

The 6 Keys to Creating Value vs. Selling

Establishing a successful relationship with your prospect requires a thoughtful understanding of their challenges. Helping them address these challenges will provide genuine value.

A well thought-out prospect interview is vital for you to gain this understanding by learning the ins-and-outs of their business. Consider the following questions when designing your interview process:

- 1. Business: Do you understand their business? What are they good at and what makes them different from their competitors?
- 2. Money: Do you have a firm grip on how they make money?
- 3. Problems: Do you know the problems and/or opportunities they are facing regarding the products or services they provide?
- 4. Impact: Are you clear on how your prospect's current situation is affecting them financially and personally? Is it eating up a disproportionate amount of their budget or time? Could it affect their next performance review or even put their job in jeopardy?
- 5. Options: Have you determined the options they are considering? Have they started talking with your competitors, considering an in-house solution, or might they decide to do nothing at all?
- 6. Criteria: Have you established on what they will base their decision? Will it be price, customization, or experience? Which of these matters the most to them?

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