



HOW TO SPEED UP YOUR INVOICE-TO-CASH CYCLE

when cash flow is slow to flow back into the business



Reduce your Days Sales Outstanding (DSO) as much as possible



Offer flexible payment tools for your customers, e.g. online payments



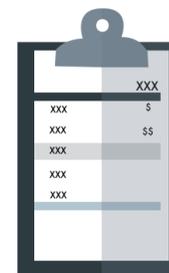
Provide early payment incentives, e.g. a discount for early payment



Establish communication practices that are diligent and organized to keep the communication lines open



Ensure that you know your customers' creditworthiness before accepting to do business



Enlist the support of an invoice financing partner like IPS who can help you shorten the invoice payment cycle to as little as 8 business hours

SPOTTING AND HIRING TALENT

"Great vision without great people is irrelevant." -- Jim Collins

Spotting and hiring talent, also known as talent acquisition, is a hot topic in today's organizations. That is because finding and keeping talent is more challenging than ever. Regardless of whether your organization is a family-owned business or a global corporation, you need to do your part in helping the company find, attract, and keep talented employees. In addition to your existing process and planning, the following are helpful guidelines to follow when presented with this challenge:

1. Profile your ideal candidate.

Analyze your top performers to determine what defines your best employees. Make sure to seek these traits in potential candidates.

2. Network.

As the Six Degrees of Separation theory suggests, we are all six or fewer connections away from any other person on this planet. While this theory may or may not be accurate, networking is a tried and tested way of meeting great people who can become future employees or business partners.

3. Follow the rules, but also trust your intuition.

Just because someone has performed well in one industry or environment does not mean guaranteed success within your company. Intuition can be your ally in judging this correctly.

4. Approach hiring as a team.

Involve several people to incorporate a variety of perspectives in the recruitment process. This way, you avoid falling into the trap of hiring someone simply because they were friendly or reminded of yourself.

5. Be careful not to oversell your company.

Be honest with candidates about the development stage of your firm, the organizational culture, and plans for the future. If you are facing a business challenge and seek a candidate to address it, clearly communicate this to motivate the candidate and gain genuine interest in the position.

6. Assess the prospect's problem-solving skills.

Learn about your candidate's approach to solving problems by asking them how they achieved the results they highlighted in their application.

7. Learn to read nonverbal cues.

Candidates can give you many nonverbal cues, especially in an interview setting. There's a lot at stake with landing a new job, so these cues are heightened during interviews. Carefully observe the personality type, communication style, and level of formality.

8. Look for a cultural fit.

Determine if the candidate shares your cultural values and is likely to support and drive your company's mission and vision.

9. Make a timely decision.

If you delay your decision or hiring is not a high priority, you may miss out on quality talent. Sometimes candidates are between jobs, and if another company offers them a position first, they are likely to be off the market in no time.

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liquidity within
8 business hours**