

D.B.MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN FORM

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PART ONE: THE COMPANY

1. The Company: A description of the Company as it appears today.

Answer the questions:

- Who are we?
- What does the business do?
- What category of product/service does it sell?
- Is it a service business?
- What do we do and why do we do it?
- Why was the business started?
- What niche or gap in the market does it fill?
- What is the business philosophy?
- Mission Statement?
- Who started the business?
- Who is involved in the business?
- What extra personnel will the business need?
- Where is it located?
- Where does it do business?
- What is the technology level?
- What is the price level?
- How do we make our money?
- What is the quality level?
- How do we assure that good quality products/services are delivered to our customers?
- What are our strengths?
- What makes us standout from the competition?
- Why are we offering this service in the marketplace?
- Are we sure there is a need?
- Is it an unmet need?
- What exactly is the specific niche we fill?

2. The Company: A description of the Company as it appears today.

- What image or position do we want our company to have with the customers?
- What is the marketplace?
- Is it defined in geographical terms or technological terms?
- Who are our customers?
- What do we know about them?
- What do we do to find out more about them?
- Who are our best potential customers and what do we know about them?
- h. In the future, who will be our customers?
- Why will they need us?
- Why will they want to do business with us?
- What do we want them to think of us?
- What will they think we can do for them?
- Are there any holes in the marketplace?

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- Who will we be compared to?
- How will we show that we can fill our customers' needs?
- How will we convince our potential customers of this?

3. The Competition

- Who is our head to head competition?
- What are our competitors' strengths relative to us?
- Why will people do business with them instead of us?
- How can we counteract their strengths?
- How will we be able to break in against long standing current suppliers?

4. Selling:

- How will we promote ourselves? Paid advertising?
- How will people get to know about us?
- How will our selling be different from our competition?
- How can we force "word of mouth"? Encourage it?
- What will our marketing plan look like?
- Do we need to add to our literature?
- Should we have a newsletter?
- Articles in the trades?
- Social Media
- Do we have an easy way for our customers to talk to us?
- Who could refer potential customers to us?

5.Goals

- What are our goals as a business?
- Revenue goals?
- Customer satisfaction? .
- Sales?
- Technology?

PART TWO: SALES& MARKETING PLAN

- 1. Strategy: The basic direction the company will go in.
- 2. Marketing plan: How will we market our products?
- 3. Bookings growth: Key customer account plans. Forecast. Tactics/
- 4. Branding and social media and SEO
- 5. Managing the sales force: What will the sales force look like?
- 6. Partnerships/ Alliances: Who will we deal with to create more value added?

PART THREE: GROWTH GOALS

- 1. Where do we want to be in one year? In three years? In five years?
- 2. What will the company look like then?
- 3. What would you as the owner want to be doing in one year?
- 4. Will you still want to be involved or will you be selling it?
- 5. Including the above information, write a description of Company in the future.