

## **PUBLIC INFORMATION**

*The following sections in this document provide product messaging guidance that can be used when communicating with external audiences.*

### **TAGLINE**

**5 to 8 word targeted tagline.**

### **POSITIONING STATEMENT**

**The positioning statement succinctly identifies the customer's problem, introduces the solution and briefly explains why the solution is better than alternatives/competition.**

### **KEY MESSAGES**

- **The five to seven most important messages for us to communicate to the target audiences.**
- **Shown in descending order of importance.**
- **Short and easily remembered.**
- **All further communications materials are built from these messages.**

### **CHALLENGE/NEED**

- **What is the customer's current situation?**
- **What do they need to achieve now or in the future?**
- **What is limiting or standing in their way?**

### **SOLUTION**

- **Bullet point the company's solution to the customer's problem.**
- **The solution should address the needs and challenges identified above.**
- **The information should not be overly technical or detailed here.**

### **BENEFITS**

Benefit	How	Customer/stakeholder

**How do our benefits solve the customer's problem?**

### **DIFFERENTIATORS**

- **What makes the proposed product or solution different than the competitors?**
- **Listed in descending order of importance.**

- Need to be supportable (see next listing).

## REASONS TO BELIEVE

- How can we support the differentiators noted above?
- This can be customers, statistics, surveys or other documentation.

## PRODUCT RELATIONSHIPS

- Does this product or solution relate to other offerings?
- Can this product or solution be cross-sold or combined with other offerings?

## SENSITIVE INFORMATION **(INTERNAL USE ONLY)**

*The following sections in this document provide product messaging guidance that may be sensitive or proprietary and are not be used directly with external audiences.*

## SELLING & PRICING

- What is our price?
- How is the price arrived at?
- What do we need to know before we can generate a quote or respond to an RFP?
- Who should the sales team be targeting (companies, job title, etc.)

## THE COMPETITION

- Who are the competitors?
- What's their offering?
- What are their strengths?
- What are their weaknesses?
- How should we be positioned against them?

## REASONS NOT TO BUY (AND HOW WE POSITION AGAINST THEM)?

- What would stop someone from buying from us?
- How do we counteract this?
- What are alternatives that the customer might be using or thinking of buying?

## COMMON QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

## WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?