DEVELOPING A MARKETING STRATEGY

Marketing Strategy:

- Market Research Why will people buy your product or service
- Industry Trends Social & cultural trends, demographic trends, technological trends, political & legal trends, economic trends, environmental trends
- Product Life Cycle Introduction, Growth, Maturity & Decline what stage is your product/ service at???
- **Target Market Analysis** Potential customers that have the need, the willingness and the ability to pay for your product or service; who is your client??? Demographics (age, gender, income); geographic (where do they live or where are they located); psychographics (lifestyle characteristics - activities, interests, opinions)
- **Competitive Analysis** How is their product different from yours? sales volume? # of employees? how do they promote & advertise? strengths? weaknesses? opportunities? threats? traffic patterns? sales/discounts? store layout? customer service standards?
- 4 P's of Marketing/Promotional Strategy:
 - \Rightarrow Product unique features, position against competition?
 - \Rightarrow Price labor, overhead, materials, profit margin, break even analysis
 - \Rightarrow Place traffic flows, costs associated with location
 - \Rightarrow Promotion distribution frequency & coverage, costs



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