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The Business Planning Series

September is often the time for business planning for many companies. Hopefully the posts in this series were helpful to you in writing your business plan. From the first post “Making Dough” through the “When the Ink is Dry” we shared tips and insight as well as stories profiling both successes and failures.

We know that even though your company may not have been the one of the ones profiled, there were probably similarities that you could identify with. We believe that business planning is a process and not an event. No plan will work if it is simply shelved. Motivation often comes in beating the plan or making adjustments that give a significant advantage. Most important, remember that while there is a stop and start to goal achievement periods, accounting periods and other time oriented elements, the business plan is actually a continuum until the day that the doors shut, lights are turned off and the business is no more.

Business Plan Tools

The feedback and questions that we have received let us know that the series was being read and many found the posts helpful and thought provoking. We received several requests related to resources for business planning software and tools. There are several software products, some with industry specific examples and versions available. Jian Software offers good interactive tools for planning and many business functions you may want to check out. If you are affiliated with a brand or professional association, you will also find that many of these offer templates and tools that can be very helpful in the process.

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Soltys Inc. Blogs

We started blogging at the end of June 2011 and soon discovered that not only was there an audience engaged and interested on the subjects, perspective and ideas we brought to the table but perhaps as important, it extended the services we delivered to a global readership.

We also found that organizing the topics in a monthly series allowed more in-depth discussion focused on timely subjects. A customized image was created for each series bringing a visual identity to the series. In the last quarter, new authors and voices were added bringing in talent and information that we know has been helpful from the comments returned. In fact some companies who have added the blogs to their resource libraries have asked for the indexing such as in the compilations.

Year	Month	Series
2011	July	Brand Change
2011	August	Operations and Opportunity
2011	September	Business Planning
2011	October	Growth
2011	November	Infrastructure
2011	December	Strategic Initiatives

Each six months blog posts will be compiled with full indexing and made available through our [eShoppe](#). The following is the series calendar for the first half of 2012. We always welcome your comments and questions.

Year	Month	Series
2012	January	Launch
2012	February	Loving and Business
2012	March	Lucky
2012	April	Lions and Lambs
2012	May	Everything's in Bloom
2012	June	Best Practices
2012	July	Christmas in July = Dollars in December
2012	August	Enterprise by Design
2012	September	Campaign Strategies
2012	October	Fall Harvest before the January Freeze
2012	November	Who are we?
2012	December	Celebrations

The Author and the Company

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