



# Data Management Provides Strategic Foundation for Business Development

## SOEE what's new...

**Business development** is essential to revenue growth. One area often overlooked is the importance of data management and the impact on **marketing strategy and sales performance**.

Data management, process design, and enabling technology have a significant impact on sales results and the attainment of financial targets. The most common tool leveraged to support business development is Client Relationship Management (**CRM**) technology.

Employers continue to make significant **monetary investments** in technology, but often, do not make the **strategic investment** on data architecture, system development, and process integration.

## SOEE what's the solution...

Due to the complexity of most business models, **data management** can be difficult to establish and time consuming to maintain. In addition, data may be stored in multiple systems (outside of CRM) and integrations further amplify the need for **data accuracy**. Lastly, internal data can be enhanced with external data to further refine marketing and customer prospecting.

Data management requires structure, process, and governance to enhance business development insights. These **insights** will support both client and prospect sales segmentation.

When CRM data is managed and continually improved, new insights will support:

- **Sales Performance Analytics** - outlines strengths and weaknesses of current go-to-market approach
- **Sales Territory Coverage** - quantifies client and prospect sales opportunity potential
- **Sales Quota Metrics** - refines quotas based on current and historical sales pipeline analysis
- **Business Development Strategy** - provides prospecting focus; new logo, cross sell, upsell targeting
- **Marketing Alignment** - assists with digital, content, social, direct and indirect channel strategy
- **Customer Renewal Management** - supports proactive planning, price review, cross sell bundling

Establishing **quality** CRM data capture is essential to successful business development. Through the tactical design of reporting and dashboards, insights can be shared throughout the organization. When CRM users are provided **strategic outputs** and value-added information is delivered, user adoption will increase, data quality will improve, and sales will accelerate.

## SOEE what's the value...

Understanding the value of data will align the enterprise and produce a new environment towards business development. **Business development is complicated**, and the approach needs to be continually refined. In order to support sales, we must understand the entire sales process. **Accurate data provides unbiased information** to sharpen strategic vision, tactical operations, and revenue growth planning.