

SAME SIDE SELLING

CASE STUDY





lan gave us the concepts and tools that turned engineers and consultants into our top revenue generators.

- DAVID CAMPBELL, COO, Optimal Networks

BACKGROUND

Optimal Networks is an information technology (IT) service provider. Their solutions run from traditional managed services to high-end cloud services; so they can be responsive to all clients' needs and guide them along in the process. In the past much of their conversations were technical in nature, which led them to realize that traditional sales people weren't working anymore; they needed Subject Matter Experts.

WHY IT MATTERED

They offered a gold standard level of service and support, in many cases with a fixed price, to perform everything that the client would need. The issue was that the clients didn't understand the difference between them and the competition.

RESULTS

They adopted Same Side Selling and invested in training for the team, and with Ian Altman's help they modified their messaging so that they now clearly stand out from the competition. Their clients and prospects now understand that there are 3 different levels of service providers in the industry; and Optimal Networks delivers exceptional value because they take the time to understand the business impact and needs, rather than just focusing on technology alone itself.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

They have quarterly reviews with their existing clients to make sure they can measure results. In addition, they simplified their agreements and business models to make sure that it's much easier for their clients to do business with them.

ISSUE

Traditional selling wasn't working; Differentiation from the competition; Explaining the value of what they offered.

RESULTS

Their top 2 revenue producers are Subject Matter Experts; They have shifted the focus from price to value; Potential customers now understand what they offer.

IMPACT & IMPORTANCE

Loss of potential customers due to competition; Inability to sell on value over price.

KEYS TO SUCCESS

Implementing Same Side Improv on a weekly basis; Quarterly reviews with existing clients; Simplified business models.