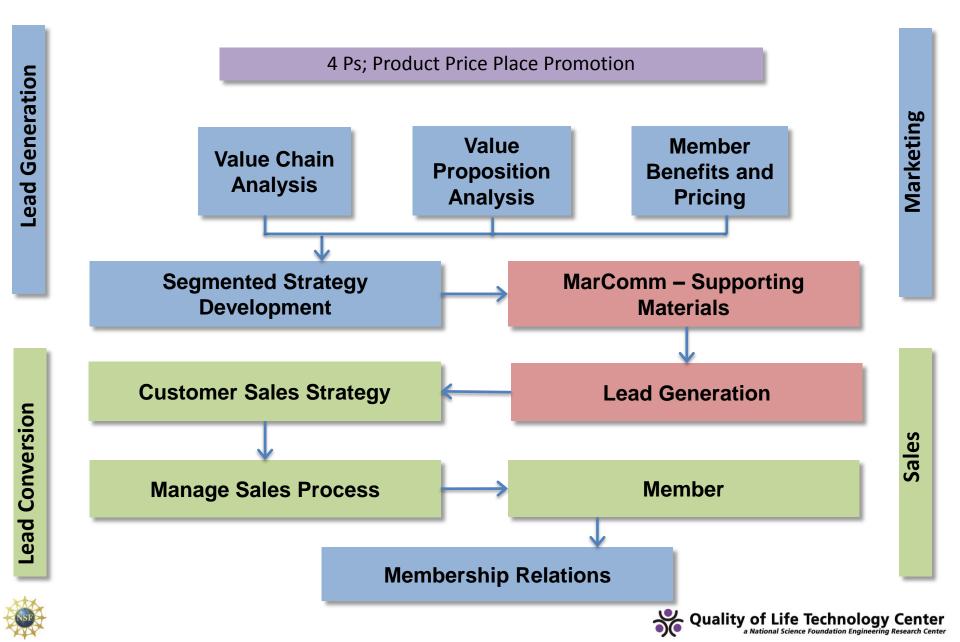
#### Industry Communications Marketing the ERC for Sustainability

## Randy Eager ILO Quality of Life Technology Center





#### Sales and Marketing Tasks



## **Business** Objectives for ERC Communications

- Establish Thought Leadership at the QoLT Center
  - Position QoLT Center thought leaders amongst/above competing organizations
  - Establish brand recognition for QoLT Center, locally, nationally, internationally

#### • Evolve Social Readiness for New Technologies

- Educate the public about the need for, changing uses/benefits of QOLTs
- Change people's perceptions and attitudes (aging, disabilities, technologies)

#### Seed QoLT Commercialization and Adoption

- Support QOLT innovation (drive adoption, create use-centered histories)
- Energize consumers / generate excitement and enthusiasm for new QoLT inventions

#### Attract Funding & Support

- Attract potential members and partners from multiple segments
- Demonstrate value for funding investments (continued / new)

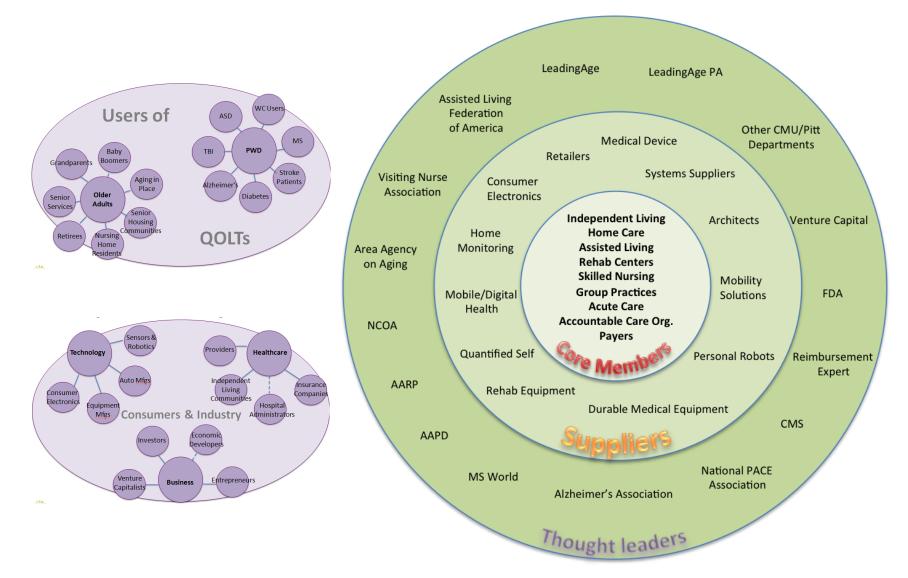
#### • Build QoLT's Long-Term Staying Power

- o Attract new students into QoLT-affiliated departments
- Instill interest in STEM among younger populations





## Prioritize Targets / Establish Audiences







#### Communications Model (Business)

Internal Community External Community

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| Internal<br>Communications                             | Data Management   |  | Sustainability<br>Planning  |  |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| University Relations                                   | Sponsor Relations   |  | Advisor Relations   |  |   |  |  |
| Education &<br>Outreach<br>Communications              | Program &<br>Administrative<br>Support  |  | Member &<br>Partner<br>Communications   |  |   |  |  |
| Alumni Relation  | s   | Start-Up Support   |   |  |   |  |  |
| Events Marketing                                       |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| PR & Content Strategy, Social Sharing, Viral Marketing |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |
| Student Recruiting                                     | Government & Policy Relations   |  | Industry Marketing  |  |   |  |  |
| Communicating<br>Science                               | Targeted<br>Community<br>Relations  |  | Community   |  | Media, Analyst<br>& Influencer<br>Relations |  |  |
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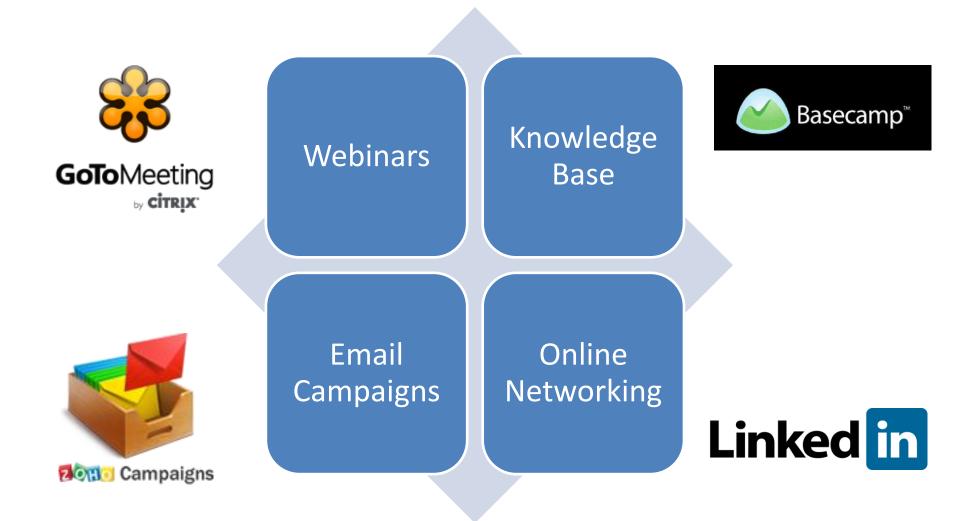
## **Good Member Communications**

- •Member Communications Plan
- •Integration of EOD Partners / Thought Leaders
- Intranet Access
- •Web Content for Industry
- Newsletter Content
- IPAB Initiated Blog Addressing Industry Challenges
- Feedback Loop for Refining Program





## Industry Communications Infrastructure







## **Traditional Marketing Communications Efforts**

- Trade Shows
- Visits / Webinars
- Workshops





- Quarterly Print Newsletter
- Email News Digest
- Website / Landing Pages
- Search Optimized Content Strategy
- Solutions-Oriented Blog







## Two Angles on Opportunity





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#### **PUSH Communications :**

- Press Kit & Outreach Packaging
  - Public Backgrounders
  - Spin-Off Launch Support
  - Equip R&D w/ Benefits
- Joint Communications w/ Partners
  - Intel Open House
  - Myomo Product Launch
  - MEMS Industry Group Activities

#### PULL Communications :

- Media & Social Media Outreach
  - Media Coverage ( > 225 hits in 1 year)
  - YouTube (> 1500 views)
  - Twitter ( > 50 followers in first 3 months)
- Routine News Monitoring
- Identify Targeted Prospects & Influencers
  - Identify & Respond to Industry Trends
  - Plan Original, Optimized Web Content



Communications Role in Developing Leads

- Value Chain Analysis
- Industry Segmentation
- Message Development/VP for Each
- Locate/Develop Segmented Lead List
- Execute E-Mail Campaigns
- Identify and Execute Trade Show Strategy
- Capture Leads
- Convert to Sales Process





## **Other Sources of Leads**

- Relationship Audit of QoLT Leadership, Faculty
- Project Collaborators Audit
- Companies Hiring QoLT Alumni, Interns
- Spin-Off Community
- Peer Organization Analysis
- Networks of QoLT Members, Advisors, NSF
- Connections via other Funders
- CMU/ RI Alumni
- Regional & National Robotics Consortium





## Lead Tracking Quantified Sales Process

- Qualification
- Engaged
- Decision Makers
- Participation
   Agreement
- Commitment
- Membership

### Zoho CRM

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# **Trade Shows**



