

Building Agile Organizations

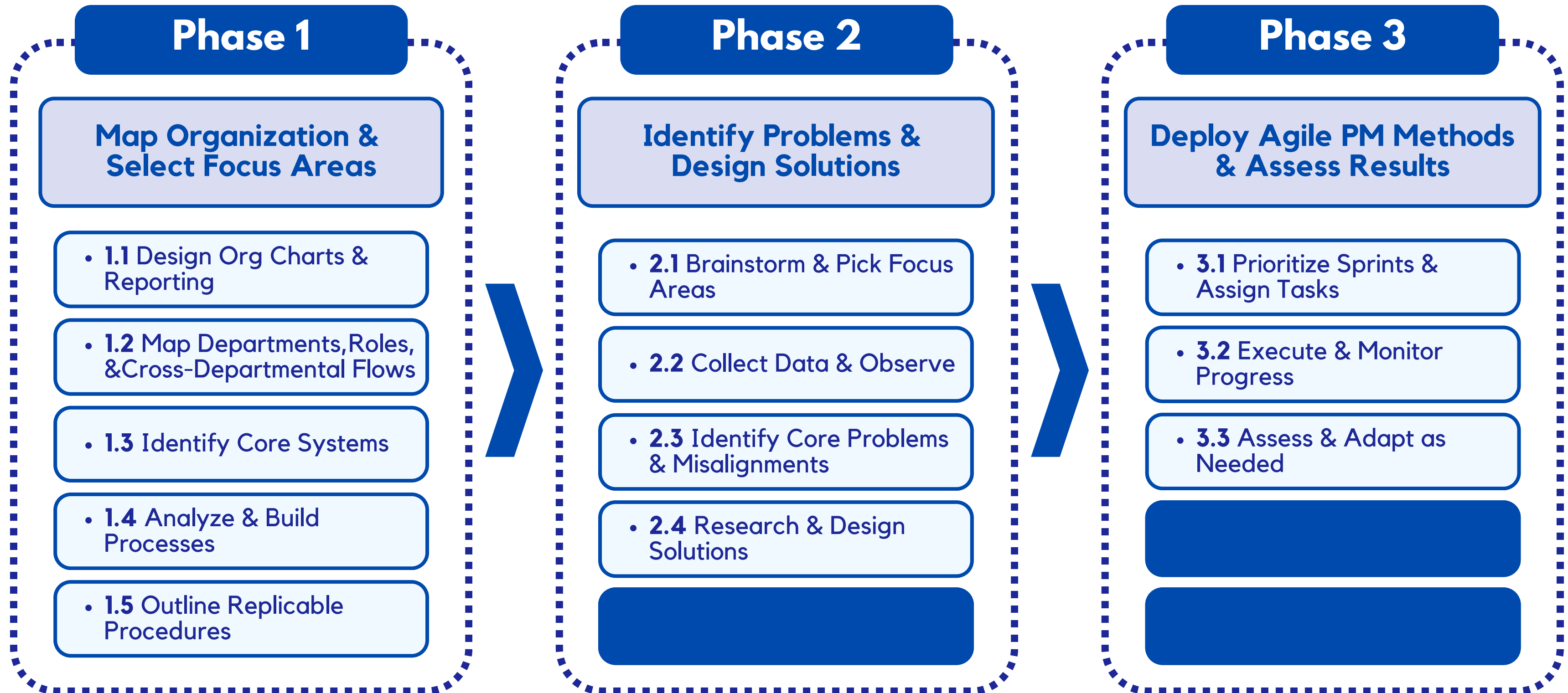
Mapping how work moves. Finding what needs to change.

A collection of frameworks I developed and adapted across operations, sales, and customer delivery before founding Bytespace.

Includes established methods such as MEDDPICC, root-cause analysis, and agile planning. The examples illustrate an approach, not a single company deployment or a guarantee of results.

Process Overview

Through this process, we aim to map out and optimize the organization. Starting at a high-level and systematically working our way down, we will identify inefficiencies and using agile PM methodologies to tackle specific focus areas.



Phase 1: Map Organization & Select Focus Areas *

This is the part where we take an inventory of what we've already built. Outlining existing organizational structures, systems, processes, and procedures to better understand what's working, what's not working, and where we should focus first.



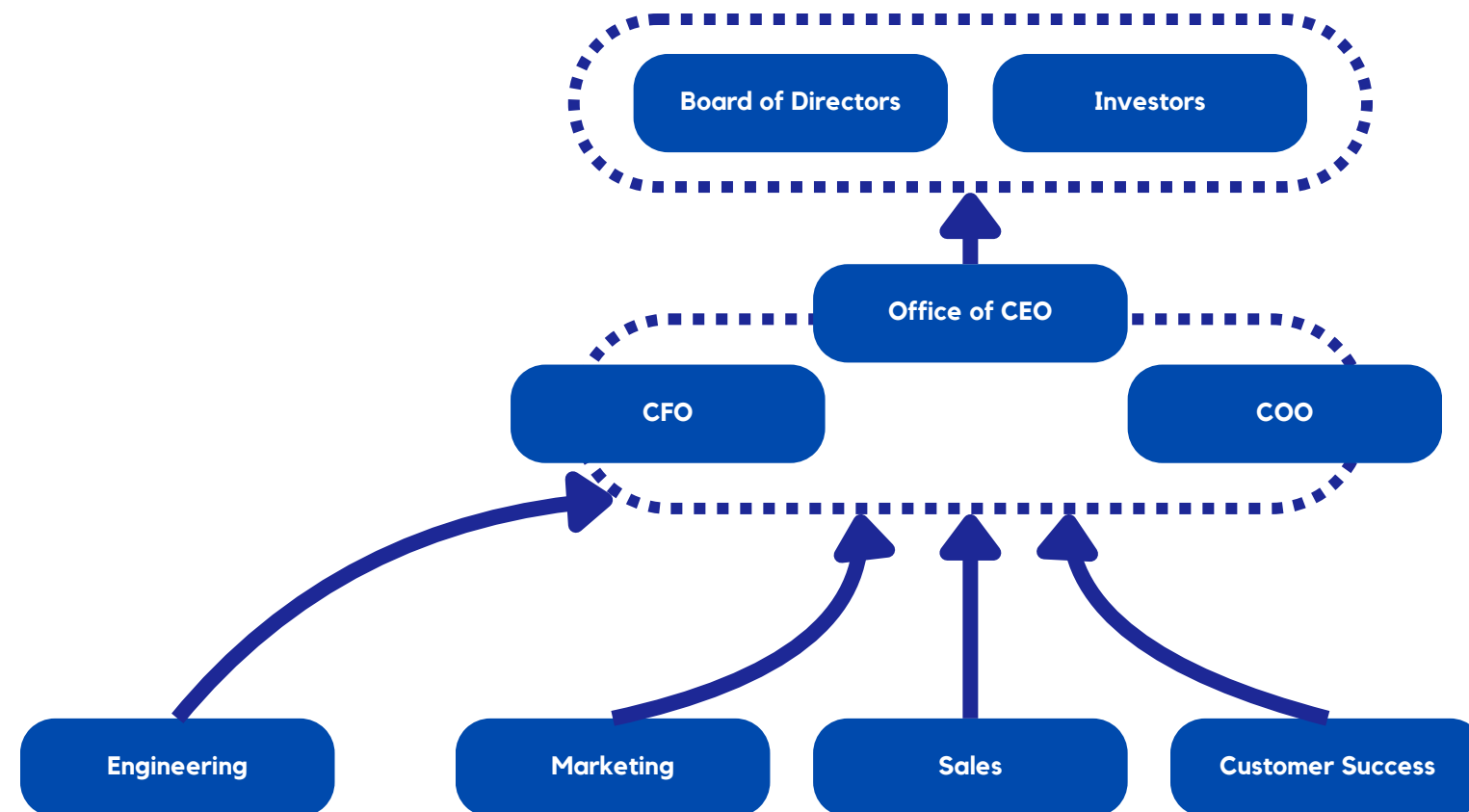
1.1: Design Org Charts & Reporting

"Superstructure": general framework for how resources and information flows within the organization.

Definition of Organizational Goals & Key Objectives

Identification of Key Stakeholders

Organizational Chart



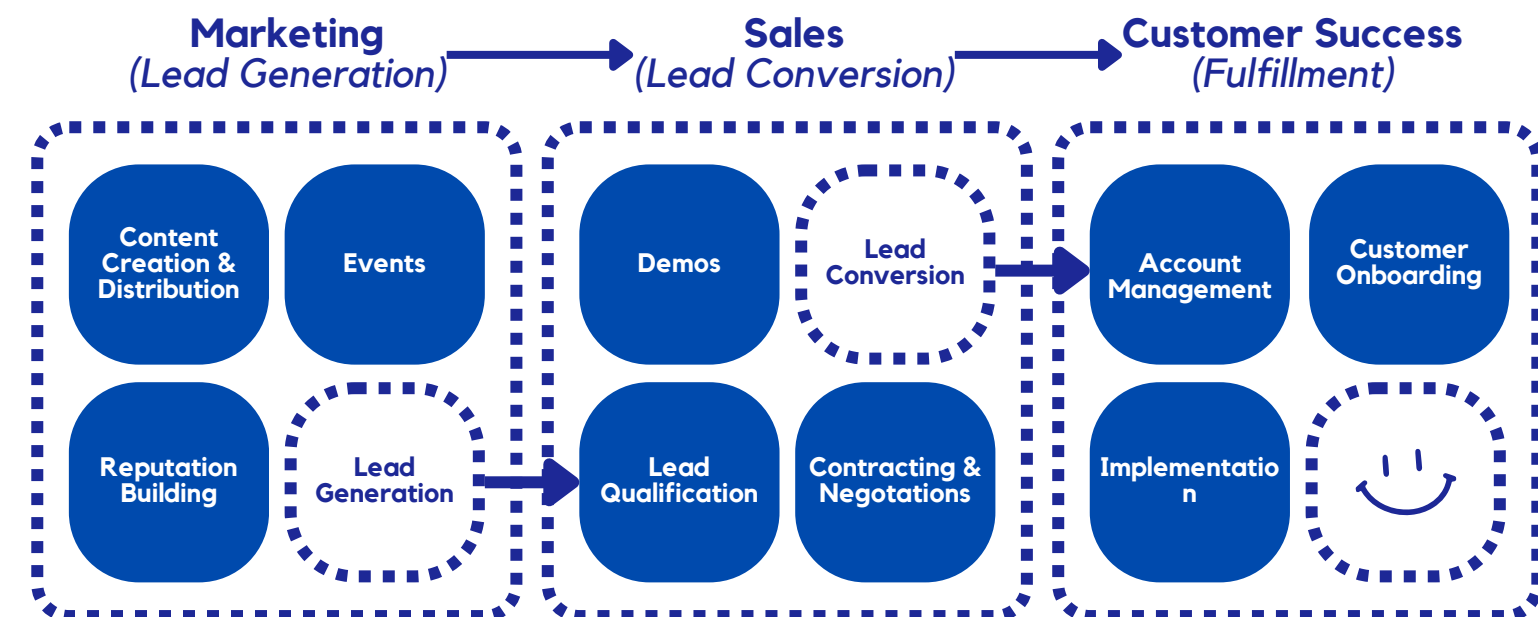
1.2: Map Departments, Roles, and Cross-Departmental Flows

"Substructures": departmental frameworks for roles and cross-functional

Departmental Analysis

Role Mapping

Inter-Departmental Relationships



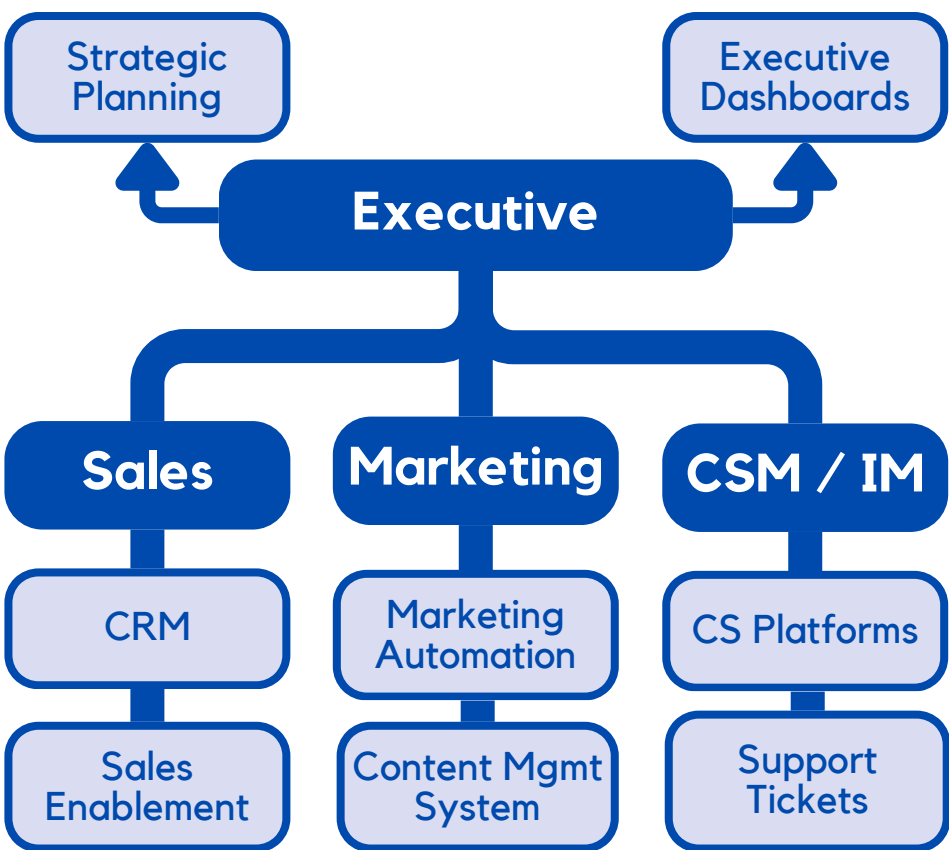
1.3: Identify Core Systems

"Systems": High-level business functions merging multiple processes.

Inventory of Current Systems

System Integration Analysis

System Effectiveness Evaluation



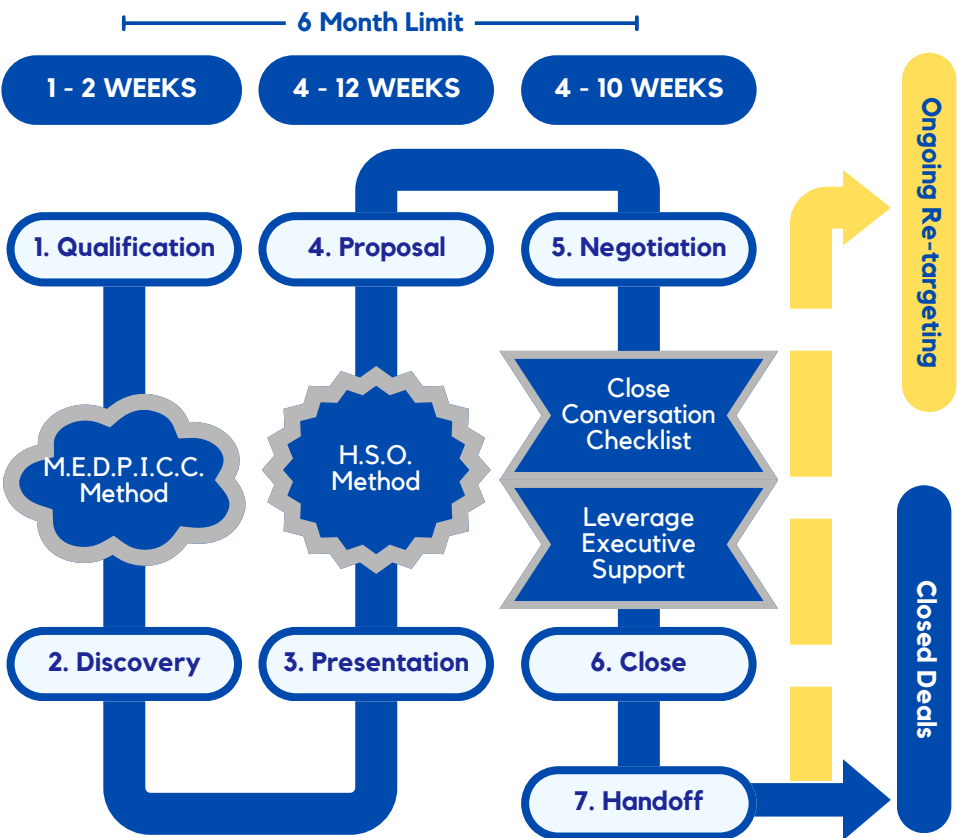
1.4: Analyze & Build Processes

"Processes": Mid-level business functions merging multiple procedures.

Process Mapping

Process Flow Analysis

Process Standardization



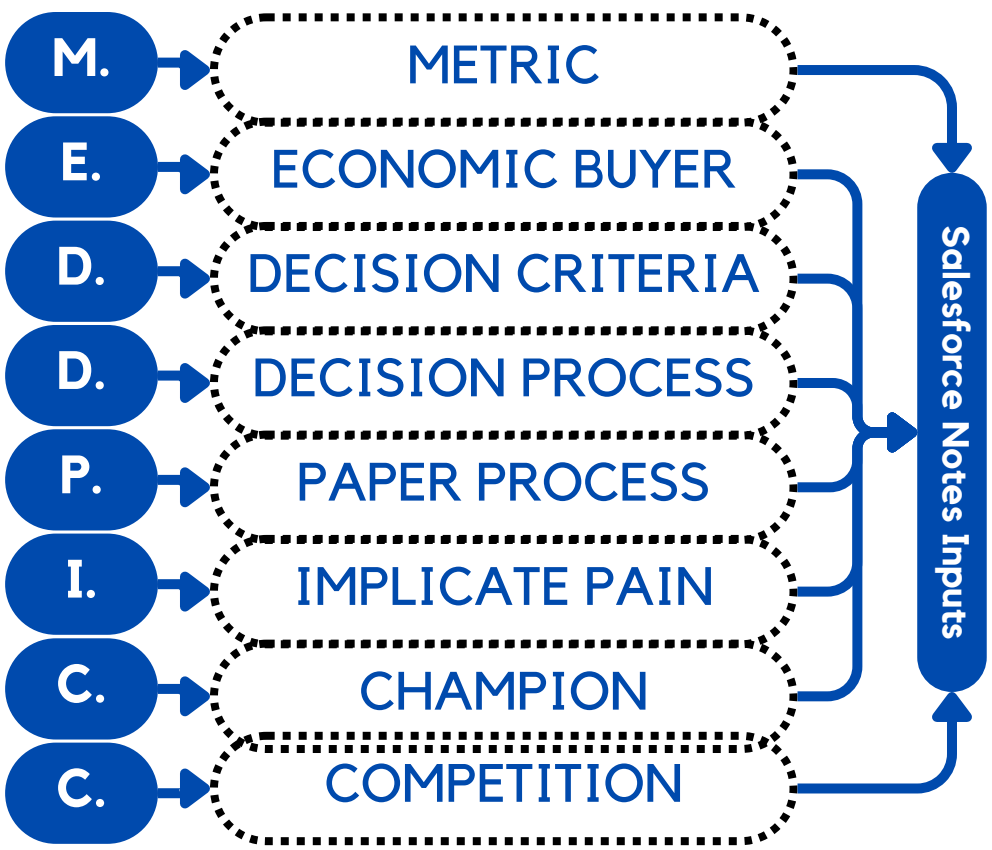
1.5: Outline Replicable Procedures

"Procedures": Low-level business functions describing tasks.

Procedure Documentation

Procedure Review

Procedure Training



Phase 2: Identify Problems & Design Solutions *



Next we review the organizational maps to determine gaps and inefficiencies, prioritizing higher impact activities initially to build momentum. Then we refine those systems to enhance cohesion and efficiency between and within departments.

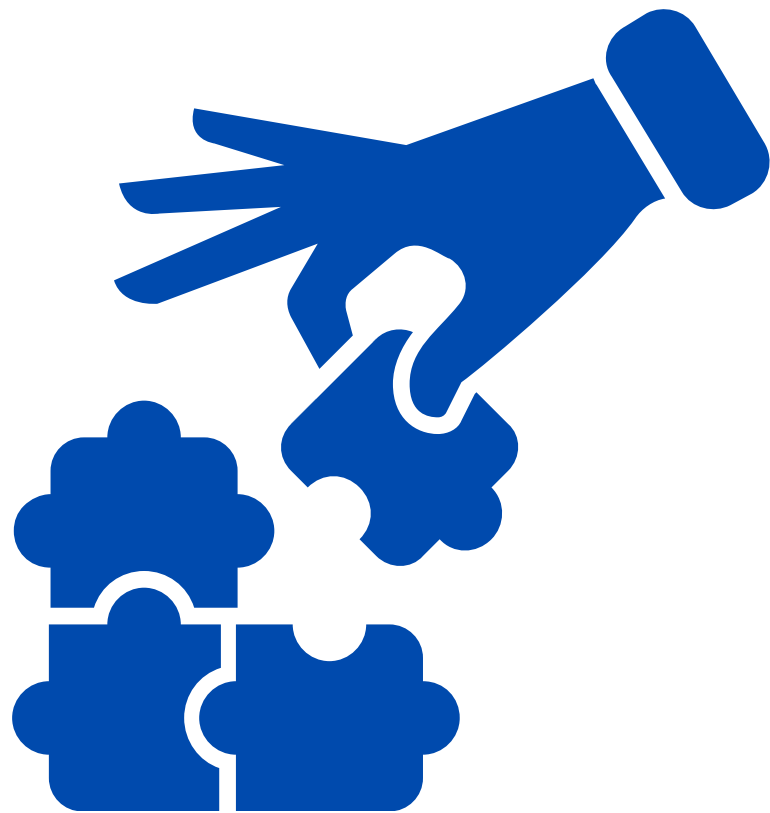
2.1: Brainstorm & Pick Focus Area(s)

"Solution Prioritization":

Brainstorming Sessions

Solution Proposals

Stakeholder Input



2.2: Collect Data & Observe

"Data Collection & Analysis":

Surveys & Interviews

Performance Metrics

Observation



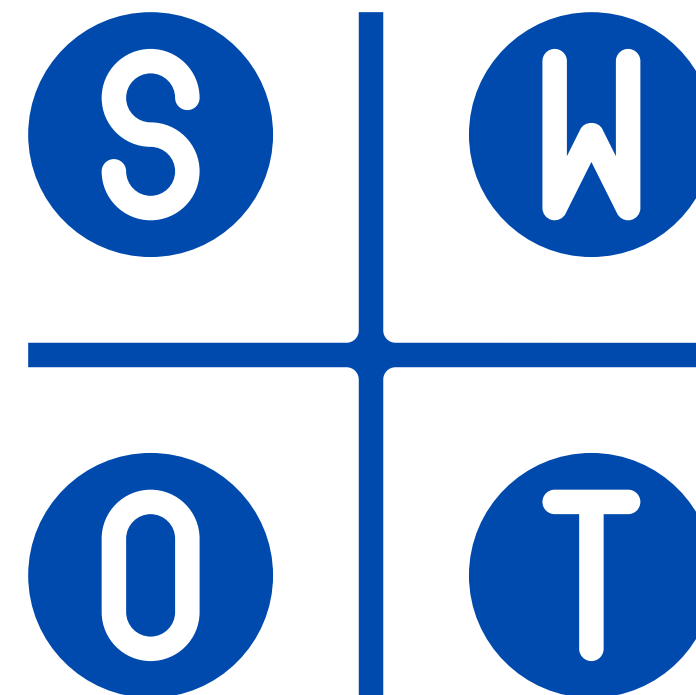
2.3: Identify Core Problems & Misalignments

"Root Cause Analysis":

Fishbone Diagram

5 WHY's

SWOT Analysis



2.4: Research & Design Solutions

"Solution Design":

Best Practices Research

Impact-Effort Matrix

Roadmap Development



Phase 3: Deploy Agile PM * Methodologies & Assess Results



Now that we've mapped the organization, understood what problems need solving, and prioritized our focus, we will develop action plans. Using agile methodologies, we'll conduct weekly operational sprints with department heads and SMEs to achieve results.

3.1: Prioritize Sprints & Assign Tasks

"Agile Planning":

Sprint Planning

Backlog Prioritization

Task Assignment



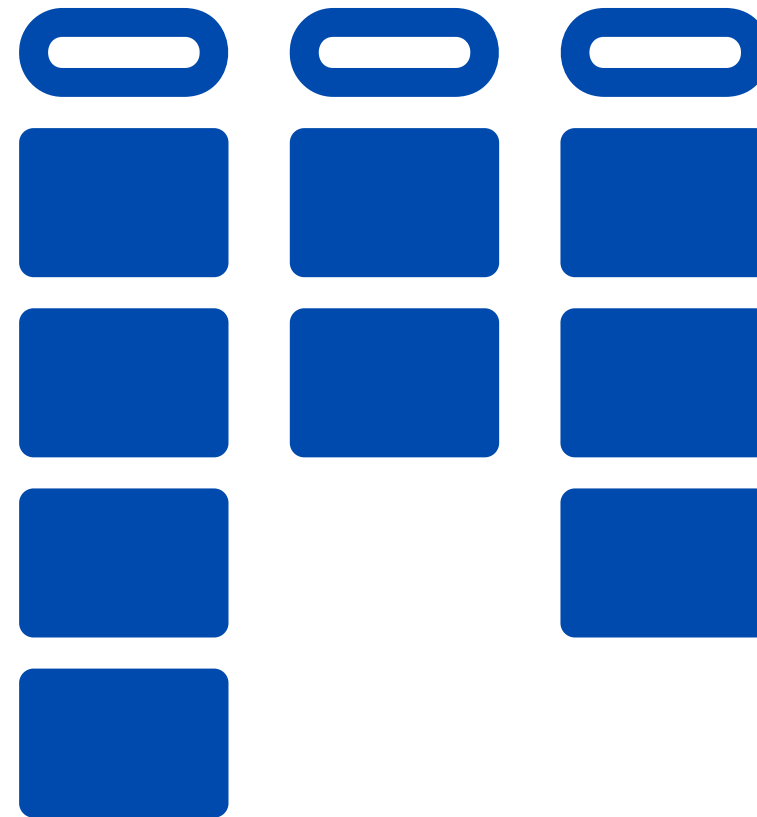
3.2: Execute & Monitor Progress

"Agile Execution":

Daily Standups

Kanban Boards

Iteration Review



3.3: Assess & Adapt as Needed

"Agile Assessment":

Sprint Retrospective

Performance Metrics

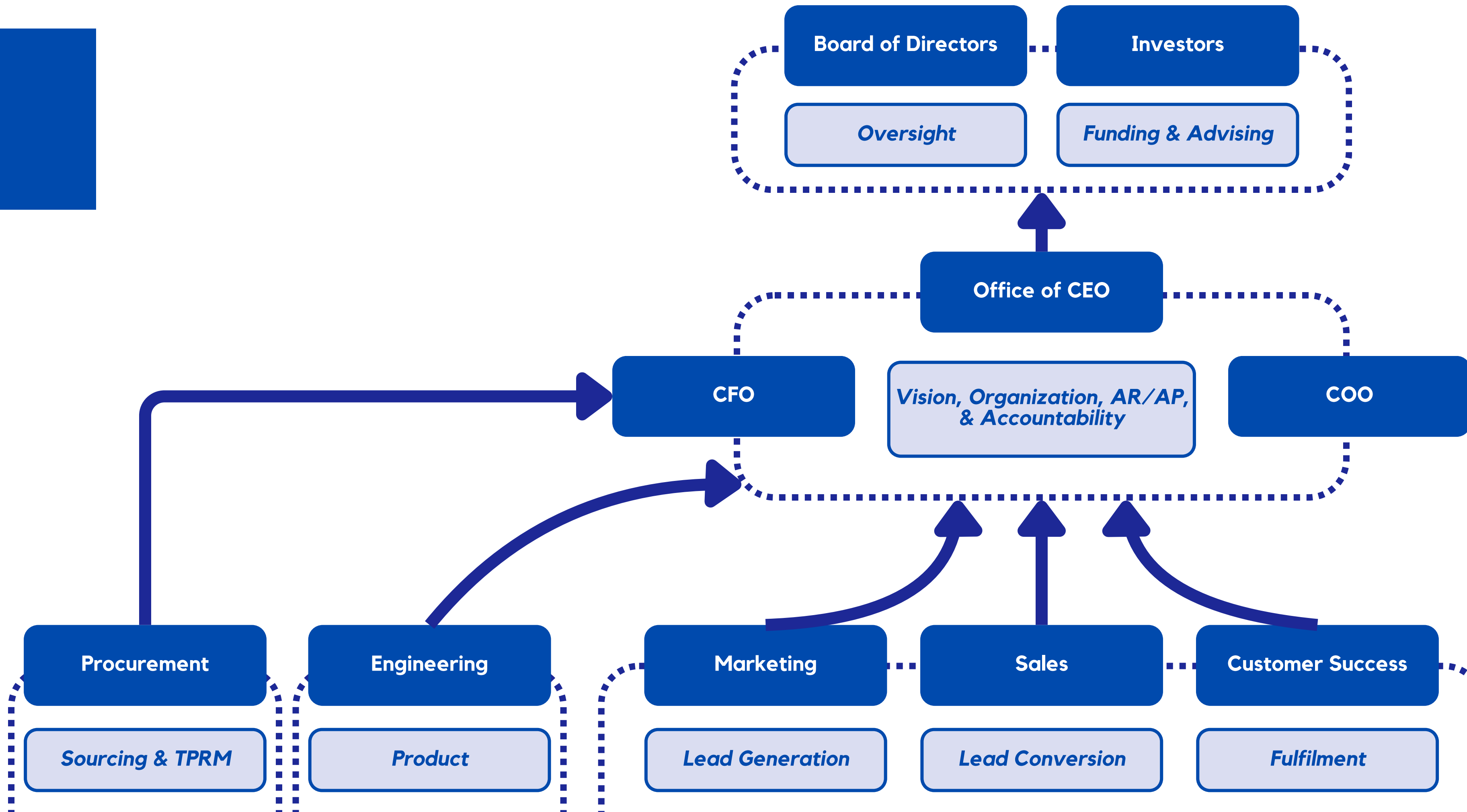
Continuous Improvement



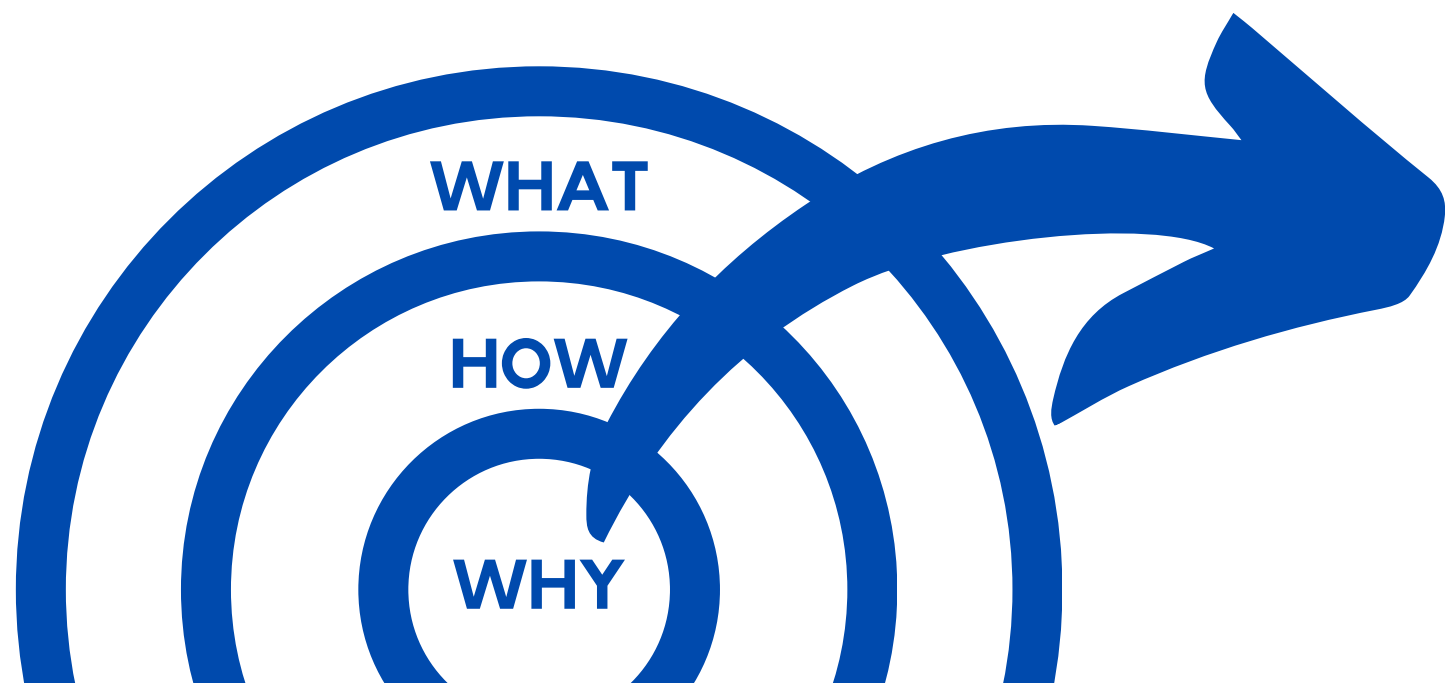
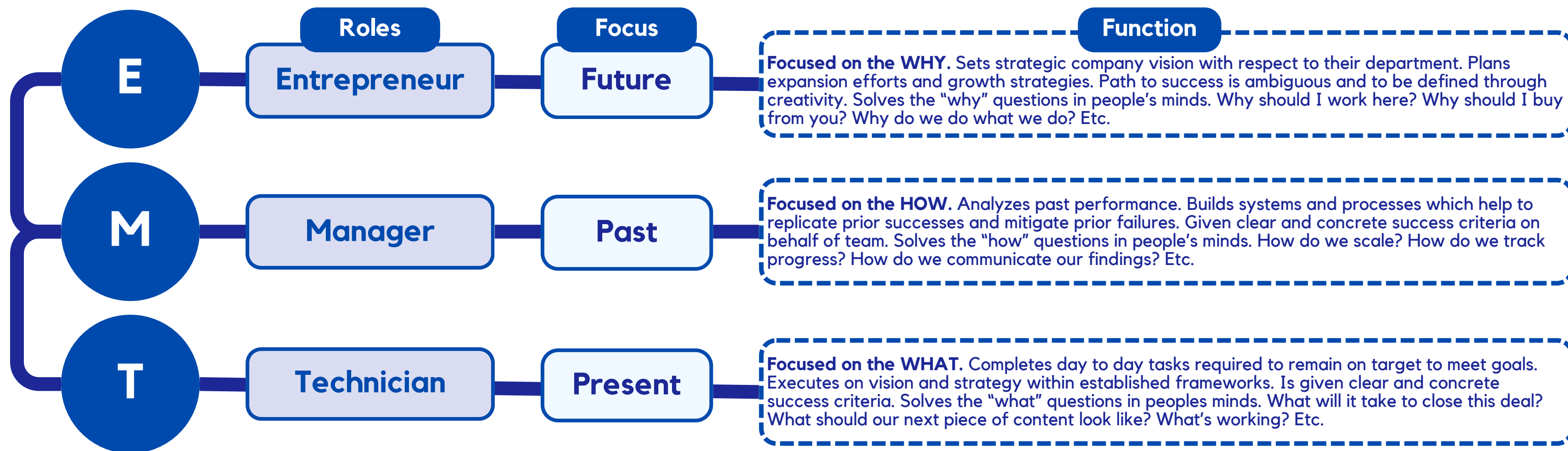
Step 1: Establish Reporting Structure & Fundamental Philosophies



Figure out how we measure success for each department. Establish KPIs and weekly, quarterly, and annual reporting expectations. Create executive dashboards. Create cohesive philosophies which operate as the organizational bedrock.



Role Fundamentals



Success

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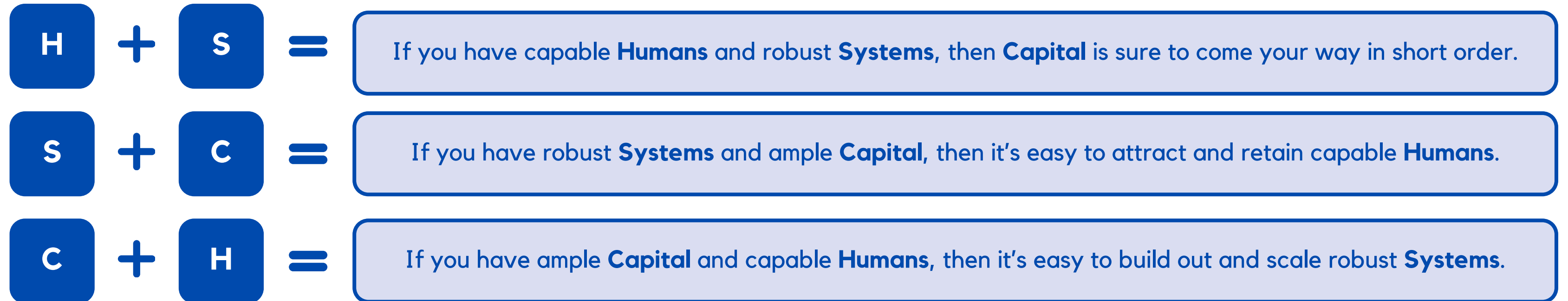
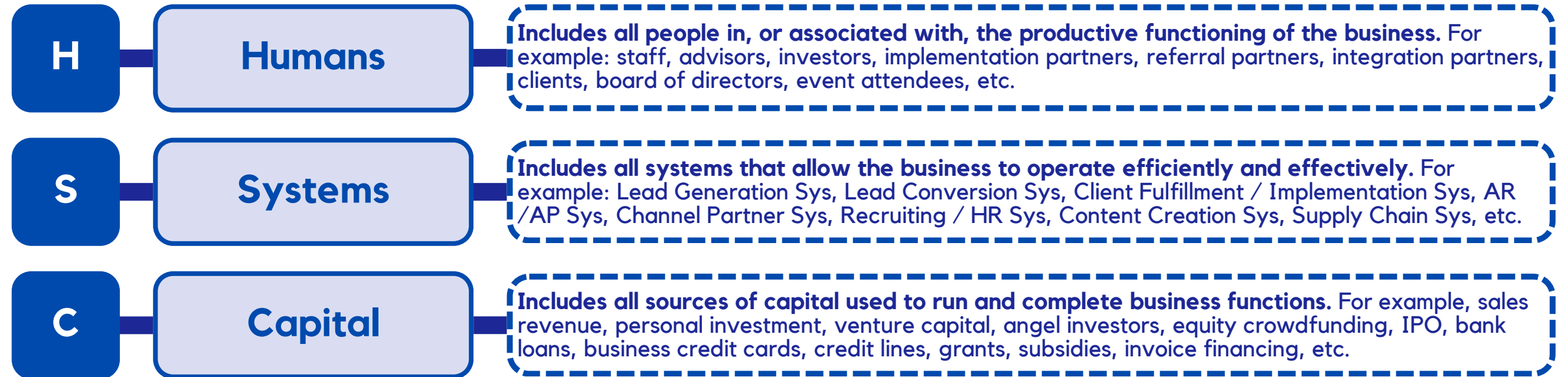
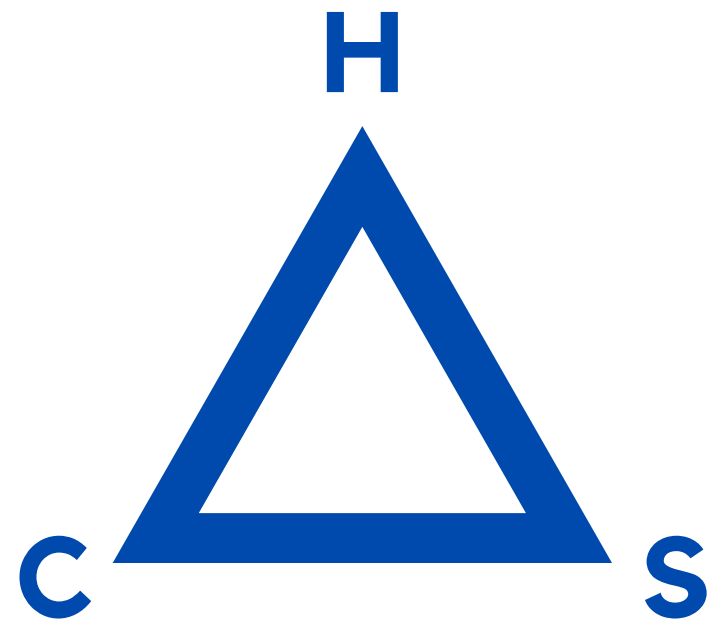
The progressive realization of a worthy ideal.

Success

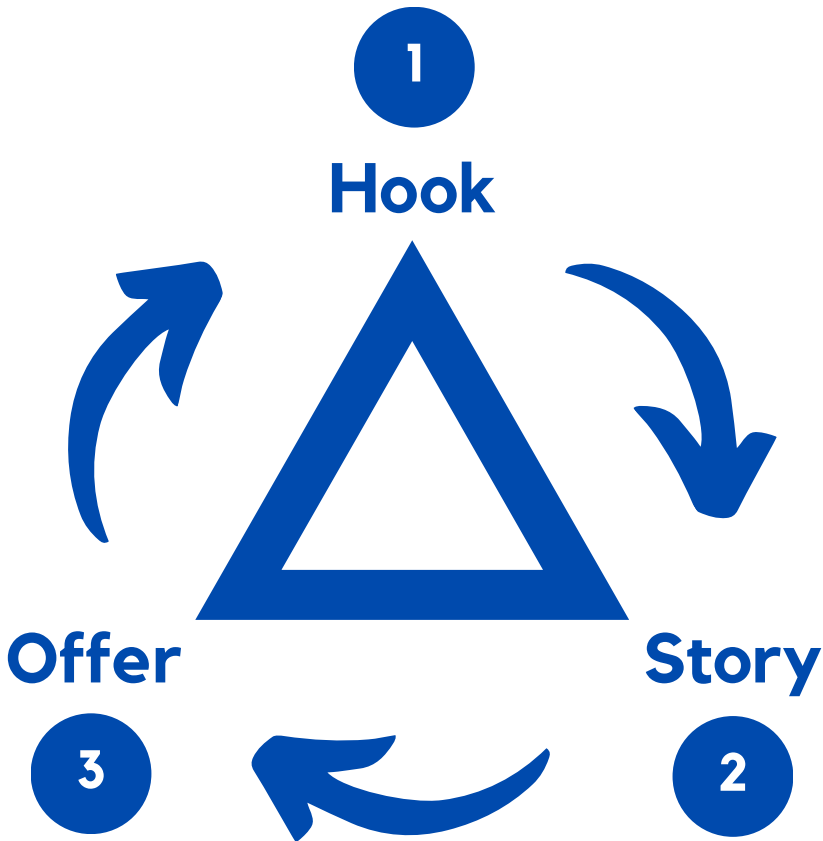
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Energy + Matter, in its most organized state.

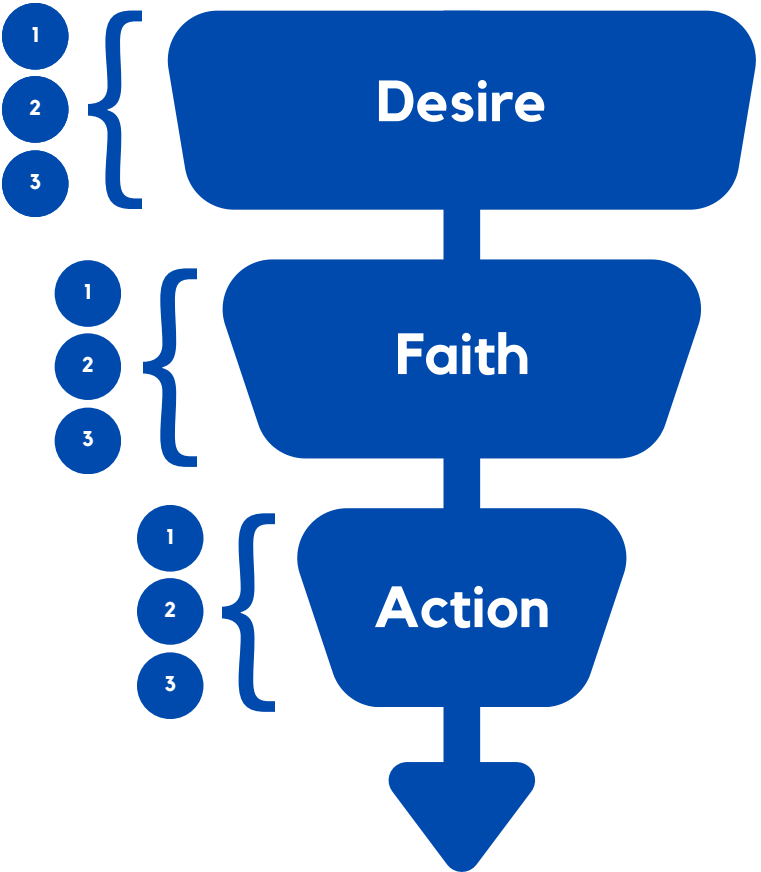
Business Fundamentals



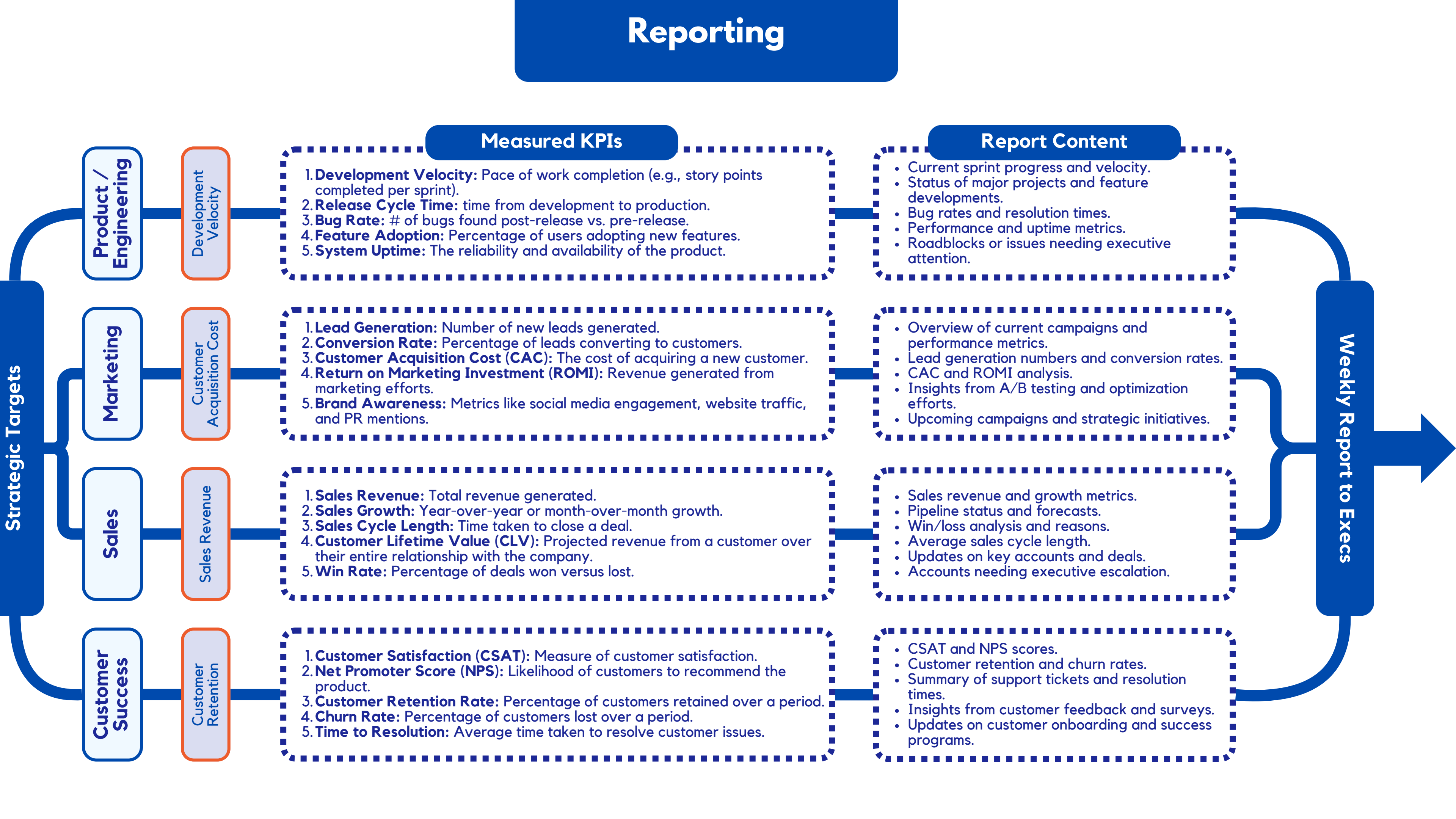
Marketing & Sales Fundamentals



H	Hook	Focus on the WHY . The hook is all about the capturing the audience's attention. Why is this important to them? Whether telling a story, or making a sale, the intention of the hook is to create a DESIRE within the prospect to keep listening, reading, etc.
S	Story	Focus on the HOW . The story is all about demonstrating relevance and building interest. How does your solution work? How does it fit into their life? The intention here is to build FAITH , that what you're "selling" is relevant and you can deliver effectively.
C	Offer	Focus on the WHAT . The offer is a CTA directed toward closing the deal. Getting a commitment out of the prospect and moving them from one stage of the cycle to the next. The offer is all about getting the prospect to take ACTION .



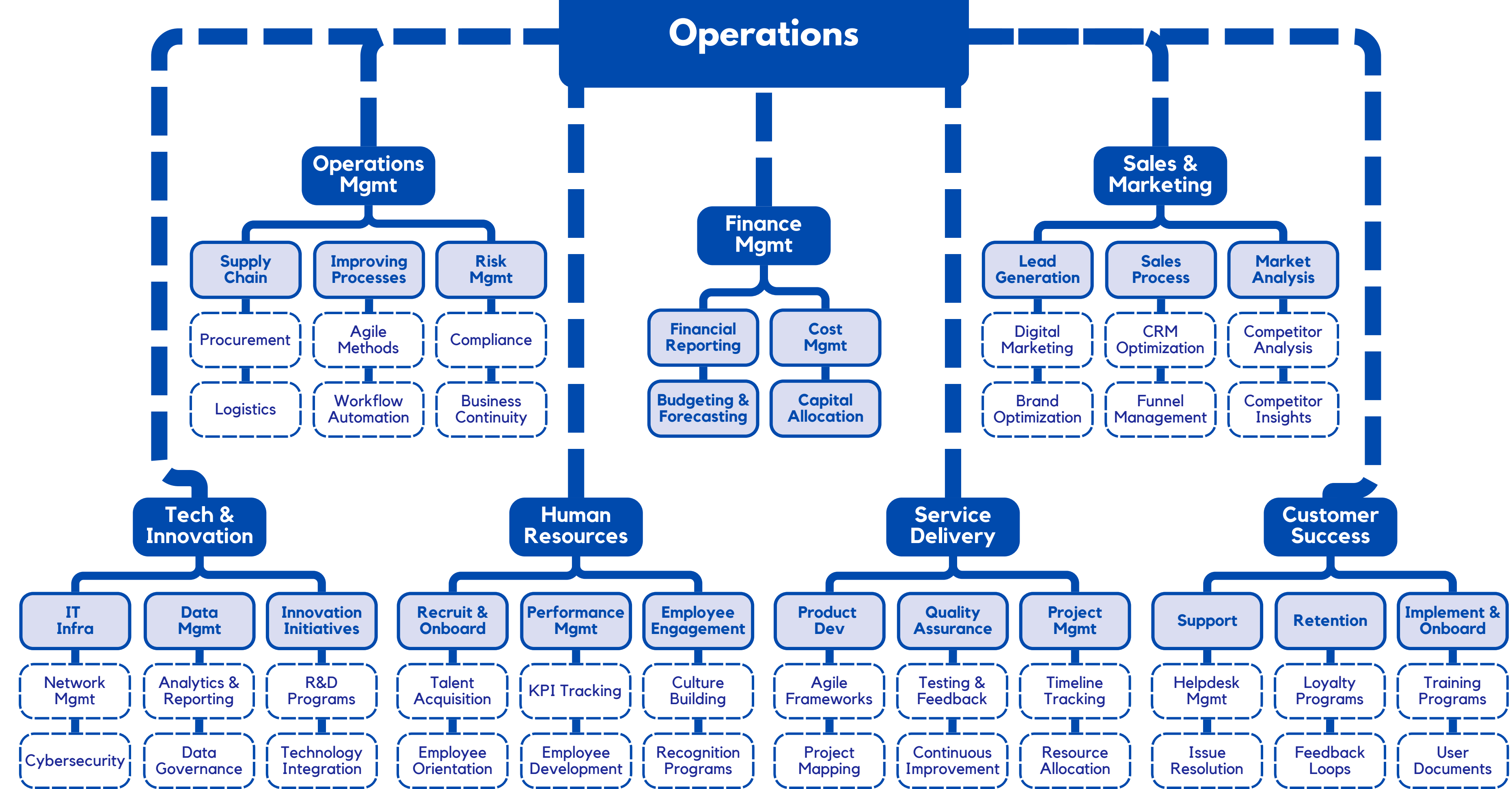
1. Lead Generation	Primarily attributed to MARKETING . It's Marketing's responsibility to build general brand awareness, filter prospects, create a desire within leads that are pre-qualified, and to set the stage for productive handoff to sales and partnership teams.
2. Lead Conversion	Primarily attributed to SALES . It's Sales's responsibility to qualify leads, demonstrate product-customer fit, outline project requirements, negotiate, close the deal, and facilitate an effective handoff to CSM / IM teams.
3. Client Fulfilment	Primarily attributed to CUSTOMER SUCCESS & IMPLEMENTATION . It's the CSM / IM's responsibility to ensure reasonable project expectations, project execution under delivery timelines, efficient customer onboarding, and regular check-ins through annual client renewals.

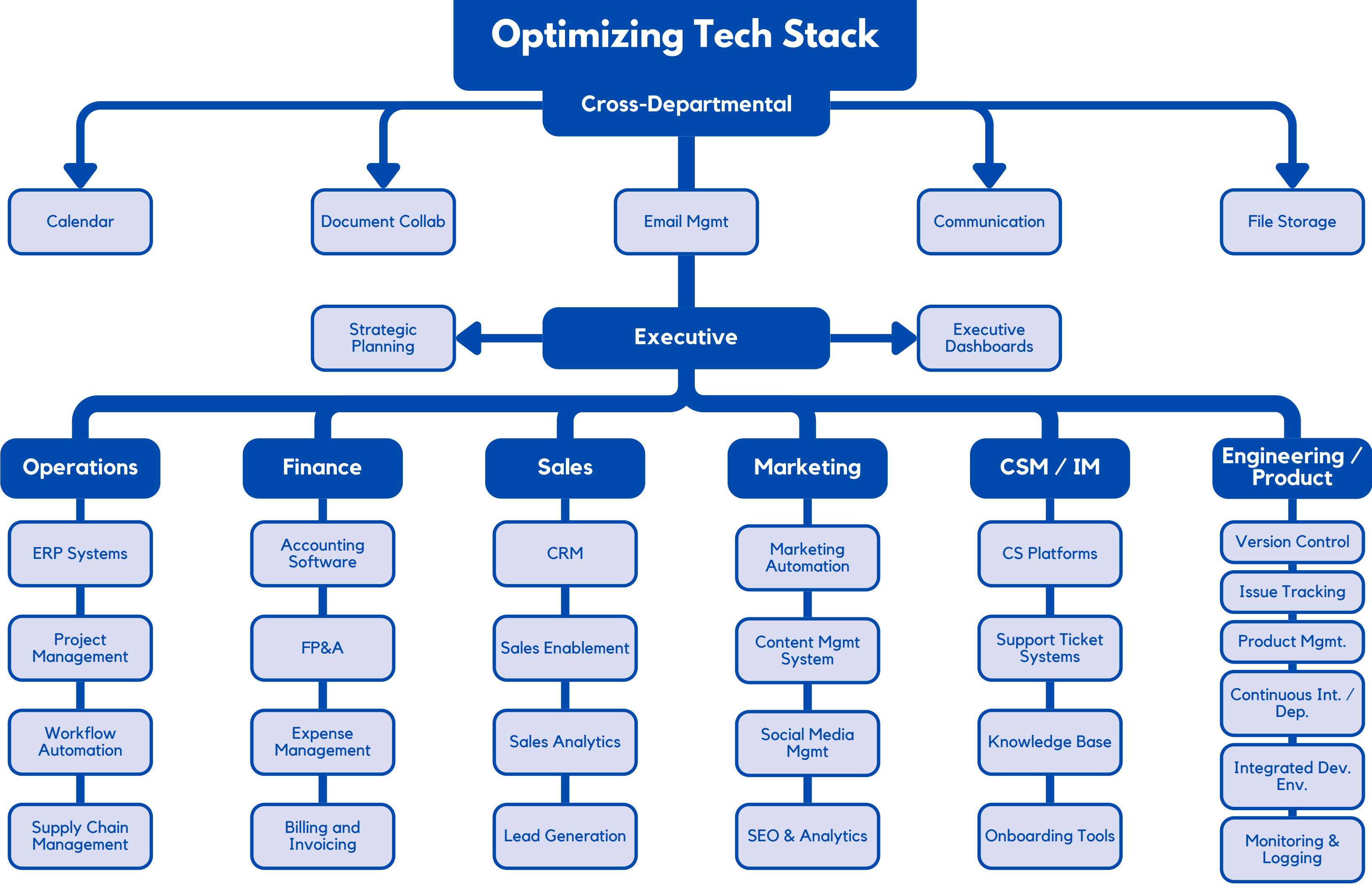


Step 2: Build Org Structures & Identify Core Systems



Figure out how information and resources flow within the organization.
Understand and map out the systems that are core to each department's success.
Refine those systems to create cohesion between and within departments.





Marketing

Product

Creative

Brand

Brand Management

Visual Identity

External Agencies

Design & Visual

Graphic

Multimedia

Photo & Video

External Materials

Templates

Online & Media

Copy & Content

Digital

Social Media

Newsletters

Blogs

Traditional

Print

Broadcast

Events & PR

Campaign Mgmt.

Social Media

Organic

UGC

Brand Partnerships

Community

Newsletter

Discord

SM Engagement

Events

Digital

Webinars

Podcasts

Physical

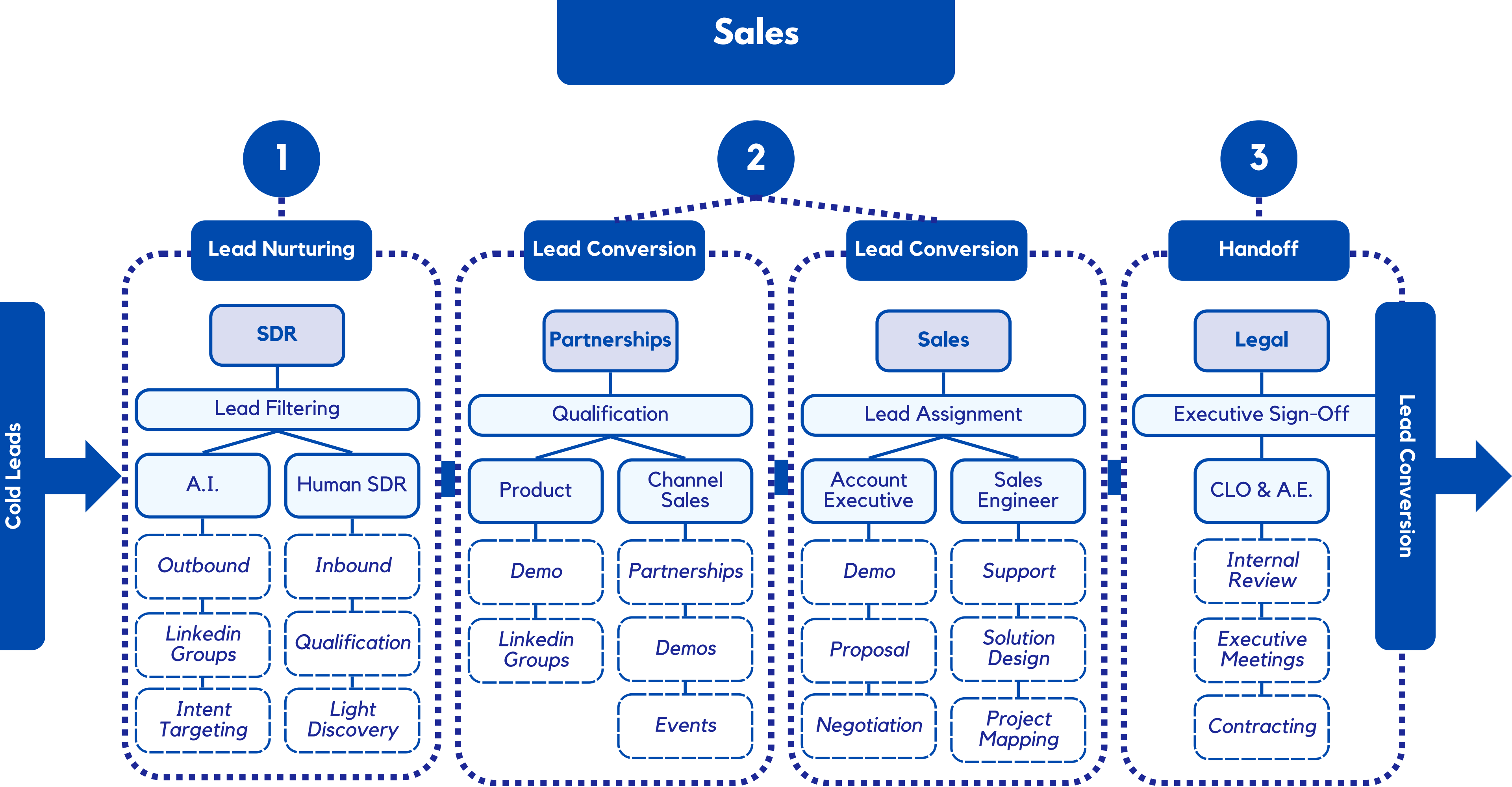
Fireside Chats

Panels

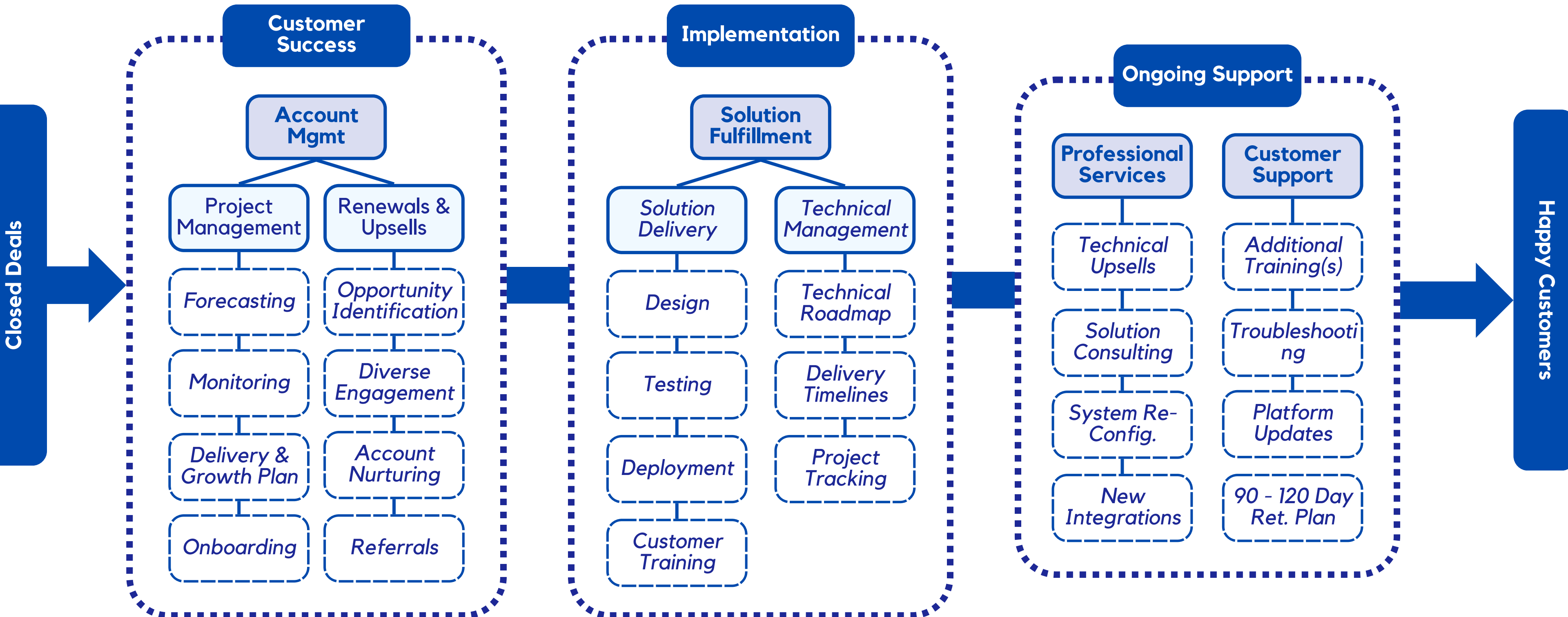
Conferences

Speaking Engagement

Lead Generation



Lead to Customer Transition



Step 3: Develop Scalable Processes & Build Replicable Procedures



Now that we understand what systems are core to each department, let's get a little more into the weeds. Each system is comprised of strategic processes and tactical procedures. Map, refine, and document them. Establish replicable best practices.

Universal Sales Life Cycle



**SDR
Qualification
(Hook)**

- 1. Piquing Process → Events, Social Media, Intent Data, SDR Outreach
- 2. Qualification Process → MEDDPICC Methodology

**AE Sale
(Story)**

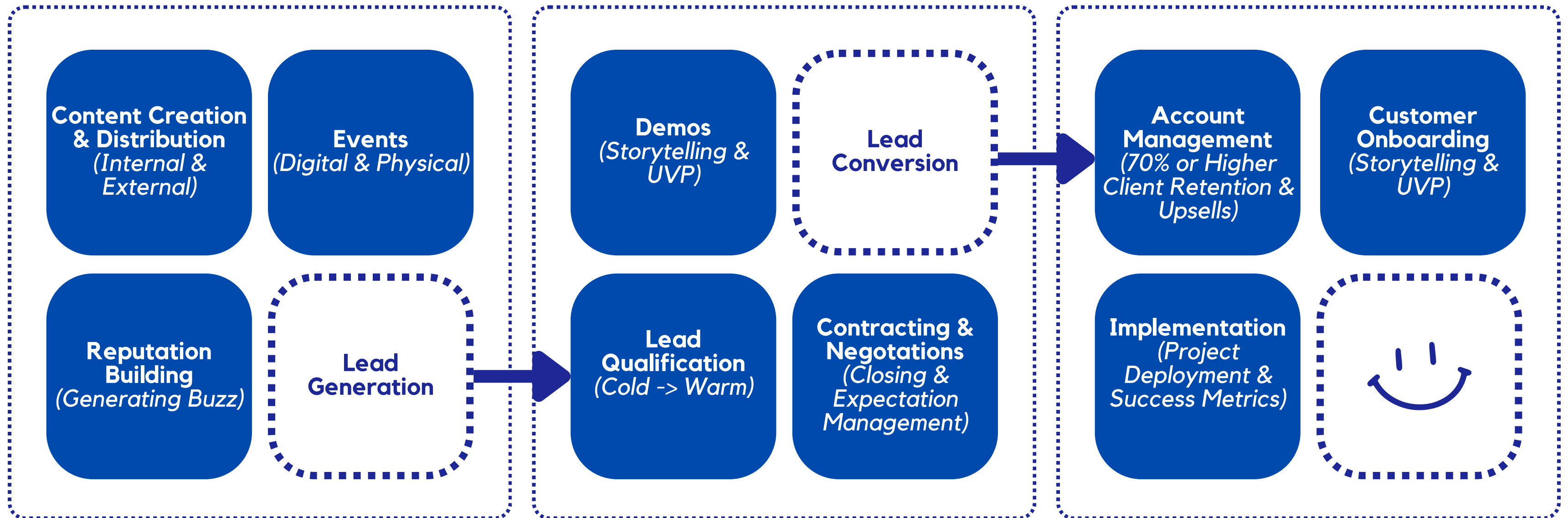
- 3. Demo-Requesting Process → High-Touch (8-12 Contacts), Personalized + A.I., Progressive Escalation
- 4. Demo Process → Account Executive + Sales Engineer

**Executive
Support As
Needed
(Offer)**

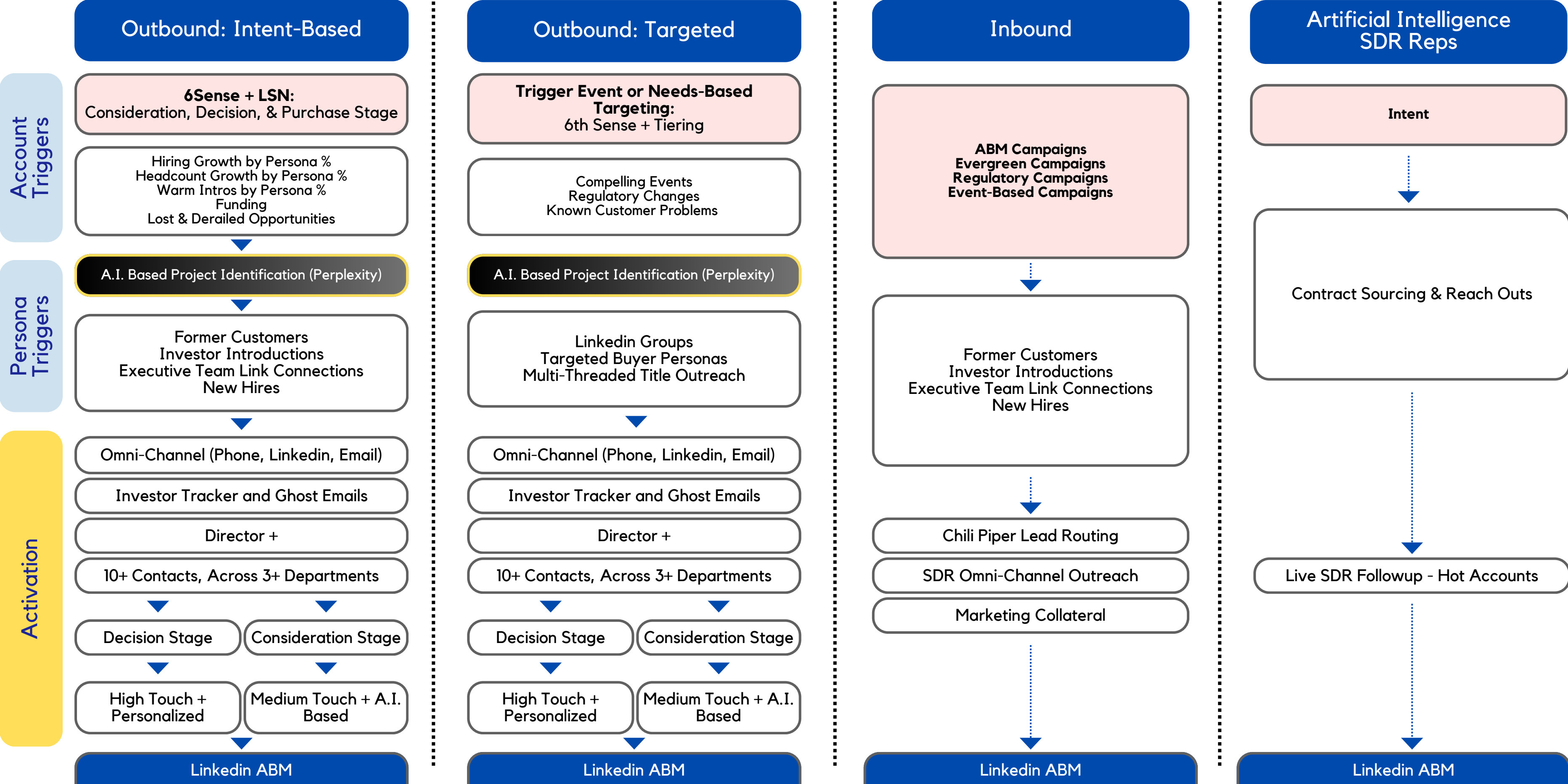
- 5. Package / Product Selection → Automated Pricing & Defined Sales Packages
- 6. Negotiations & Contracting → Executive Escalations As Necesssary & Legal
- 7. Project Handoff & Receivables → Implementation Team & Sales Handshake

Revenue Machine

Marketing
(Lead Generation) → **Sales**
(Lead Conversion) → **Customer Success**
(Fulfillment)



Lead Generation



Lead Qualification

M

METRIC

Establish record of the quantifiable measures of value that our solution can provide.

E

ECONOMIC BUYER

Determine the person, people, or group that has the overall authority in the buying decision.

D

DECISION CRITERIA

Determine the various criteria in which a decision to progress with our solution will be judged.

D

DECISION PROCESS

The series of steps that form a process which the buyer will follow to go from making an evaluation to making a decision.

P

PAPER PROCESS

The series of steps that follow the decision process, which will lead from a decision to a signed contract.

I

IMPLICATE PAIN

Identify, indicate, and implicate the pain our solution solves for the prospect.

C

CHAMPION

Person who has power, influence, and credibility within the prospect's organization who will sell internally on our behalf.

C

COMPETITION

Any person, vendor, or initiative that is competing for the same funds or resources that we are.

Lead Conversion

Lead Generation Process

1 - 2 WEEKS

4 - 12 WEEKS

4 - 10 WEEKS

6 Month Limit

1. Qualification

Ensure prospect is worth our time and resources.

M.E.D.P.I.C.C.
Method

2. Discovery

The most important stage. Ensure we have the necessary information to present in stage 3 as we work towards a fitting solution.

Pricing Approval

4. Proposal

Directly address via demo, the pain points, decision criteria, and competitive landscape uncovered during Discovery.

Implementation Team Approval

H.S.O.
Method

3. Presentation

Directly address via demo, the pain points, decision criteria, and competitive landscape uncovered during Discovery.

S.E. Support

Contract Review & Redlining

Legal Support

5. Negotiation

Terms are finalized and agreed upon. We should not be expecting major surprises here if past steps were executed properly.

Close Conversation Checklist

Leverage Executive Support

6. Close

Close out all pending actions, coordinate with legal, and get the contract signature!

7. Handoff

Communicate and handoff project to implementation team and account manager.

Ongoing Re-targeting

Closed Deals

The **CLOSE** Conversation Checklist

1

CHALLENGE

What challenges do prospects need to tackle?

- Help uncover challenges the buyer may not realize or understand the implications.
- Illustrate the seriousness of the challenges with compelling commercial interests.
- Communicate how the challenge manifests. Use customer use cases to paint a picture of the status quo.

2

OPPORTUNITY COST

What costs are associated with these challenges?

- Quantify “cost of doing nothing”. Tally these expenses as:
 - *Unnecessary Expenses*
 - *Lost Productivity (inefficient or error-prone processes)*
 - *Potential Risk & Risk-Related Losses*
 - *Lost Revenue or Growth Opportunities*
 - *Discuss competition & competitor’s edge*

3

OPPORTUNITY

What is the value of addressing the challenge?

- Double down on what the client needs (not nice to haves).
- Tie the impact back to business metrics or value drivers.
- Quantify results as cost savings, improved productivity / process, or reduced risk.
- Communicate business benefits of driving revenue without increased customer acquisition cost (CAC)

4

SOLUTION

What solution best fits the client needs?

- Integrate description of proposed solution into existing client processes.
- Document specific solutions to address the prospect’s unique challenge and deliver the proposed benefits.
- Communicate the differentiating components of our solution and features that can impact business value drivers.

5

PROOF

How can you guarantee success with your solution?

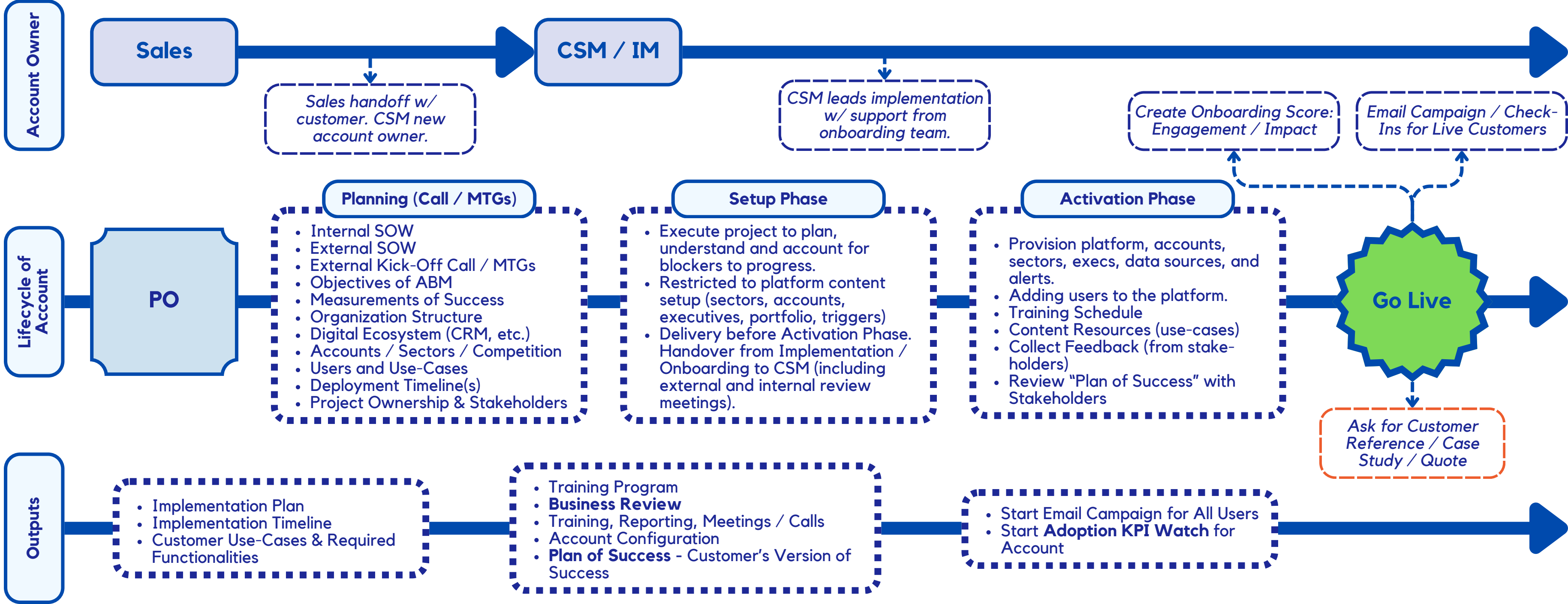
- Validate how similar customers have used the proposed solutions(s) successfully and the business value achieved.
- Discuss retention rates of existing clients.
- Quantify specific customer benefits, positive KPI metrics, financial business benefits, and ROI.

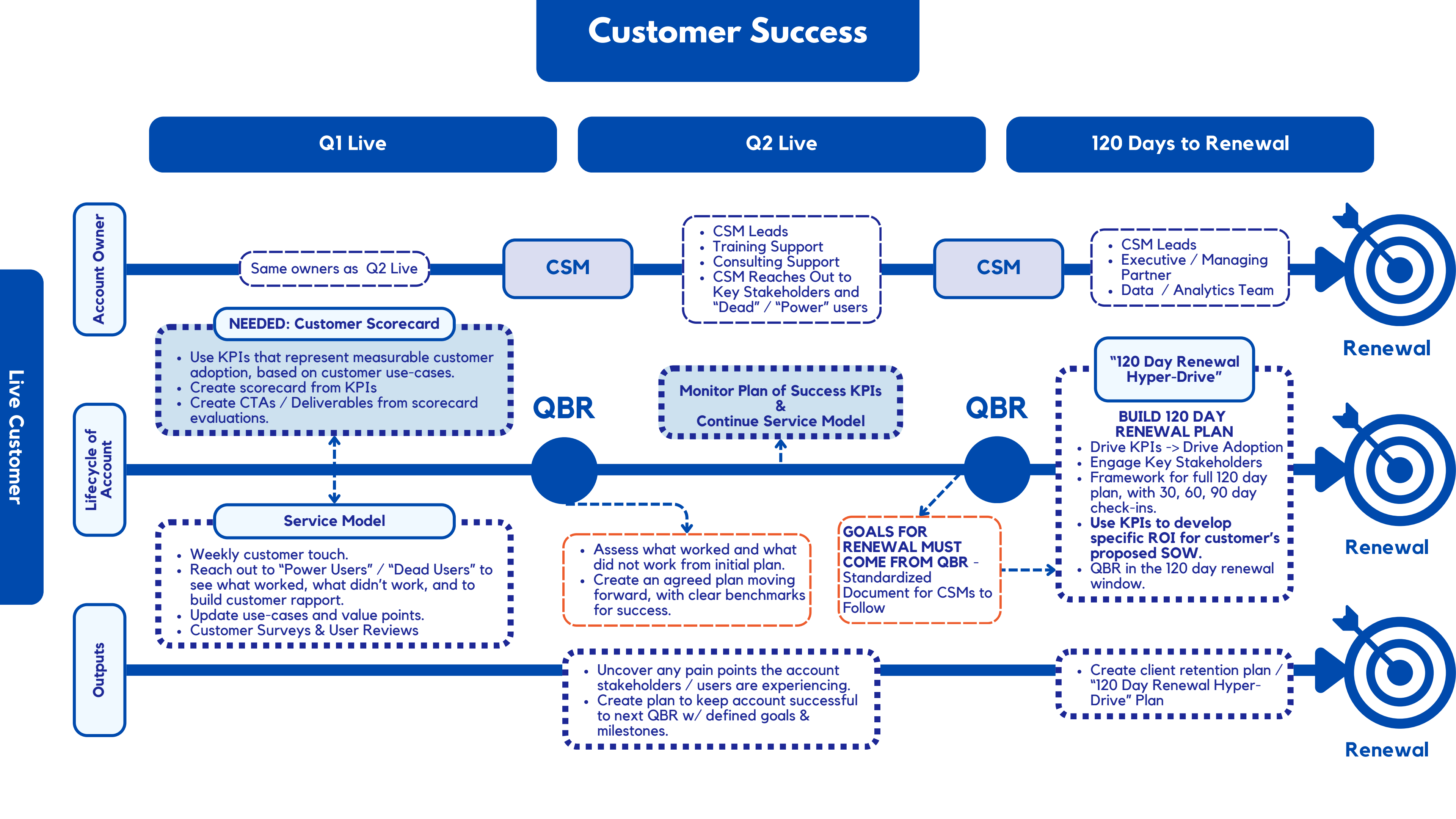
Implementation

Week 1

Weeks 2-6

Closed Deals





Internal Vendor Selection

New Vendor Request

Requestor

Define Requirements

- **Identify Needs:** determine needs for product or service (justify the spend).
- **Establish Criteria:** technical specs, budget, delivery timelines, support requirements, etc.

Market Research

- **Identify Potential Vendors:** that can meet the defined requirements.
- **Gather Information:** vendor's capabilities, reputation, and previous work.

Negotiations

- **Negotiate Terms:** finalize terms, conditions, pricing, and service levels.
- **Contract Review:** ensure all terms and conditions are favorable and clear.

Vendor Request Form

- Standardized form submitted to department head and/or CFO.
- Justifies the need for additional spend.
- Quantifies proposed efficiency increases.

Reference Checks

- Reach out to references provided by the shortlisted vendors to gather feedback on their performance, reliability, and customer satisfaction.
- **Evaluate Feedback:** Consider the feedback from references in the overall evaluation of each vendor.

RFP Process

- **Prepare RFP:** Create a detailed RFP document that outlines the company's requirements, evaluation criteria, and submission guidelines.
- **Distribute RFP:** Send the RFP to a list of potential vendors.
- **Vendor Questions:** Allow vendors to ask questions and provide clarifications regarding the RFP.

Vendor Presentations

- **Schedule Presentations:** Arrange for shortlisted vendors to present their proposals and provide demonstrations of their products / services.
- **Evaluate Presentations:** Assess based on how well they meet the company's needs, quality of the product or service, and vendor's ability to deliver on their promises.

RFP Evaluations

- **Receive Proposals:** Collect and organize.
- **Initial Screening:** ensure all proposals meet the basic requirements and criteria outlined in the RFP.
- **Detailed Evaluation:** evaluate based on cost, technical capability, experience, and compliance with requirements.

Vendor Shortlist

- **Create Shortlist:** present to head of department / executive team.
- **Notify Vendors:** inform short-listed vendors and non-selected vendors.

Vendor
Selected

Finalize Contract & Establish SLAs

Implementation & Onboarding

Performance Monitoring & Live