# Optimize your website

For government contracting



# To compete your website must:

- Meet the basic requirements for a website
- Be optimized for searching
- Be targeted at a market rather than a product
- Have excellent content
- Have an excellent online marketing campaign
- Comply with modern standards



#### The Basics

- Your page needs to look professional and modern
- Your site must be EASY to navigate
- Your site should contain content that specifically targets the fed or state contract demographic you're trying to attract
- Your site should be Search Engine friendly
- Your site should have contact information on EVERY SINGLE PAGE (in text)

optimal, stable, secure solutions

#### **SEO Optimization**

- Your site should be content-rich
- Use keywords that your customers use to find you
- Graphics must be properly sized and load easily
- Every page should have the government NAICS and NCAGE codes that are relevant to your industry
- Your site should not use frames
- Your site should be easy to read, and preferably compliant with ADA standards



### **Marketing Optimization**

- Every page should have a call-to-action that allows browsers to contact you in some way
- Pages should be oriented towards how people use your product, not what your product is
- You need to have a "purple cow" what makes your product or service unique from the others around you offering similar fare



#### **Content Optimization**

- Fresh, new content shows that your
  company is on top of the latest trends
- Content-managed sites allow you to update the content yourself using your web browser
- Your keywords should reflect your content
- Make your content interesting to users



# **Paid Marketing**

- Google, overture, Microsoft Ad Center, and other venues allow you to place online ads on sites your customers use every day
- You can pin-point advertising target it at specific sites and demographics
- Know where your customers surf and search
- Know what keywords your customers use
- Monitor and stay on top of bid amounts for online advertising – this is not fire-and-forget advertising



#### Build-your-own vs. Professionally Done

- Most websites that look dated or have poor content are those that are done by someone's brother, sister, aunt, uncle, or a somewhat web-savvy employee
- Professional web developers not only have a staff to perform updates, but also have the ability to keep you up to date on the latest trends and capabilities
- Professional web developers maintain and optimize their own web servers for performance
- You should budget for website redesign every 2-3
  years and any time you significantly change



# Summary – be sure your site:

- Has the basic requirements
- Is optimized for searching
- Is targeted at a market rather than a product
- Has excellent content
- Has an excellent online marketing campaign
- Is done to modern standards



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