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Marketing Services: Request for Proposal

INSERT DATE

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Address: Your address. Your agency partner will typically care most about your HQ.

Phone Number: Your phone number

Website:

Primary Point of Contact: Who's going to be running the project? Your agency partner needs their name and contact information, at minimum. A LinkedIn URL is helpful, too. **Organization Overview:** How did your organization come to be? What do you do? Who

do you serve?

Mission & Values: Why do you exist?

Key Differentiators: What makes you special?

Project Information

Project Overview: What do you need done?

Project Purpose: Why are you making the ask? What problem are you trying to solve? This helps your agency partner prepare their response.

Goals & Expected Outcomes: What do you want to accomplish? What specific metrics will you use to evaluate success? What does "great" look like?

Budget: Even if you don't have a specific number yet, be clear about how budget will be allocated. A budget range is fine, but the more exact you are, the better the pitches you receive will be.

Timeline

Deadline to Register Interest: When does the agency need to say they're interested in being in the running? How should they get back to you?

Deadline for RFP Questions: What's the latest an agency can ask you clarifying questions? How will you get back to them?

RFP Submission Deadline: When do you want to hear back?

Final Interviews: When will you narrow the field and hold final interviews or pitches?

Agency Selection: When will you make your final selection?

Project Start Date: When do you want to kick off? Is this flexible?

Project Completion Date: When do you want to finish? Is this flexible?

Team Information

Team Bios: Provide short bios of each team member involved in the project, including LinkedIn URLs. This will help the agency provide relevant information.

Communication Rules: How should the agency communicate with you during the RFP process? Be specific about who should get what, when.

Selection Criteria

Ideal Partner: Describe your ideal agency partner. Are they large? Small? Tech-first? Purely creative? This will help limit the amount of "junk" submissions you receive, since agencies who aren't a fit will naturally gravitate away.

Who's in the Running? It's extremely useful to agencies to know the basics of your process. Did you submit the RFP to two agencies? Ten? Fifty? Again, this will help eliminate non-useful submissions and make your selection process easier.

Disqualifications: What would disqualify an agency from winning the project? Do they absolutely need industry experience? Must they be B2B-focused? If there's anything you simply won't or can't consider, list it here.

Submission

Requirements: What specifically should respondents send you? Typical "asks" include a scope of work, line-item budget, team member bios, relevant work examples and references.

Instructions: Are there any special instructions for how you want work submitted? For example, do you want everything uploaded to a Dropbox URL? The more specific you are, the easier the process will be for you.