One Man Proposal Shop: Navigating to a "W"

Presented By:



TODAY'S AGENDA

- ✓ Basic Proposal Terms
- ✓ Proposal Organization/Components
 - ✓ Proposal Management Tools
 - ✓ Building the Technical Response



COMMON PROPOSAL TERMS

STATEMENT OF WORK (SOW)

RESPONSIVENESS/COMPLIANCE

BOILERPLATE

CAPTURE MANAGEMENT

RFP, RFI, RFQ

WIRED

UNSOLICITED PROPOSALS



PROPOSAL ORGANIZATION

- 1. Decision Matrix
- 2. Capture Management
- 3. Proposal Schedule
- 4. Writing Assignments
- 5. Reviews



DECISION PROCESS

1. INTEL

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY?



2. RESOURCES

DO I HAVE THE RESOURCES, EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS, PARTNERS?

3. BENEFITS

DOES THE RISK OUTWEIGH THE REWARD?



WHEN TO WALK

WIRED

RISK OUTWEIGHS THE REWARD

LIMITED INTELLIGENCE

LIMITED PROPOSAL BUDGET

LIMITED RESOURCES





PROPOSAL MANAGEMENT TOOLS

GO/NO GO MATRIX

PRE-WRITTEN
TEXT/BOILERPLATE/LIBRARY

PROPOSAL SCHEDULES

INFORMATION AGGREGATION/SOFTWARE

COLLABORATION TOOLS

PROPOSAL OUTLINES



BUILDING THE TECHNICAL RESPONSE

DECODING THE PROPOSAL RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

UNDERSTANDING THE PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

ANALYZING THE EVALUATION CRITERIA

BUILDING THE COMPLIANCE MATRIX



MANAGEMENT SECTION

– STAYING ON TIME, ON BUDGET, AND PROPERLY RESOURCED

SENIOR MANAGEMENT

PROGRAM/PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PROJECT TEAM INTERFACING

QUALITY CONTROL/QUALITY ASSURANCE

RISK MITIGATION & ASSESSMENTS STAFFING PLAN



MANAGEMENT SECTION: STAFFING PLAN

Company Organization and Staffing

Vendor must provide a description of its company organization and staffing, including the names and position titles of all personnel who are assigned to the project. This organization and staffing description must clearly demonstrate the vendor's ability to supervise and administer all aspects of fulfilling the submittal. Brief resumes of the key staff members who would work toward fulfilling the submittal are required.



MANAGEMENT SECTION: STAFFING PLAN

– RESUMES, ORG CHARTS, PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS, COMMENDATIONS

- •RESOURCES
- •RESUMES
- •COMMITMENT LETTERS
- •PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES
- •PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS



RESUMES SECTION

KEEP IT SIMPLE
KEEP SHORT & LONG FORM
NO PERSONAL INFO
CALL OUT YOUR "VALUE-ADDS"
KEEP TRACK OF CONTRIBUTIONS



TECHNICAL APPROACH

– THIS SECTION DETAILS THE PLAN FOR HOW THE PROJECT OBJECTIVES WILL BE ACHIEVED. IT USUALLY STARTS WITH A DESCRIPTION OF THE OVERALL APPROACH.

PROJECT APPROACH SUMMARY

WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURE

BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

TASK TIME ESTIMATES

PROJECT DELIVERABLES



TECHNICAL APPROACH: PROJECT SCHEDULE

ID	Task Name	Start	Finish	Duration	Sep 2008													
			Finish		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	765
1	Task 1	9/3/2008	9/5/2008	3d					7									
2	Task 2	9/8/2008	9/12/2008	5d					4									
3	Task 3	9/3/2008	9/4/2008	2d														
4	Task 4	9/5/2008	9/5/2008	1d		L												
5	Task 5	9/3/2008	9/5/2008	3d														
6	Task 6	9/8/2008	9/8/2008	1d					Ч		Ь							
7	Successful Milestone	9/9/2008	9/9/2008	0d							•							

	11.03	12.03	1.04	2.04	3.04	4.04	5.04	6.04
Preparation and Planning								
Develop project proposal								
Approve project proposal								
Recruit project team								
Development and Test								
Specify detail requirements								
Develop prototype								
Approve prototype								
Develop beta version								
Test beta version								
Apply final corrections								
Approve final version								
Implementation								
Train users								
Roll-out final version								



PAST PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PREVIOUS CUSTOMERS AND BUYERS

KEEP A LIBRARY OF GRAPHICS

KEEP SHORT & LONG FORM

CALL OUT YOUR "VALUE-ADD"

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR TEAM CONTRIBUTION

DON'T IGNORE CUSTOMER PROTOCOL

DON'T REPEAT SOW



PAST PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE





OTHER CRITICAL ELEMENTS

IMPORTANCE OF A COVERLETTER

ADDRESS

VALIDITY OF PROPOSALS TERMS

SUMMARY OF KEY PROPOSAL POINTS

POINT OF CONTACT

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES



PROPOSAL REVIEWS

A winning proposal is a compliant one



THANK YOU!

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