Why I Love Sales Enablement (And You Should, Too)

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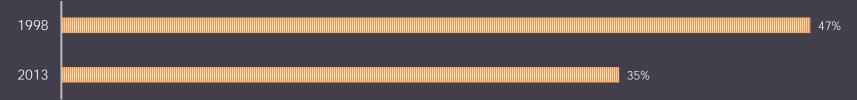
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"A sales team armed with content — content inspired by their own insights — is a sales team that can more effectively close deals. To make this happen you'll need the right tools combined with the right processes for your company. So before you craft another piece of content, take a step back, walk over to the nearest sales rep, and have a conversation."

- Hana Abaza, director of marketing, Uberflip

Available 1:1 Selling Time Each Year: 1,720 hours. 215 days.

Time Spent Selling



Non-Selling Time (Hours)

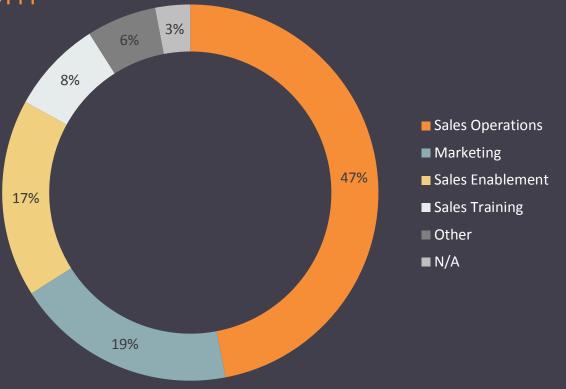
 Creating presentations and proposals
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 Searching customer-related information
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 Searching marketing collateral
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The average sales enablement budget doubled between 2012 and 2014 from \$1.2 M to \$2.4M





Top Sales Enablement Initiatives: Marketing Has a Role

Improve selling skills of reps	27%
Sales asset management solution purchase	23%
Improve onboarding process	15%
Deploy/implement sales methodology	12%
Develop first line sales managers	10%
Implement/expand rep certification program	7%
Improve social selling skills of reps	6%

Aligning sales and marketing through sales enablement, with marketing taking the role of air traffic controller for all sales communication, increases the health and velocity of the pipeline; elevates marketing from a cost center to a driver of revenue.

Only 300 companies worldwide have truly adopted a "revenue marketing" strategy

That's only .000261%



Sales Enablement Strategy #1: Develop a cross-functional team and assess your organization's readiness to implement

- Sales enablement readiness assessment
- Sales and marketing alignment assessment

Sales Enablement Strategy #2: Sales and marketing operate from a single version of the truth for:

- Knowledge sharing
- Marketing automation
- Customer data

Salesforce.com Launch



- Five email drip campaign
- Dynamically built landing page
 - Platform overview
 - Video from CEO
 - Benefits to sales
 - Videos from sales executives around the globe
 - Tips for system checks prior to access
 - Top five languages

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• Branded for all business lines

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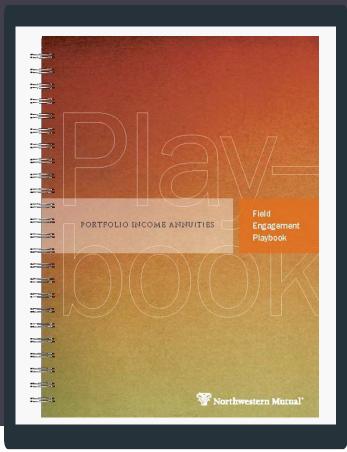
Sales Enablement Strategy #3: Agree on common terminology and ownership early; clearly communicate it.



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Sales Enablement Strategy #4: Employ a multi-touch approach when communicating with sales.

Portfolio Income Annuities Launch



- Field engagement playbook for regional directors
 - Terminology
 - Campaign overview
 - Key resources recommended activities key dates
- Packaged sales and marketing collateral and sales resources into a singular sales toolkit
- Video series for financial representatives
- Face-to-face and online events
- Articles across various field and leadership channels

Ongoing Education



- Sales professionals series
- Sales managers series
- Peer-to-peer sales forums
- Sales-ready thought leadership toolkits
- Sales Resource Center

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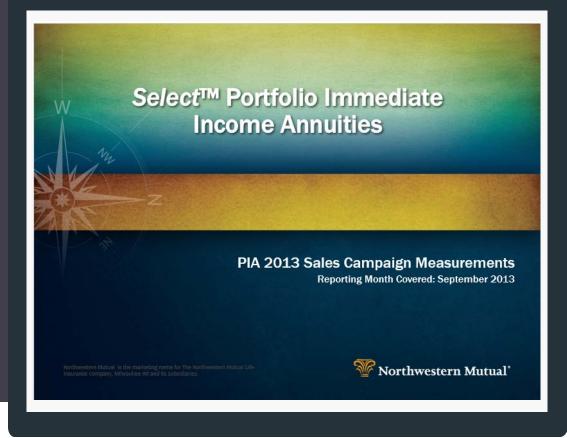
Sales Enablement Strategy #5: Ensure shared accountability for revenue generation.



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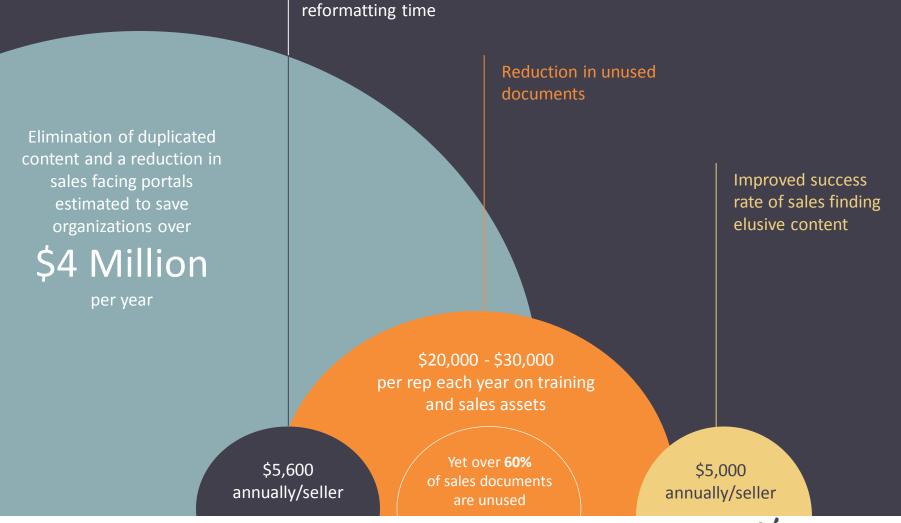
Sales Enablement Strategy #6: Collaborate with sales to measure the impact of marketing collateral, tools and resources.

Campaign Metrics



- Jointly determine
 measurements
- Report marketing progress
 to sales regularly

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Final Thoughts

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