COLLABORATION
CLIENT DELIVERY IN RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENTS

IP WORKFORCE STRATEGIC APPROACH SERIES
CLIENT-CENTERED REALIGNMENT

ALLOWS FOR A FRESH LOOK AT EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS AND PROCESSES

Collaborate
Reposition or Introduce New Relationships

Market
Review Competitive Landscape

Refresh
Re-Examine Existing Agreements

Insight
Get Closer to Clients.

Sector Access
Identify New Verticals.

Offerings
Evaluate current service and product structure.

Tools
Integrate or Expand Technology.

Value Chain
Examine process and delivery models
COLLABORATION ROADMAP
DEVELOPING GENUINE RELATIONSHIPS TO ENHANCE CLIENT VALUE

A new customer experience encompasses cross-functional work like marketing, sales training, and customer support. An agile roadmap must include all of the teams involved.

01. EVALUATE value you bring: useful tools, insights, support structures
02. DETERMINE if collaboration can improve service condition
03. FOCUS on mutual benefit efforts needed to deliver the outcome
04. COMMUNICATE to stakeholders on process and impact
05. DELIVER then adjust to emerging needs

Creating Internal and External Impacts Through Collaboration
EVALUATE THE VALUE YOU PROVIDE

COLLABORATION AS A CLIENT DELIVERY PRIORITY

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- Measure your or your firm’s current capacity and skill sets against project/client/employer need
- Pinpoint external partners’ capacity and skills against your ability to enhance, support, or expand their impact

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## The Partnership Evaluation Framework:
**How to evaluate a potential partner's business model and identify areas for collaboration**

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<td><strong>Governance:</strong> How a firm makes decisions in the market</td>
<td>Understanding the governance structure associated with a given business model can help uncover what objectives actors will prioritize, how they will respond to both market trends and policy, and who they recognize as relevant stakeholders.</td>
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<td>✓ Who are all the stakeholders involved in investment decisions in your organization? In partner organizations? &lt;br&gt; ✓ Once an investment is made, who has responsibility for its oversight? &lt;br&gt; ✓ Are there external regulations that may influence the decision-making process?</td>
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<td><strong>Financial Model:</strong> How a firm raises capital for start up or expansion and sets performance targets</td>
<td>Establishing and tracking a key set of financial metrics and benchmarks across each industry segment can reveal the sources of a business' profitability, as well as key decision points and motivations for a business to seek change.</td>
<td>✓ Revenues &lt;br&gt; ✓ Costs of Goods (or Services) Sold &lt;br&gt; ✓ Required margins &lt;br&gt; ✓ Sources of funding and cost of funding</td>
<td>✓ What are the costs and revenues for the business? &lt;br&gt; ✓ What are the major/key factors that influence changes in revenues or costs? &lt;br&gt; ✓ How does the business finance investments?</td>
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<td><strong>Assets &amp; Infrastructure:</strong> How a firm invests and brands itself in order to operate</td>
<td>Assessing the benefits and costs associated with an asset or infrastructure enables management to identify opportunities for creating value and reducing costs.</td>
<td>✓ Fixed assets (e.g., buildings) &lt;br&gt; ✓ Inventory &lt;br&gt; ✓ Equipment &lt;br&gt; ✓ Brand value &lt;br&gt; ✓ Trainings/Certifications</td>
<td>✓ What type of investment (i.e., buildings, machinery, and equipment) is needed? How costly is it, and are economies of scale a factor? &lt;br&gt; ✓ How important are non-physical assets (e.g., brand, certifications) on the success of the business?</td>
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<td><strong>Service Offering:</strong> What goods and services a firm markets and sells</td>
<td>Examining existing service offerings and uncovering untapped opportunities to expand core business offerings or enter into partnerships may reveal ways of increasing customer traffic, consumption, and revenue over time.</td>
<td>✓ Range of service offerings an organization provides and how well they align to its strengths &lt;br&gt; ✓ Required margins on an average service offering &lt;br&gt; ✓ Level of demand in market for each service offered</td>
<td>✓ What are my organization’s key strength and service offerings? &lt;br&gt; ✓ Are there alternatives/competitors to these services in the market? &lt;br&gt; ✓ Can a strategic partnership help my organization expand its service offerings or control its costs?</td>
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<td><strong>Customer:</strong> Who a firm’s target market is, and how it reaches them</td>
<td>Identifying customer segments associated with each business model can help to measure probability of success for partnerships and service offerings</td>
<td>✓ Marketing and lead generation efforts &lt;br&gt; ✓ Cost per lead &lt;br&gt; ✓ Customer demographics &lt;br&gt; ✓ Key partnerships</td>
<td>✓ Who are the target customers to be served? &lt;br&gt; ✓ What is the estimated overall demand for each service being provided? &lt;br&gt; ✓ Can a strategic partnership help me capture a larger share of the market?</td>
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Determine If Collaboration Can Improve Conditions

COLLABORATION AS A CLIENT DELIVERY PRIORITY

Your Value Add

OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD

Identify measurements you will use to demonstrate impact/improvement

Client Value Outcome

FREEDOM TO DELIVER

How will the collaboration improve the client's condition?

Partner Value Add

OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD

Determine what efficiency/savings/expanded capacity the client/employer be left with post engagement
FOCUS ON MUTUAL BENEFIT EFFORTS NEEDED TO DELIVER

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Future State
Create purpose-driven path from design to adoption

Accountability
Are you/team providing value you promised?
Measure targets against outcomes and your definition of success

Progress
Establish milestone timelines that trigger decision making

Problem Solving
Generate if/then scenarios that demonstrate fluid decision making
Listen actively and incorporate partners priorities to planned delivery
MEASURING VALUE

The purpose is to enhance your value in collaborative environments. The mutual value has to align with performance demands and any burden you or your company will take on to ensure success. Always connect external collaboration efforts to personal, professional and/or the company’s overall long-term strategy. Ensure you can demonstrate what you deliver.

- Are we delivering what we promised?
- Have we improved the client/employer/partners condition?
- Did we create flexibility that allows for ongoing adjustments?
- Did it improve our bottom line, brand or access?
COMMUNICATION

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CONNECT
Generate opportunities that create momentum and move everyone forward

ENGAGE
Listen actively and incorporate partners priorities into planned delivery

GET BUY-IN
Provide transparent messaging that allows for input and adjustment
FLEXIBILITY BECOMES A CRITICAL VALUE ADD.

Collaboration allows you to maximize your capacity while generating broad acceptance as a genuine resource connected to quality delivery.

OUTCOME

- SHORT, GOAL-BASED DELIVERY
  Creating the ability to respond to client realities

DEMONSTRATES

- ADAPTABLE DELIVERY
  Rooted in If/Then Scenario Responsiveness connected to measurable outcomes

VALUE

- LEVERAGED OPPORTUNITIES
  Utilize collaboration to generate higher impact, greater value and deepen trust

DELIVER AND ADAPT TO EVOLVING NEEDS

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Take advantage of the current—and hopefully temporary—lull in the economy to collaborate with your own team to brainstorm new business delivery models. For example:

- School Districts are partnering with tech companies to provide students access to online learning.
- Restaurants are connecting to food pantries to deliver food to isolated elderly customers.
- California has partnered with Motel 6 to temporarily house some of its homeless population.

How can your team uniquely adapt to the new normal to expand its market share and/or transform business?
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