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Meeting Market: Bridging the Great Divide

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MEETINGS MARKET: BRIDGING THE GREAT DIVIDE







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DMO Group Sales Channel





million group hotel room nights influenced by U.S. DMOs in 2012

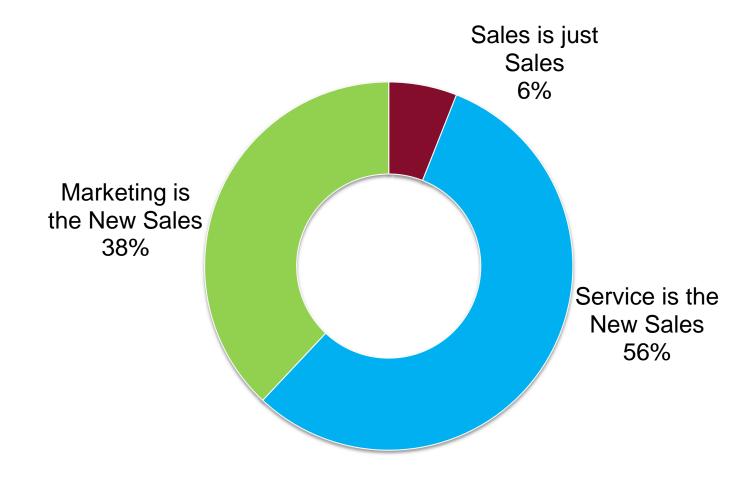
Source: 2013 DMAI DMO Group Sales Channel Impact Study, Tourism Economics, STR

#HelpingTrumpsSelling

Help not hype

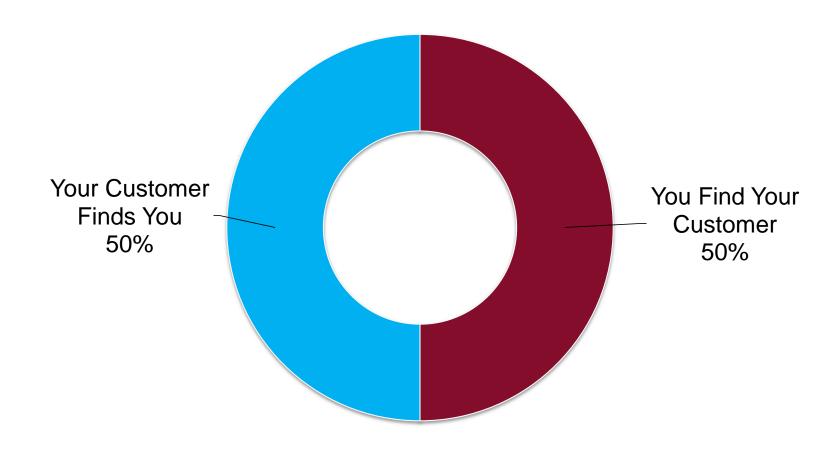


DMO View on Sales...



Source: 2013 DMAI What's New, What's Next Survey, n = 104

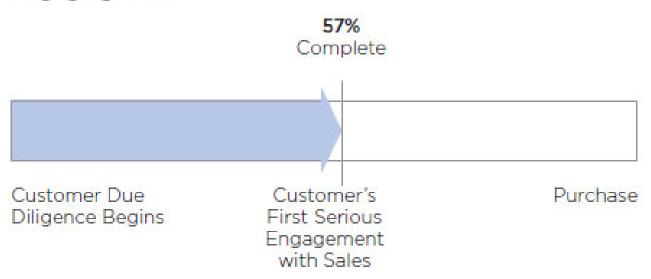
Inbound or Outbound?



Source: 2013 DMAI What's New, What's Next Survey, n = 104

Don't Call Us...

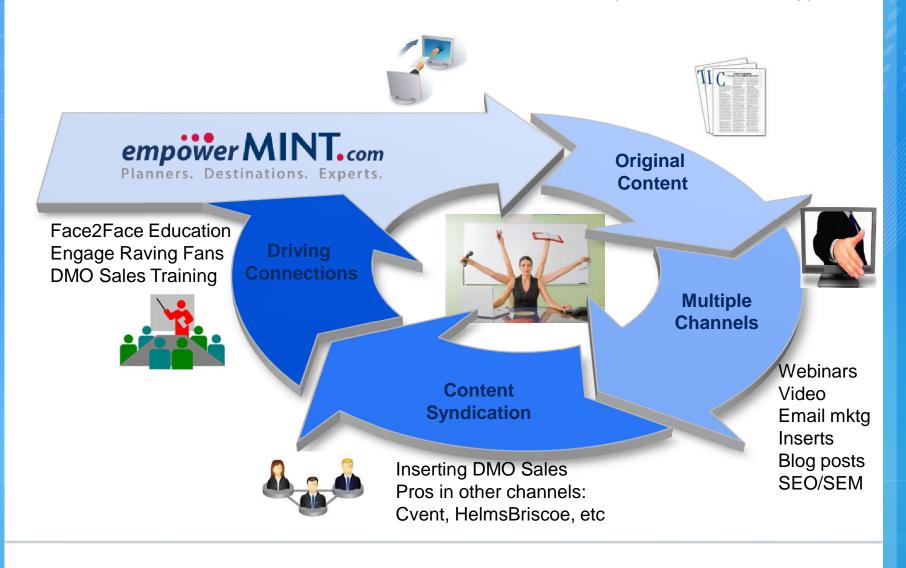
Customers' Progress in Purchase Decision-Making Before Engaging Sales



n = 1,399.

Source: Corporate Executive Board

Advocating for DMOs in the Meetings Market DMAI's Content Distribution & Syndication Strategy



BRIDGING THE GREAT DIVIDE



THE ISSUES

EXTERNAL

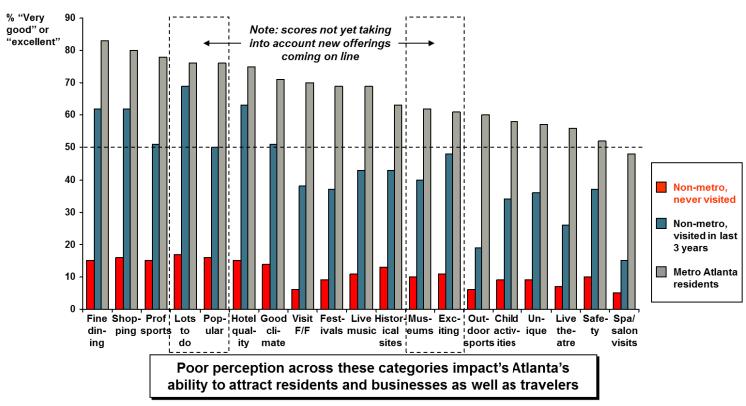
- Destination Appeal perception problem
- · Competition aggressive in pricing and building share of voice
- · Future bookings weakening

INTERNAL

- New Chief Executive setting aggressive sales goals
- Siloed Organization
- Lack of consistent messaging and brand standards
- · Marketing historically focused on leisure tourism

2005 LEISURE TRAVELER SURVEY

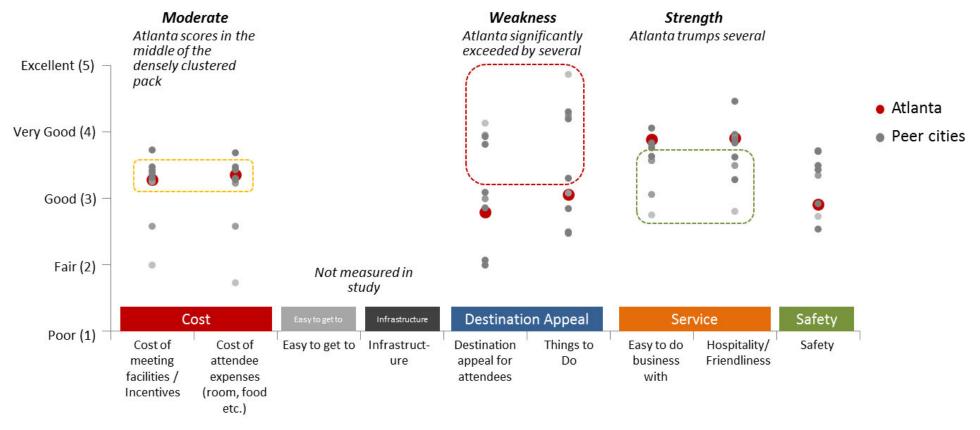
THE CITY SUFFERS FROM A PERCEPTION GAP



Source: ACVB Survey Data; BCG analysis

2011 MEETING PLANNER SURVEY

Q9. How do you think the ultimate decision maker would rate Atlanta on these areas?

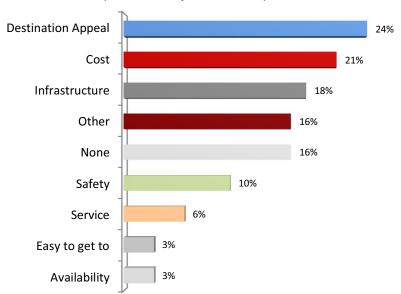


2011 MEETING PLANNER SURVEY

Q9. What would Atlanta need to do to convincingly offer the best location for this meeting? What would Atlanta need to do to be more seriously considered?

What would Atlanta need to do?

(% of respondents)



"...do a better job of touting restaurants, nightlife activities that don't require going to Buckhead..."

"Our attendees have indicated they do not want to go back to Atlanta due to lack of things to do there and safety concerns."

"Lower the room rates & Congress Center space rental."

"Convention center rental is too high."

"build a hotel on the C concourse side of the convention center"

"....It is not safe for our attendees to walk to and from their hotels especially at night. The hotel block we had was not close proximity to the Convention Center..."

FIXING DESTINATION APPEAL A MULTIFACETED CHALLENGE

- DESTINATION MARKETING TO LEISURE AUDIENCE FOCUSED ON SUMMER FAMILY FUN
 - Limited budget created dependency on co-op programs within the SE drive markets
 - · Limited reach, frequency, and no national impact
- DESTINATION MARKETING TO MEETING PLANNERS UNFOCUSED
 - 100% co-op funding necessitating merchandising co-op partner messages
 - · Lack of alignment on brand messaging architecture
- MULTIPLE TOUCH POINTS WITH CUSTOMER (SALES PROCESS, ADVERTISING, SERVICE)
 - · Inconsistent messaging and brand identity
 - Lack of governance over RFP responses, ongoing communications
 - Resource constraints led to reactive instead of proactive sales/service support

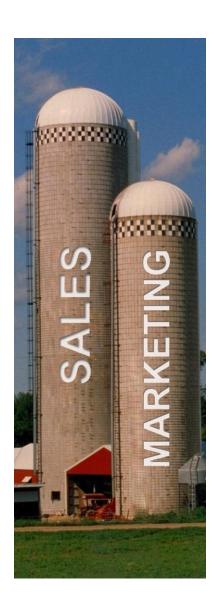
FIXING DESTINATION APPEAL A MULTIFACETED CHALLENGE

Silo'ed organization

Sales and Marketing did not share common goals

Sales had experienced limited value of marketing

Marketing was a "NO" department or at best a support function



HOW DID WE FIX THE PROBLEM?

ORGANIZATIONAL

- CEO committed to removing all obstacles to reaching the sales goals
- Strategic alignment at the executive level common goals
- Reorganization of Marketing with a dedicated sales/service Brand Manager
- Increased funding for Marketing (additional +1% tax)
- Buy-in from key constituencies (Hoteliers, Board)

HOW DID WE FIX THE PROBLEM?

RESEARCH

- Customer and consumer insights
- Sales and service workshops to identify needs and generate buy-in

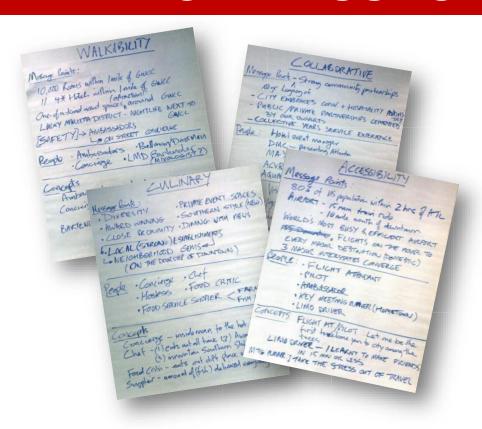
■ FUNDING

- Commitment of \$1m to a media plan, \$0.5m to production elements
- Commitment of \$2m to host ASAE

■ CREATIVE

- New I AM ATL Meeting Planner campaign
- MASSIVE ORGANIZATION AND INDUSTRY-WIDE ACTIVATION FOR ASAE

RESEARCH PROVIDED INSIGHTS FOR MESSAGING STRATEGY



MESSAGES WE MUST CONVEY TO MEETING PLANNERS

Key Messaging Pillars

- Atlanta is a Walkable City
- Atlanta is a Collaborative City
- Atlanta is a Great City for Dining
- Atlanta is an Accessible City
- · Atlanta has Great Nightlife
- Atlanta has many things to see and do

MEETING PLANNER CAMPAIGN

OUR 50,000 FOOT OBJECTIVE

Create an <u>emotional</u>, <u>anthemic</u> campaign that has the capacity to build momentum.

A Rally Cry for the City.



The campaign mark is bold and simple – allowing the unique characteristics of Atlanta's people and places to shine through.

CAMPAIGN VOICE / COPY TONE

Our people wear Atlanta like a badge of honor.

The headlines and copy feature clever plays on words and double entendre that make the reader think. The copy sells Atlanta's assets through the unique stories of its people, and a sense of pride in who they are and what they've accomplished. The stories we can tell are as vibrant and diverse as the people who live here.

I AM ATL Won the Award for "Best Travel Integrated Campaign" in 2013



I AM ATL Two-page Spread



I AM ATL Full Page Ads





I AM ATL Full Page Ads





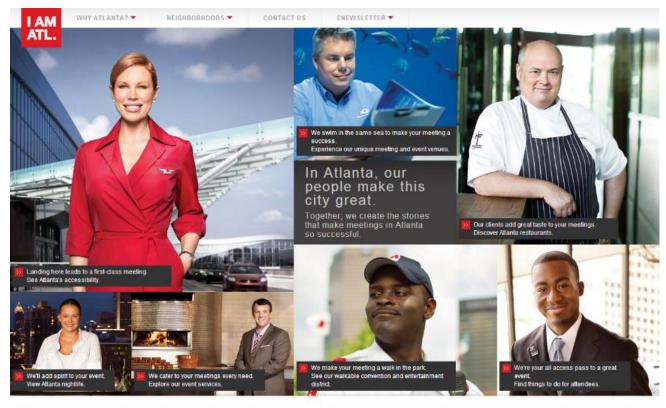
I AM ATL Full Page Ads





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Campaign Site Home Page





I AM ATL

Campaign Site Interior Pages





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Campaign Elements



160x600 px

300x250 px

I AM ATL.

728×90 px

I HELP MAKE YOUR MEETING A WALK IN THE PARK. I Plan on Atlanta and a great meeting is just steps away.



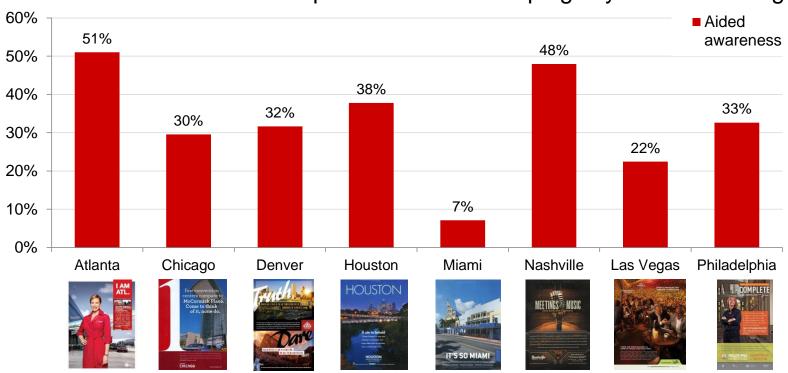
I AM ATL 2012 ASAE Booth



2013 MEETING PLANNER SURVEY

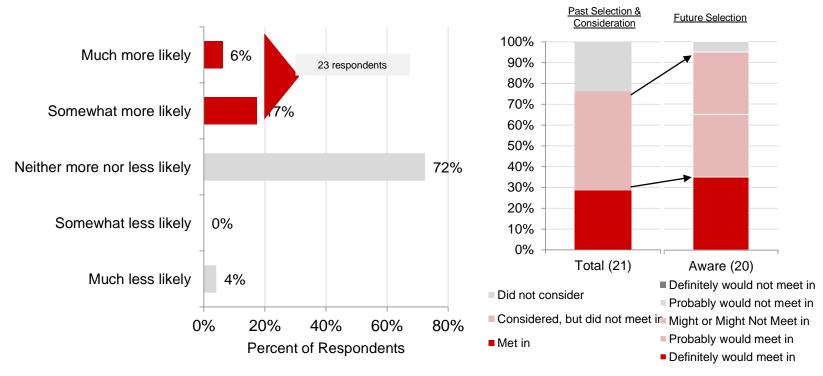
Q: Below are eight samples from recent advertising campaigns.

Please select the samples that reflect campaigns you recall seeing.



2013 MEETING PLANNER SURVEY

Q: How would you say this campaign impacts your likelihood to select Atlanta as a host city for this meeting?



BUSINESS RESULTS

P12mo (September 2012 to August 2013), ACVB has seen noticeable growth in lead volume compared to the last 12-month period (Sept '11-Aug '12)

+18% year-over-year in the total number of leads generated (approx. 2,330 vs. 1,970)

+20% year-over-year in the number of room nights associated with leads generated (approx. 8.6M vs. 7.1M)

year-over-year in leads generated for city-wide conventions & meetings

QUALITATIVE RESULTS

Marketing now a true valued partner of Sales

Consistent messaging and brand identity across all touch points

Significantly improved governance over collateral

Energized Sales force armed with tools they can use

THANK YOU

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CONVENTION SALES TARGET MARKETS

Association

Sports

Corporate

SMEF

Religious/

Multicultural

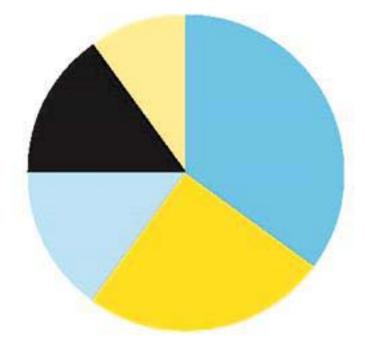


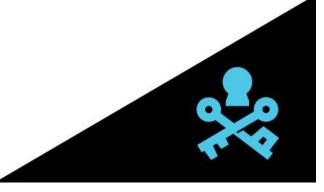
25%

15%



10%





Convention Sales Markets



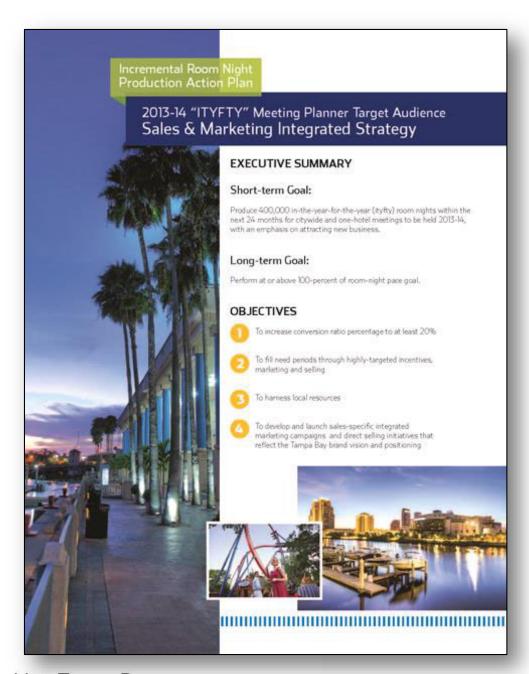
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ASAE (asaecenter.org)																	
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ASAE DAILY NOW Tradesho	ow Daily																
	ASAE 6,000 3 Editions	FP4C											_				
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		FP4C Reverse Cover 6-page Special Section															
PCMA Tradeshow Daily (PC	CMA Annual Meeting,	Orlando) FP4C															
	PCMA 5,000 3 Editions																
PCMA e-Newsletter (ThisW	Veek@PCMA)	300×250															
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Meeting Mentor																	
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Full Page 4 Color Ad

Bonus Advertorial

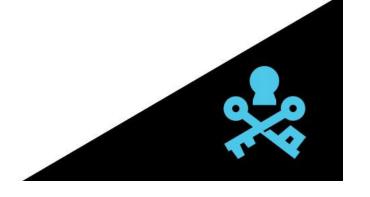
Online Banner/e-Newsletters

Bonus Tradeshow Distribution



VisitTampaBay.com

2013-14 Incremental Room-Night Action Plan



Targeted Incentives

Citywide Sale

Discover Tampa Bay with a **FREE Convention Center** and specials from our Convention Portfolio Hotels.

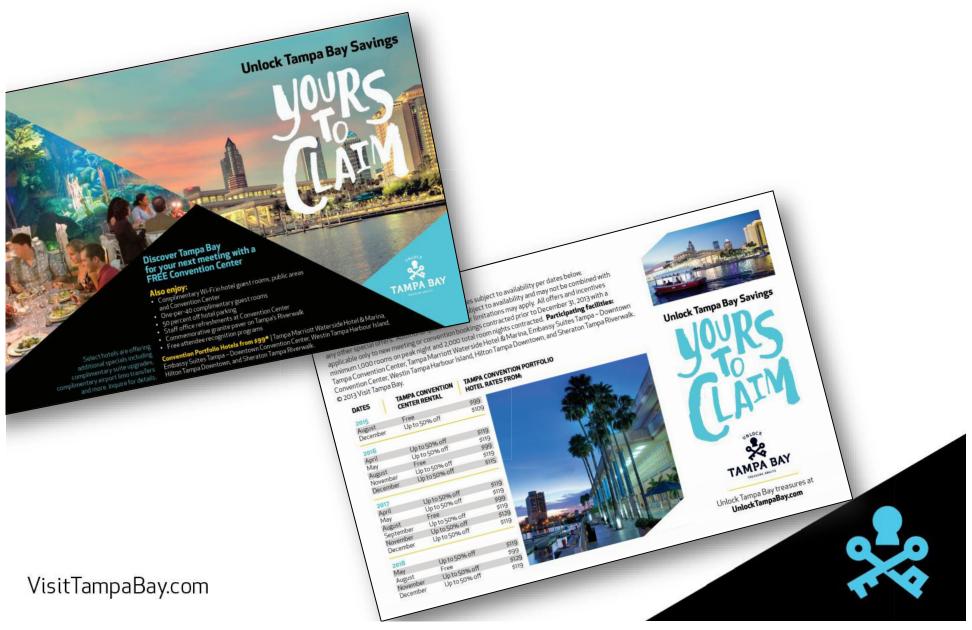
Bonus for Bookings

New hotel nights booked **receive \$1 per room night**, up to\$1,000.

Discover Tampa Bay

Enjoy a **complimentary only-in-Tampa Bay experience** at The Florida Aquarium, Busch Gardens, the Historic Latin Quarter of Ybor City, Yacht Starship, the legendary Bern's Steakhouse, on a sunset sail or at a Tampa Bay Lightning game.

Citywide Incentive



Bonus for Bookings Incentive



Discover Tampa Incentive



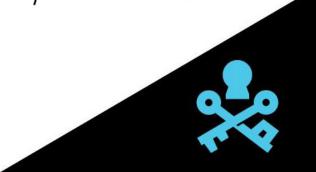
Meetings Advertising



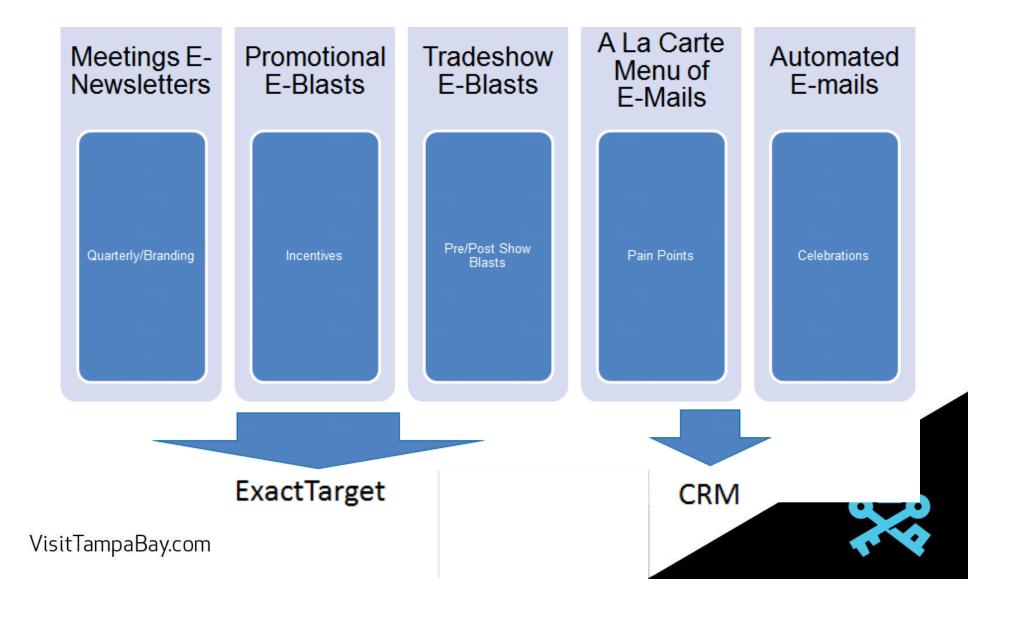


One-to-One Marketing Program

- Drive incremental brand awareness and meetings room night production
- Deliver the right message to the right customer at the right time
- Personalize/humanize our relationships with meeting planners
- Automate to gain efficiencies via technology
- Build databases and contacts
- Drive traffic to Visit Tampa Bay tradeshow booths



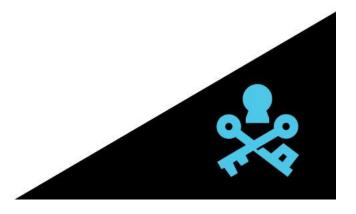
One-to-One Marketing Program



Marketing Incentives Filling Need Periods

Since March 2013:

- Generated 30 New Events (Meetings Bookings)
- \$1.6 Million+ Economic Impact



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