



# YOUR ULTIMATE TRADE SHOW CHECKLIST



## **MONTHS OUT**

- ✓ SELECT SHOWS THAT SUPPORT MARKETING STRATEGY
- REVIEW ANNUAL BUDGET
- CHOOSE SPACE, DETERMINE SIZE OF FOOTPRINT
- ✓ RESERVE AND BOOK SPACE







## **MONTHS OUT**

- ✓ DETERMINE EXHIBIT OBJECTIVES AND NEEDS
- ✓ SOURCE EXHIBIT DESIGN, PRODUCTION AND OUTSIDE SUPPLIERS.
- ✓ REVIEW EXISTING EXHIBIT MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS (IS IT TIME TO UPGRADE?)



#### **MONTHS OUT**

- ✓ DEVELOP A SALES PLAN
- ✓ IDENTIFY AND ORDER PROMOTIONS AND/OR GIVEAWAYS
- ✓ PRODUCE AND ORDER PRINTED MARKETING MATERIALS (SIGNAGE, BROCHURES)
- ✓ LEVERAGE SOCIAL MEDIA (I.E. LINKEDIN, FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, TWITTER)
- ✓ CONNECT WITH MEDIA ABOUT ATTENDING EVENT (PRESS RELEASE)
- REACH OUT TO PROSPECTS (I.E. SPECIAL INVITATIONS OR PROMOTIONS)
- ✓ IDENTIFY TRADE SHOW TEAM







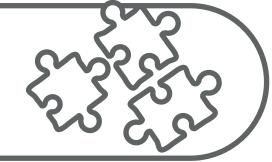
## **MONTHS OUT -**

- **✓** MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEAM (I.E. AIRFARE, HOTEL, TRANSPORTATION TO VENUE)
- ✓ RESERVE ANY ADDITIONAL MEETING ROOMS (I.E HOSPITALITY, EVENTS, PRESS CONFERENCE)
- ✓ PLAN PRE-SHOW MEETING FOR TEAM
- ✓ ORDER STAFF BADGES AND PRODUCT SAMPLES
- ✓ PREPARE BRIEFING PACKET FOR BOOTH STAFF
- ✓ GATHER AND REVIEW MARKETING MATERIALS
- COMPLETE AND TURN IN ALL SHOW FORMS BEFORE THE DISCOUNT DEADLINE.



## **MONTH OUT**

- ✓ CONNECT WITH PROSPECTS AND MEDIA AGAIN
- REVIEW FINAL BOOTH INSTRUCTIONS
- ✓ CONFIRM INSTALL AND DISMANTLE SCHEDULING
- ✓ PREPARE MATERIALS FOR SHIPPING
- ✓ CONDUCT PRE-SHOW BRIEFING WITH TEAM
- ✓ CREATE BINDER WITH COPIES OF ALL ORDERS AND
- ✓ CHECKS FOR SERVICES PAID IN ADVANCE







# WEEK OUT •

- ✓ ENSURE PAYMENT SYSTEM IS SET-UP AND READY TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS DURING EVENT
- ✓ CONFIRM FREIGHT ARRIVAL
- ✓ CONFIRM HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND OTHER MEETING ROOMS OR CATERING
- ✓ CONFIRM ELECTRICAL INSTALL DATE AND TIME
- ✓ REVIEW BOOTH INSTRUCTIONS WITH TEAM



- ✓ CONFIRM ARRIVAL OF DISPLAY, EQUIPMENT & LITERATURE
- ✓ CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR BOOTH DISMANTLE & SHIPPING
- ✓ CONDUCT FINAL PRE-SHOW STAFF BRIEFING WITH <u>OUTLINED GOALS</u>

**AFTER SHOW** 

- ✓ MANAGE AND FOLLOW UP ON ALL LEADS
- ✓ CONDUCT DEBRIEFING WITH TEAM