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# Improving Tradeshow Lead Management for Higher Sales Conversion

## Webinar Discussion Points

1. Key insights on lead management.
2. Calculate the real cost of poor lead management.
3. The four phases of closed-loop lead management
4. Defining what is and isn't a lead.
5. Setting realistic lead goals and building staff accountability.
6. Identifying the best information to capture to qualify leads.
7. Overview SWDC's lead retrieval system.
8. How to customize your lead capture device or develop an opportunity card.
9. Creating an easy to apply lead grading system.
10. Best practices for following-up.

1. How important are leads to the success of your exhibit program?  
Critical Important Somewhat Important  Not Important
2. Do you...
  - a. Capture leads? Yes No Unsure  
If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Know what becomes of your leads? Yes No Unsure

### **Key Insights on Lead Management**

1. If you're not writing orders at the show, the REAL product is leads.
2. \_\_\_\_\_% of show leads are never followed-up. Source: CEIR
3. \_\_\_\_\_% of sales people view show leads as cold calls. Source: Fish Software
4. \_\_\_\_\_% of buyers receive information after they have made a buying decision.  
Source: Fish Software
5. Problem starts with perception of lead value and CAPTURE process.
6. Most exhibitors don't know what becomes of show leads.

### **Why is This Happening?**

- Perceived \_\_\_\_\_ of tradeshow leads.
- Marketing and Sales “disconnect”.
- Lack of exhibit staff \_\_\_\_\_.
  - \_\_\_\_\_% of booth staff have never received one single hour of professional training on how to work an exhibit.
- Lack of “clarity” on what a lead really is.
- Lack of a “Closed-Loop” lead management system.

## Calculate the Real Cost of Poor Lead Management

### 1. Cost Per Lead:

- Total Show Investment/# Leads
- \$25,000 / 100 Leads = \$250 per lead



### 2. Revenue GAIN/LOSS Opportunity:

- Average Sale Amount x (# Leads x Lead Conversion %)
- \$5,000 x (100 leads x 25% = 25) = \$125,000

### 3. Impact on Brand:

- How does not following up impact your company's brand perception in the market?

## Focus on the Four Phases of Closed-Loop Lead Management



1. **Capture** high quality leads.
2. Efficiently **Route** leads to the right people for fast follow-up.
3. Effectively **Follow-Up** to convert leads to purchasing action.
4. Provide an easy method for lead recipients to **Report** progress and sales conversion.

## Define What Isn't and What Is a Lead

### What Isn't a Lead?

- Business card in a fish bowl or somebody's pocket
- Badge swipe or scan with no engagement or additional information

### What Is a Lead?

1. Personal Interaction
2. Qualifying Questions Asked
3. Answers \_\_\_\_\_
4. Next Step \_\_\_\_\_ and Agreed To by Visitor

## How to Set Realistic Lead Goals

**Exhibit Interaction Capacity** formula calculates the number of face-to-face interactions you can execute in your exhibit.

Use Exhibit Interaction Capacity formula to set Lead Goals:

	<u>Example</u>	<u>Participant</u>
● # of exhibiting hours	18	18
● # of booth staff*	<u>x 2</u>	x _____
● Total staff hours	36	_____
● Interactions/hr/staffer**	<u>x 3</u>	x _____
● Total target interactions	108	_____
● % of visitors to lead	<u>x.25</u>	x _____
● <b>Lead goal</b>	<b>27</b>	_____

\* 50 sq. feet/ staffer

\*\* 3/conservative 4/moderate 5/aggressive

## It's About What's Next!

Clarity of and commitment to \_\_\_\_\_ are critical leverage points to improve lead quality...

➤ *Ask and ye shall receive!*

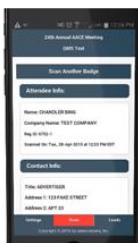
## Determine the Best Information to Capture to Qualify Leads

- \* Typical information areas might include:
  - Email Address – may not be in badge!
  - Product Interest & Level of Interest
  - Buying Role and/or \_\_\_\_\_
  - Evaluation and/or Decision Team
  - Competitors Buying From or Looking At
  - Purchase Timeframe or Season
  - Next Action Step
  - Other?



- \* Customize your lead capture device to make sure you get this information!





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	<b>Apple® device Rental:</b> <b>Package Includes:</b> Apple® device rental with qConnection lead retrieval app pre-loaded on the device, event set-up through unique access code, and qConnection show management website access.	\$295	\$345	
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**qConnection Show Management Website:**

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| ⇒ Edit qualifiers prior to scanning<br>⇒ Email leads to anyone<br>⇒ Download all leads, from all devices | ⇒ View Leads<br>⇒ Sort, edit and search leads<br>⇒ Mobile friendly |
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## How to Customize Your Capture Device and/or Develop an Opportunity Card

The form is titled 'Company OPPORTUNITY CARD' and includes fields for Name, Company, Direct Phone, and E-mail. It contains several sections with checkboxes and dropdown menus, each labeled with a red arrow on the right:

- Contact information:** Points to the Name, Company, Direct Phone, and E-mail fields.
- Relationship with company:** Points to the 'Customer', 'Prospect', 'Suspect', and 'Other?' checkboxes.
- Marketing recon:** Points to questions 1, 2, 3, and 4.
- Situational questions:** Points to question 5.
- Area of interest:** Points to the 'OPPORTUNITY' section.
- Qualification questions:** Points to question 6.
- Next action:** Points to question 9.
- Space for free hand notes:** Points to the 'NOTES' section.

## Develop an Easy-to-Apply Lead Grading System

Lead Grade	Time Frame for Purchase	Budget Identified	Buying Role	
A+	0 to 3 Months	Yes	Final Say/Specify	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine what information would assign value to a lead</li> <li>Determine number of codes required</li> <li>Define what each code means</li> <li>Make sure data and lead grading codes are integrated into capture device</li> </ol>
A	4 to 6 Months	Yes	Final Say/Specify	
B+	7 to 9 Months	Yes	Final Say/Specify Recommend	
B	10 to 12 Months	Yes	Recommend	
C+	More than 1 Year	Yes	Recommend	
C	Unknown	No	No Role	

## Assign a Lead Captain

Lead Captain Responsibilities:

- \_\_\_\_\_ and communicates lead goal.
- Ensures availability and functionality of capture devices.
- \_\_\_\_\_ lead goals versus actual.
- Acknowledges performance & corrects non-performance.
- Ensures data entry into CRM system and routing.
- Possibly, the point of contact for post-show reporting.

## **Build a Culture of Lead Reporting**

1. Create Culture of Reporting
  - Communicate Cost Per Lead.
  - Inform or cc lead recipient's manager.
  - Use \_\_\_\_\_ to kick-off the program.
2. Hold End of Shift or Day Lead Review Meeting
3. Close of Show Report
  - Number of leads captured versus goal.
  - Cost Per Lead.
  - Number of Leads and % by Priority Code.
  - Potential revenue value of leads.

## **Best Practices for Lead Response Management**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of response – fast information delivery equals higher conversion rate
2. Best days to make follow-up calls: \_\_\_\_\_ and Thursday
3. Best times to make follow-up calls: Between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm
4. Average follow-up stops after two attempts.
5. Persistence – by making a few more call attempts, you can increase contact and conversion rate by 70%

Source: Harvard Business Review



**Use Follow-Up Techniques to “Wow”  
and Be There When They’re Ready to Buy**

1. Prepare lead follow-up plan by priority BEFORE show.
2. Follow-up FAST or in line with visitor request.
3. Plan for \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ touches over the next 3 to 6 months.
4. Integrate multiple media:
  - \* Email
  - \* \_\_\_\_\_
  - \* Telephone
  - \* In-person visits
  - \* Social media
5. Deliver real value... don't just sell!
  - \* Reference Guides
  - \* Educational content & materials
  - \* Case Studies, testimonial letters and videos
  - \* Social media posts and groups
  - \* Newsletters
  - \* Product samples
  - \* Promotional products (refillable)

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

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## SWDC Commitment to Exhibitor Value, Knowledge & Success

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  - <http://swdentalconf.org/exsuccessroi/>



### About Your Expert Presenter

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Jefferson is President of Competitive Edge, a highly-specialized consulting and training firm on a mission to **inspire, lead** and **direct** businesses on how to more effectively use exhibiting to visibly support core business objectives and generate measurable financial value, far beyond cost.



His mission is achieved by challenging companies to re-evaluate limiting perspectives about exhibiting and getting them focused on precision execution of five critical exhibiting success factors

His Tradeshow Turnaround philosophy and practices are the exposition industry's definitive guide to quickly turning tradeshows from “*expensive appearances*” to “*productive, profitable investments.*”

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