OPTIMIZING THE TRAINING SUPPLIER PARTNERSHIP



Defining the Need



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Project Preparation in the Green Room



Lights, Camera, **Project Kickoff**



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Defining the Need

Defining the Need - As a project lead:

- ☐ Define business goals and learning outcomes with key stakeholders for each learner
- ☐ Define purpose of initial supplier discussion—ie, brainstorm, proposal, RFP
- ☐ Determine if this is a true training responsibility and aligned to training plan
- $\hfill \Box$ Agree on amount of the learner's time that will be given to this initiative
- ☐ Identify support that will be needed from each team to ensure success
- Ensure budget is adequate to achieve learning outcomes
- ☐ Identify, consult, and/or secure internal subject matter experts
- ☐ Ensure project timelines meet realistic expectations with stakeholders
- ☐ Gain agreement on transfer climate with leadership (eg, roles and responsibilities for Training, Sales and Marketing, etc)

Defining the Need – In collaboration with a supplier partner:

- ☐ Develop a project plan and track milestones
- Ensure project timelines meet realistic expectations
- ☐ Identify behavioral, knowledge, and performance gaps
- ☐ Align training and learning objectives to business goals and outcomes
- ☐ Define the desired level of learning Awareness, Understanding, Proficiency
- ☐ Identify internal vs supplier responsibilities in project
- ☐ Technology/Platform requirements are identified
- ☐ Define success metrics as well as develop post-event and follow-up surveys



Selecting the Right Partner





Selecting the Right Supplier:

- ☐ What experience and expertise does the supplier have in this topic area?
- ☐ What experience, expertise and knowledge does the supplier's project and content team have in this topic area?
- ☐ Can you meet the requested deadline without compromised work? If not, what concessions need to be made?
- ☐ Please share past examples of similar work.
- ☐ When developing training on this topic for our desired learner, what internal and external factors do we need to consider?
- ☐ What potential pitfalls do you see with this project?
- ☐ What would make the supplier say 'no' to this project?
- ☐ How do you know if your last project was a success?



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- Client chooses supplier with knowledge, Client pulls together working group and expertise, and ability to deliver highestquality work
- Outcomes fit into yearly tactical plan and stakeholders are aligned with proposed work
- ☐ Client thoroughly reviews the entire SOW and shares feedback with supplier
- ☐ Time to process SOW is built into timeline
- internal resources to be used in project (i.e., Scientific Communication Platform, Brand Strategy, Brand Resources, Medical Training Resources, Training Content, Surveys, Training Plans, SOPs, Templates)
- ☐ Client has determined overall budget and high-level timeline
- Client has determined technology and MRL review requirements



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- ☐ All available materials are shared with supplier, and scope of project is reviewed $oldsymbol{\square}$ Review risk management plans for
- ☐ Get to know the client and supplier working team, determine:
 - Role/responsibilities
 - Preferences
- ☐ Review and align on stages of process, and associated timelines inclusive of MLR/Veeva
- ☐ Agree on process to identify and handle out-of-scope requests and implications to

budget and/or timelines

- change in direction, delay, or late change request arises
- Develop an agreed-upon understanding on how long a task takes to set appropriate expectations
- Key stakeholders attend to confirm vision, roles and responsibilities and expectations



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- ☐ Sticking to timelines at each planned stage will ensure project tracks for success. Open, proactive communication to work around any delays/issues
- Be a strategic training partner
 - Client lead should review the document and pose specific questions to broader stakeholder team. Client lead should review and finalize direction on all stakeholder feedback in a consolidated document for supplier
- ☐ Host Client/Supplier meeting to review client feedback at each stage

- ☐ Client should ensure edits are pulled through as intended; minimal, if any, comments on unchanged content
- ☐ Supplier to keep everyone aligned on progress and risks to deadlines in real time. Out-of-scope requests are handled in real time with impact to budget and timelines
- ☐ Develop a content outline and topic areas that are circulated to stakeholders, approved, and as much as possible don't change; implications-based changes from this point forward
- Transfer of final source material



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- Meeting with supplier and client to discuss:
 - Feedback from learners
 - What went well
 - What can be improved
- Any financial/reconciliation topics
- ☐ Anonymous feedback from the project team members via survey
- Confirmation of successful transfer and storage of final version of files in proper system and folders
- ☐ Communication and inventory of asset for continued use
- ☐ Celebration of a job well done!