FEBRUARY TOPIC **>>**

How to Take Advantage of a Recession to Grow Sales

Organizer and Moderator: Michael Velotta, CTO, Lore Internet Systems Presenter: Eric Koefoot, Partner at Ascend Sales Partners



Ascend Sales Partners helps companies improve sales results. Ascend works with firms that consider revenue growth a top priority, who need to build a star sales team paired with proven, effective sales processes.

Ascend puts in place lean, scalable and repeatable management processes for delivering against revenue goals.

This presentation will focus on critical sales leverage points, such as:

- · Who does (or should do) the selling
- How to identify and retain star talent across the team
- · How the team should be incentivized
- The process by which the team moves opportunities through the pipeline from prospecting through close
- The tools and principles used to manage the group.

Ascend converts a function that is often seen as an art into a disciplined management approach executives can use to achieve repeatable results.

Eric Koefoot's Achievements

- Building a stellar national sales force from scratch as the founding CEO and Publisher of U.S. News Ventures (a branded internet spin-off)
- Building an international sales effort as co-founder and CEO of Five Star Alliance, an
 eCommerce startup that became the largest independent booker of luxury hotels
 worldwide
- Serving as CFO and later VP for Worldwide Sales for 7 years at washingtonpost.
 com. He rebuilt and refocused a chronically underperforming team and grew sales from \$5MM to \$50MM in under 4 years

Mr. Koefoot has an engineering degree from M.I.T. and an MBA from the Sloan School at M.I.T. He serves on the board of Innovectra Corporation and is an advisor to 3 rapidly growing technology companies.

"It may be a recession, but remember: a contraction of 1,2 or 5% still means that 95%+ of business is still happening and those dollars are going to someone." — Eric Koefoot

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Organizer Jim Handlon, CEO, Bottomline Partners

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Panelists Jim Hoban, Managing Director, Ridgewood Brad Loper, Founder / Partner, DouglasBradley

Jeff Carlton, Senior Vice President, UBS

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Organizer: **Bob Morgan, President, Bottomline Partners**

Presenter: Charlotte Graham, Training Director, Simply Speaking

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Strategic Incentive Compensation

Organizer: Clark Childers, Cherry, Bekaert & Holland

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Shared Learnings from CXO Members: Best Practices in Business

Growth

Organizer: Alicia Sutton, Chief Strategy Officer, Omnia Education

Presenters: **CXO members in roundtable format**

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Technology

Organizer: Jim Handlon, CEO, Bottomline Partners