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## Opening Remarks

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CEO, Government Business Results, LLC



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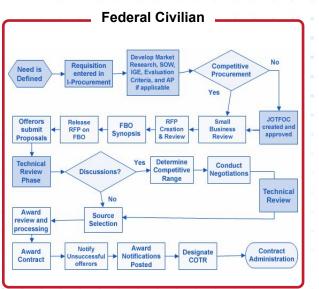


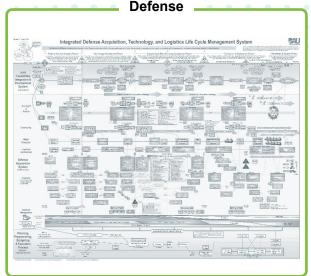
# Driving B2G Growth in the Face of Challenges

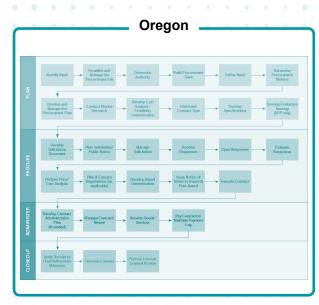
The guide for today's agenda



## Government purchasing is complex







## The buyer has many jobs



#### ~12-18 months



Peer discussion | Team alignment | Peer references | Executive alignment | Problem Exploration | Standards research | Solution research | Product research | RFIs | RFPs | Value exploration | RFQs | Procurement









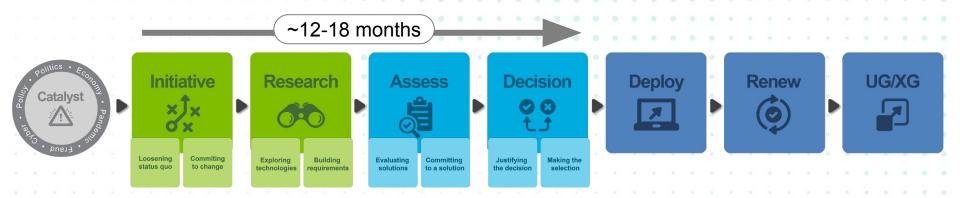


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## The GBR GovBuyer's Journey $^{\text{TM}}$



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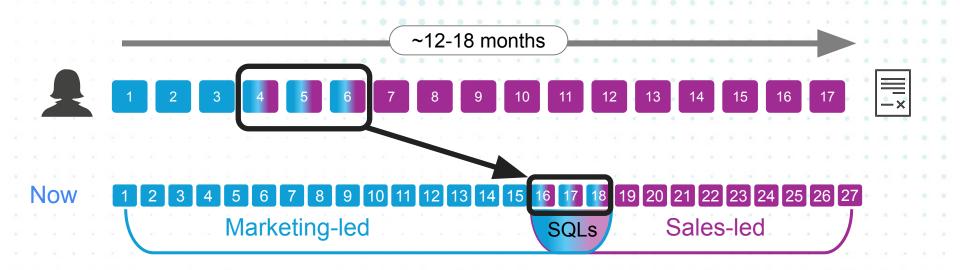
## Sales-led buyer education



We operated this way for 20+ years!



## Birth of the self-educated GovBuyer



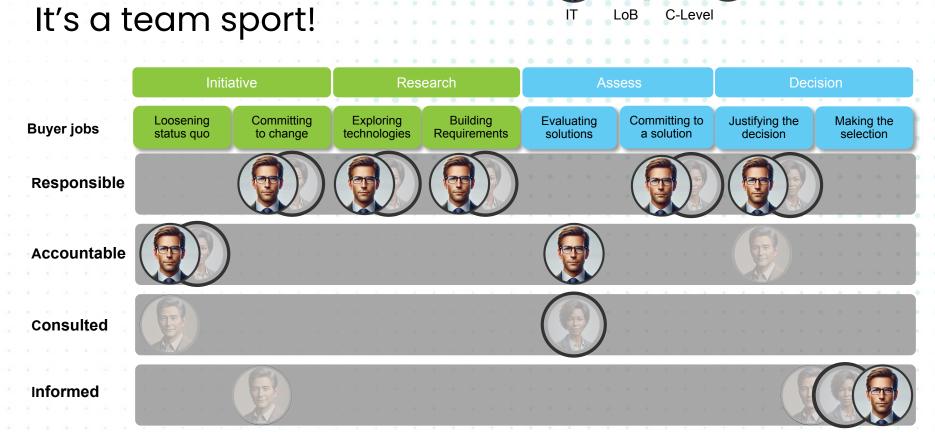






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## How today meets the challenges

- Content that connects
- Policy updates (catalysts!)
- ABM as a connection guide
- Small business concerns
- How partners can help connect and amplify
- Deep dive on MQL, SQL and pipelines

- Harnessing disruptions
- Career growth
- Branding, PR & the pipeline
- Organizing touchpoints
- Tapping power of AI to make all of it easier



## Let's go!

## Creating Content that Connects in a B2G World

## Ann Handley

Chief Content Officer, MarketingProfs



# Technology Policy Update for Marketers

## Rob Efrus

Founder & CEO, Efrus Federal Advisors, LLC

# Overcoming the "Do More With Less" Dilemma: Humanizing Your ABM Strategy

Colby Proffitt - VP, Marketing @ Shift5 Tanner Bokor - Director, GTM Operations @ Shift5





Colby Proffitt is a go-to-market executive leader who specializes in cybersecurity and technology marketing for early and mid-stage B2B and B2G SaaS companies. A 5X founding marketing hire with more than 15 years of multi-industry experience, he has built multiple successful marketing strategies and programs from \$0 to \$100M+. Currently the Vice President of Marketing at Shift5, he's been recognized as one of the 2024 Top 15 Marketing Experts in Washington, D.C. and the ABM program implemented under his leadership was recognized earlier this year by Gartner. Most recently, Colby has been named a finalist for the Pavilion 2024 Startup CMO of the Year.



Tanner Bokor is a jack of all trades public sector marketing and GTM operations leader, with a specialty in building and scaling growth strategies targeting the Defense, Federal Civilian, and SLED verticals. Tanner has spent more than a decade working with non-profit, publicly-listed, and early stage startup companies including Chainalysis, SecurityScorecard, and MSAB to build and expand their B2G and B2B growth, digital, demand, and field marketing programs from the ground up. both in the U.S. and internationally across EMEA, APAC, and LATAM. Tanner currently leads GTM Operations at Shift5, overseeing the company's demand, MarOps, RevOps, and creative and brand functions.



## Our Experience with ABM

- Adopted at Shift5
- MarTech Tooling + Personalization
- Focus on data insights
- Recognized by Gartner\*



## Learning Objectives

- 1. Then vs Now
- 2. Rethink, Reframe, Reset
- 3. What ABM Is and Is Not
- 4. Integration on any budget



## The Pressure is Real for PubSec Marketers *and* Buyers







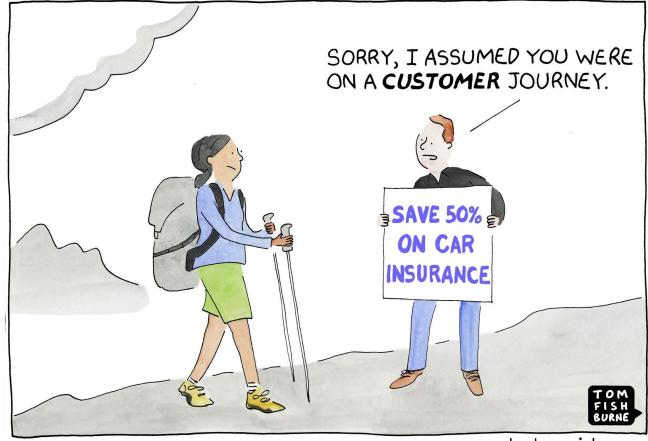
### Survey #1 What is ABM?



- 1. A targeted GTM approach that employs intent data and a personalized buyer journey to drive focused awareness, engagement, and conversion.
- 2. A strategic approach that focuses on high-value accounting a market or business.
- 3. A <u>marketing strategy</u> for high-value customer accounts, where each account is treated as a "market of one," offering highly personalized 1-to-1 experiences and tailored content.
- 4. A go-to-market strategy targeting certain accounts with a synchronized, continuous set of marketing and sales activities. ABM activities engage those accounts and individuals through all stages of the buying journey.
- 5. Never heard of it!



## Then... ...and now





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## Why Should You Care about ABM?



...agree that augmenting traditional lead-based strategies with a stronger focus on account based strategies is the best way to maximize revenue generation.



...agree that being able to target prospects and customers through a tailored approach, with personalized campaigns and sales outreach, is something their organization is interested in.



...agree that a fully aligned sales and marketing team is vital to activating a successful account based marketing strategy.



### ABM: What It Is and What It's Not

#### ABM is not...

**Just Lead Generation** 

One-size-fits-all

Just for large enterprises

Digital only

Only for net new acquisition

An easy fix

A marketing-only approach

#### ABM is...

Focused on the entire journey from pre-lead to post-sale

Personalized and customized

Tailorable for companies of various sizes with different budgets

Integrated across multiple channels and tactics

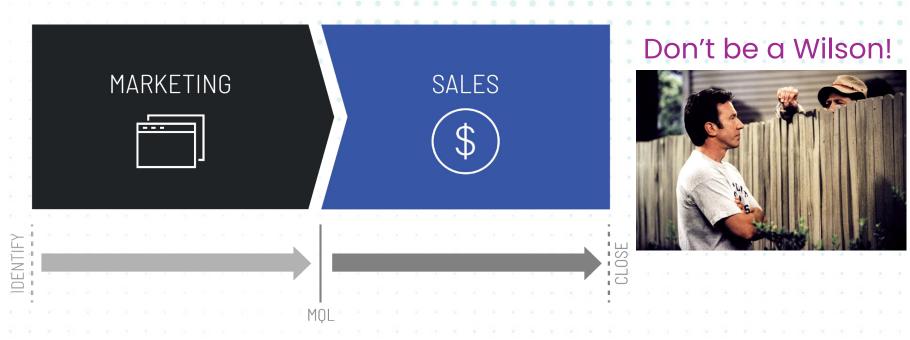
For net-new, up-sell, cross-sell, and retention

A long-term investment

Grounded in GTM alignment



## ABM is a GTM Strategy... ...not just a Marketing Strategy





## ABM is a GTM Strategy... ...not just a Marketing Strategy



### Own it together!





#### **Current State**

## What Marketing Sees

Upload to Tradeshow / Return to **Booth Scan** CRM Outreach #1 Outreach Outreach Nurture @ AUSA 10/17/24 11/05/24 10/21/24 10/15/24 10/28/24 11/04/24

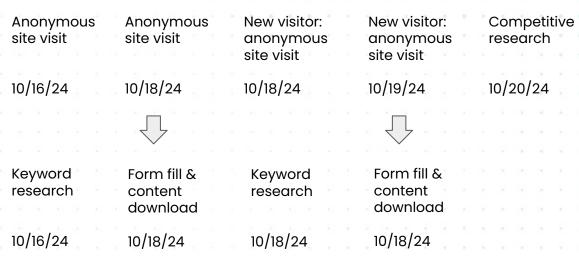




#### **Current State**

### What Marketing Doesn't See

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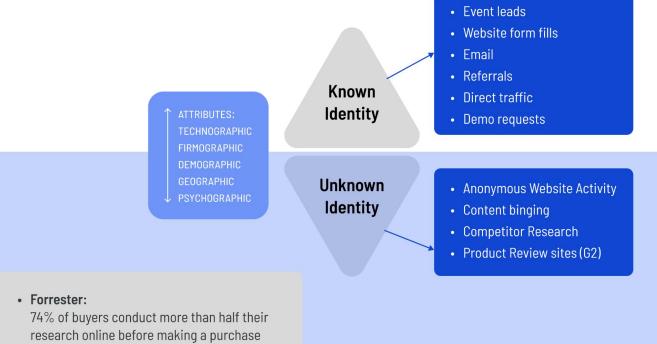




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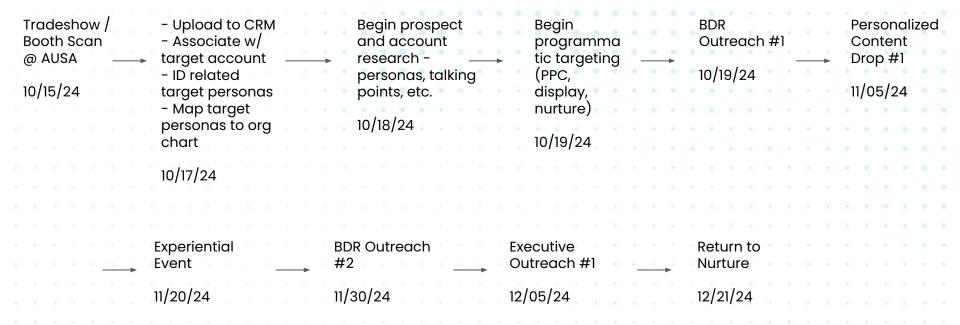
2/3 of buying process done digitally





#### **Current State**

### What Marketing Doesn't See





#### But how does this work in PubSec?

"Make yourself visible when it matters, to whom it matters."
Go-To-Guy Timberlake, The ASBC





## Survey #2





## How many interactions from lead to closed/won?

- 1. <10
- 2.7 10-25
- 3. 25-50
- 4. 50-100
- 5. 100+
- 6. No idea!

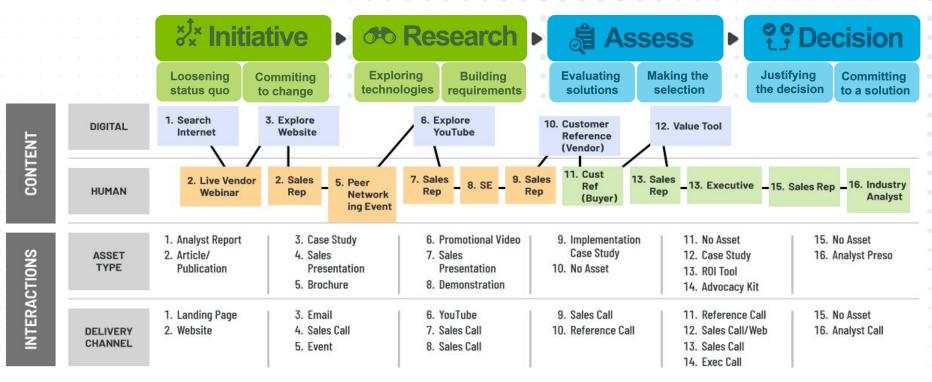


## How many interactions from lead to closed/won?

- Avg. 268 Touchpoints from initial acquisition to close (intent events included)
- Avg. 60-120 Days of Research before initial demo/discovery
- Buying committees as small as 5 and as large as 35+



## The GBR GovBuyer's Journey<sup>TM</sup> Content/Resource/Strategy by persona





## Supplement & Inform Your Strategy

### Marketers still need to...

Research accounts

Collaborate with Sales & BD

Know agency priorities

### But now you can...

Decide based on data

Take action quickly

Focus for efficiency

Advise and information

Advise and information in

## This sounds difficult, and expensive... ...ABM doesn't have to be.

Buy-in & Alignment

Experiment

Start small

Talk to your CFO!

Take inventory

Set expectations

Benchmark

Data + Narrative GAIN

### The Human Element

- Human business, not just product business
- Empathy matters
- 1:1, 1:few, 1:many
- Genuine, human effort = genuine, human reaction



### Use The Tools & Resources You Have

#### Have a CRM and MAPS?

- Structure your data
- Target accounts based on activity
- Lead scoring as an indicator
- Feedback loop
- Try freemiums

### Have existing content?

- Cross-pollinate and re-use content
- Messaging platforms
- Quality vs quantity
- Blend content with research



#### "You're doing great." -Tom Papa

Daily Sales Show Line-Up

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#### Steal These Top-Performing Follow-Up Strategies | Monday, October 7

Kyle Vamvouris is joining us to share the best follow-up techniques based on his work with 100+ B2B sales teams. Discover the frameworks and resources he uses to nail the process.

#### Mow Top Sales Reps Build Urgency and Close More Deals in Q4 | Tuesday, October 8

Expert closers, Sara Uy and John Kuhns, will teach you how to approach competitive deals in Q4. Everything from approaching discounts, objection handling and Q4 pipeline prep.

#### ✓ Increase Your Win Rate With These Discovery Questions | Wednesday,

Troy Munson and Sophie Allen are sharing the questioning strategy that helps you go deeper with your prospects and as a result, close more deals. Walk away with fresh ideas you can apply immediately.

#### m How These Top Sales Experts Master Cold Call Objections | Thursday, October 10

Join Jack Frimston and Zac Thompson, (the gurus behind We Have a Meeting), as

they share their data-backed insights and strategies for overcoming the mos common cold call roadblocks

6 3 Steps to Overcome Prospects' Resistance In Cold Calls | Friday,

Learn the exclusive 3-step framework that will keep you in control of the P-C: Accept, Permission, Clarify

### **Brand with Al**

Tue, June 18th | 11 AM EST | 8 AM PST



#### Level up your content and strategy this quarter.

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#### Turn webinars into live podcast events.

Engage N2K's network of active listeners a

#### Increase conversions with landing pages.

Earlier in the Adobe Marketo Engage series, we shared simple conversation and have prospects wanting to hear the next steps... it's as eas steps for building forms to collect data from web visitors. Now, you can build landing pages - customized web pages that visitors can reach through a call -to -action - just as easily, 5 Strategies to your website. They can house your forms and, when built Build Your Persona effectively, they can they can be ustomer and prospect conversions within your can then report on without having to go to it. Landing pages can look and feel like which you can then report on.



#### Learn it

Discover how to build a landing page from a guided landing page template.

Watch now

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**Pitchfire** 

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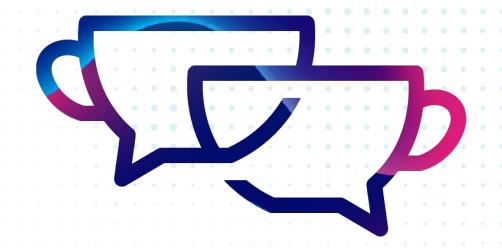
doesn't get a response within 24 hours, it will expire.

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## Thank you!





## Coffee Break

## Pipeline Endgame: Smart Marketing and the Small Business Cliff



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Director of Proposal Operations, Excella



Erin Grace
Co-Founder, Storyboard Creative Group

### Partnering for Marketing Success



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Sr. Director, U.S. Public Sector Marketing, Zscaler



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Senior Public Sector Marketing Manager, Federal, Okta



Katie Hanusik
EVP, Public Relations, REQ
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## Managing the Pipeline: MQL vs SQL in Growth Marketing



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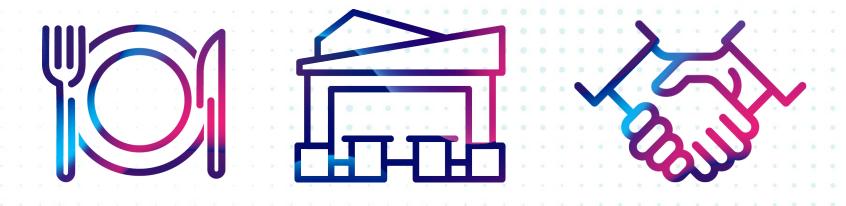
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## Lunch, Expo & Networking



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## Disrupters Panel: Roadblocks and Accelerants to Growth



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Lauren Franco
Director of Public Sector Marketing, Nutanix

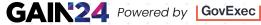


Brian Chidester
Head of Industry Strategy, Public Sector, Adobe



Christina Botto Morrison

Public Sector Marketing Leader, NVIDIA [Moderator]



## Government Marketing Career Growth



Stephen Ellis
Director of Public Sector Product Marketing,
Global Defense, ServiceNow



Alan Rubin
Vice President, Segment Marketing, Granicus

## Blueprint for B2G Success: Branding & PR Strategies for Contract Pursuits



**Brian Lustig** Public Relations Practice Lead, Bluetext



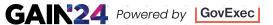
Sunny Singh Former President & CEO, Aeyon



Scott Aukema Vice President of Marketing, Sigma Defense



**Robin Vaitonis** Chief Operating Officer, Grafik Moderator



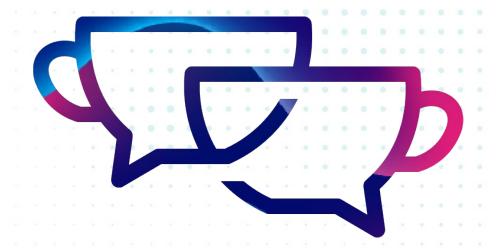
### B2G Branding/PR Value Creation Hacks

- Breakout of the Sea of Sameness. Everyone does Al or cyber. Define why you're so special.
- Why  $\rightarrow$  How  $\rightarrow$  What. Organizations don't buy what you do; they buy WHY you do it.
- Market to "Stand out, not fit in." Don't commoditize yourself as a small, mid-sized contractor.
- **Build Internal Alignment.** *Tap into internal* ambassadors to accelerate outcomes.
- Be a Thought Leader. Build trust by focusing on the pain point, not the product.
- **Align Brand with Key Initiatives.** This guides contract pursuit branding, PR.

- Go deep. Invest in account-based marketing initiatives to get the relationship edge.
- Brand, Marketing, and PR Must Work Together. It's a partnership, not a choice, for best results.
- Mindful M&A Integrations Boost Value. Brand alignment is key to clarity and growth.
- **Contract Narratives > Contract Dollars**. Don't get lost in sea of contracts.
- PR perfection is the enemy of progress. Branding & Messaging don't have to be perfect before PR activation.
- PR is not an 11<sup>th</sup> hour contract pursuit channel. Match PR services to contract phases.







## Coffee Break

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## Building your B2G ROPE Bridge

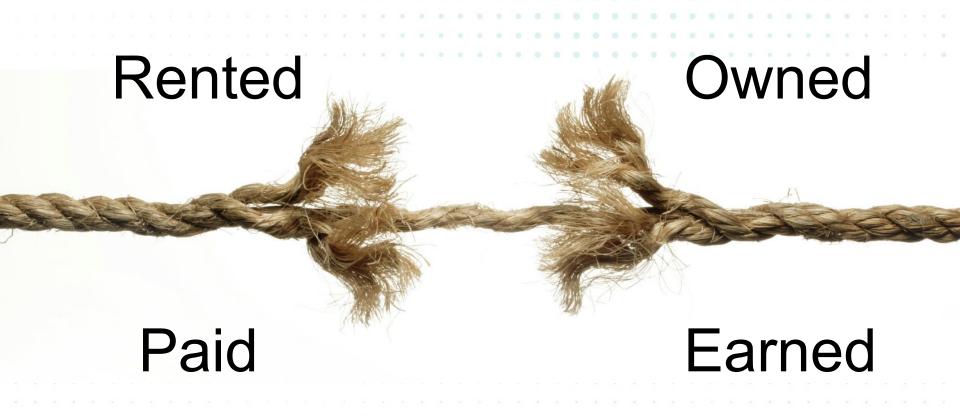
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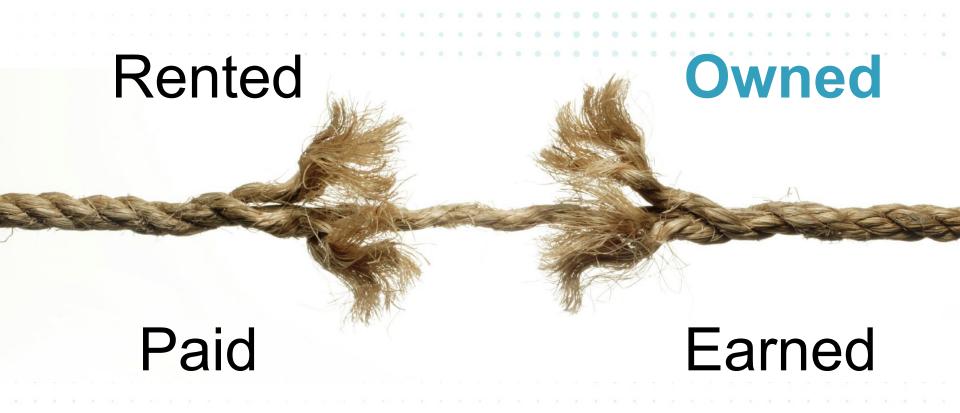
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## Organize your Landscape

- Organizes distribution nodes, content and tech deck tools
- Helps prioritize efforts
- Avoids option paralysis
- Keeps focus on your target
- Supports data-based decision making
- Supports marketing agility









RENTED SPACE		OWNED SPACE	
Digital	Tools/Resources	Digital	Tools/Resources
LinkedIn	In-platform posting	Company website	SEO
GlassDoor	Website share buttons	Customer Satisfaction Surveying	WordPress CMS
Facebook	Social media management tool	Email Marketing	CRM
YouTube		Podcast	Google Analytics
Traditional	Metrics & KPIs	Traditional	Metrics & KPIs
WOM	Click thru rate	Brick & Mortar	Traffic/Visitors
	Average review rating		Bounce rate
	Impressions/Likes (vanity)		conversions
PAID SPACE		EARNED SPACE	
Digital	Tools/Resources	Digital	Tools/Resources
Google Adwords	Vendors (Creative firm/Media	Podcast (guest)	PR Firm
Social Advertising	buyer)	Guest/featured contributor	Roladex - CRM
SEO	Ad management tool	Influencer Marketing	
Traditional	Metrics & KPIs	Traditional	Metrics & KPIs
Sponsor Advertising	ROI	Sponsorships	Referral traffic
Tradeshow booths		Awards	Attributable lead generation
		Conference Participation &	Engagement time
		speaking engagements	

### Ways to use the ROPE Bridge

- Brand recognition and awareness campaigns
- Opportunity-specific campaigns collaborate with Growth team
- Recruitment
- Internal communications useful with large geo-separated teams
- Leadership education, upward management

### Getting Started V1 - Midstream

- Inventory your current generic ROPE matrix
  - What can you execute today?
- Identify company goals and objectives
- Identify your target audience(s)
- Test your current ROPE against company goals and targets
  - o Don't be misled by poor quality content
- Test dependent Stop, continue, invest
- Build your bridge



### Getting Started V2 – Start from scratch

- Identify company goals and objectives
- Identify your target audience(s)
- Build your ROPE bridge

### How to build your ROPE

- Start with owned space (website)
- Establish baseline rented space (LinkedIn)
- Understand:
  - Content strategy and capacity
  - Time and money resources

## Questions?

## Maximizing Government Marketing Impact with Al

### Natalie Lambert

Founder & Managing Partner, GenEdge Consulting



## Closing Remarks

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### Agency-led Campaign





Agency-led Campaign

### EY GPS Marketing Team





### **BD** Capture Marketing





BD Capture Marketing

## Amy Corcoran Alpha Omega





## Best Event Experience





Best Event Experience

## Melanie Holmes Adobe





### Brand Awareness





Brand Awareness

#### Mission Technologies Communications Team HII





### Demand Generation





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### Partner Marketing





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## Thought Leadership





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