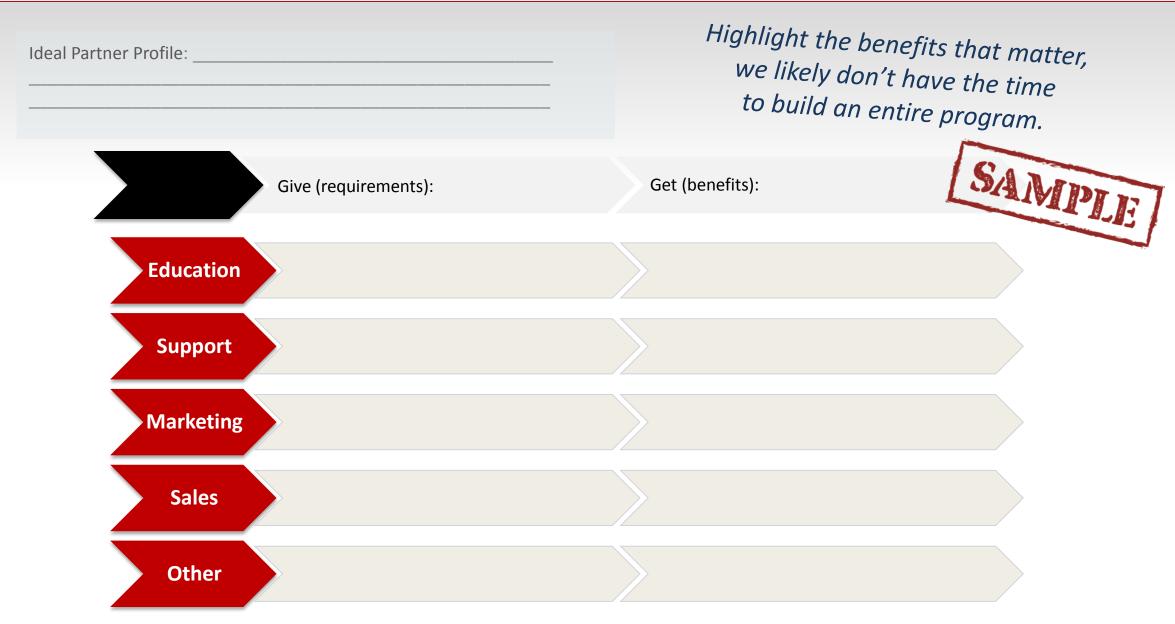
\$ amount by category amounts

Background...in prior meetings we were granted a \$2M budget, this is how we will use the budget to achieve the revenue goal

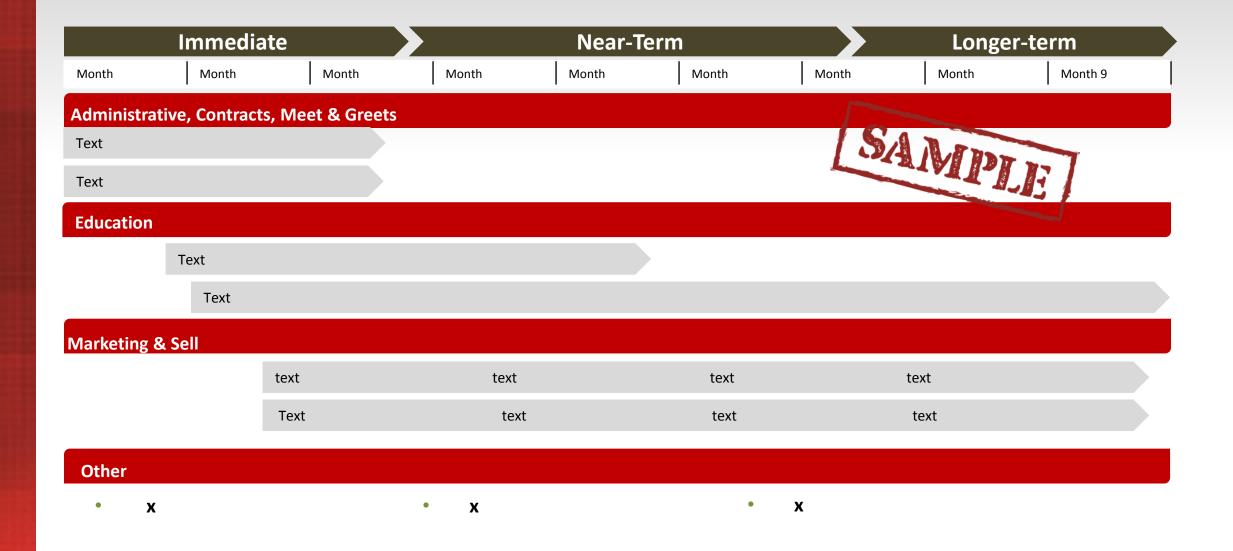
- Capacity Plan
- Links to Revenue Goal



Program Elements



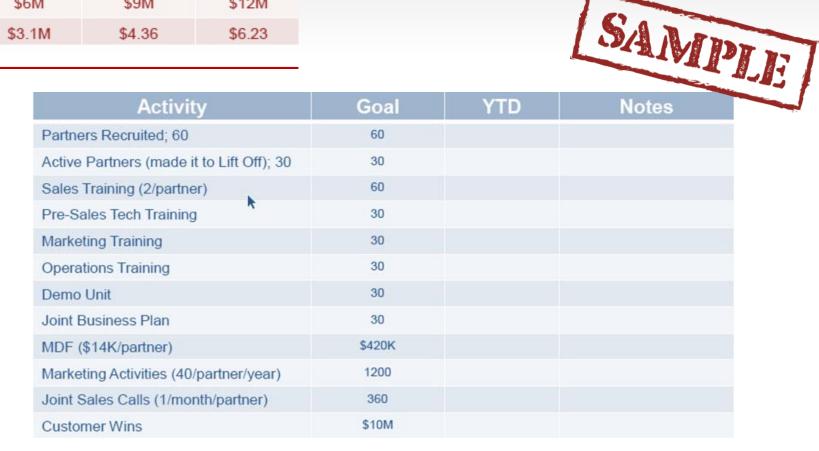
On-boarding Timeline – Brand it



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Determine what you will Measure and Track!!





Summary or Close

1. Your agreement



2. Next steps

3. TBD



Build Program Debrief

- On-boarding, in whose organization does this responsibility lie?
 - Which partners get TLC?
- Commodity product vs. complex product enablement plans?
- Templates, processes, branded?

