

Acid Test for Effective Prospecting

Your team's prospecting efforts will be successful when they:

Can clearly and succinctly describe your Ideal Target Prospect

Have identified the best methods to directly connect with those prospects
and the team makes a direct contact with a minimum of 10 Ideal Target
Prospects per week who are qualified and planning to purchase

Can clearly state your value proposition(s)

Are equipped to have acute business conversations with C-suite executives

Have been empowered to close new business without management's involvement

AND, when your Ideal Target Prospects can answer 'yes' to at least one of the following questions:

Your salespeople shared ways your product/service will measurably help us:

- 1. Increase revenue & profitability?
- 2. Reduce cost?
- 3. Avoid/delay potential cost?
- 4. Increase net working capital/generate cash?
- 5. Reduce/eliminate waste?
- 6. Reduce/eliminate rework?
- 7. Reduce/eliminate process delay?
- 8. Reduce/eliminate risk?
- 9. Increase order fill rates/eliminate stockouts while reducing inventories?
- 10. Increase throughput/output?
- 11. Improve quality and/or accuracy (product and information)?
- 12. Increase employee productivity?
- 13. Reduce material/product lead-time?
- 14. Shorten product design/development cycle?
- 15. Shorten new product time to market?
- 16. Improve customer satisfaction/retention?

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