

# How RSW/US Helped an Architecture/Building Products PR Firm Close Over a Dozen Wins In the Midst of an Economic Crisis



**CASE STUDY** 



## **Agency Profile**

Small public relations firm based in Pittsburgh, PA

Focused on architecture and building products



# **Prospect Profile**

Over a dozen new business wins including H. B. Fuller, Viracon & Ellison Bronze.

# The Challenge

- Like many small firms, this client lacked inhouse business development expertise.
- Despite one of their principals being a great closer, the firm was dedicated to serving existing client needs and didn't have a methodology to identify and pursue new opportunities.
- At the beginning of the program, a dismal economy presented an additional challenge; building and construction activity had shut down almost entirely.

# The Process

**Every RSW/US Program Contains:** 



### **Value-Driven Prospecting**

Each client has a tenured <u>New Business Director (NBD)</u> with 15-20 years' experience in sales and marketing. Ongoing, value-based, and consistent exposure to prospects is part of every program



### **Database Development**

We are firm believers in combining human intelligence with technology to build lists – one company at a time and one prospect at a time. We meticulously and strategically develop each list.



### **Tech Stack**

Our tech stack is an integral part of every client program, from database creation to ongoing prospecting efforts. We pride ourselves in ongoing reviews of current technologies/platforms.



### **Ongoing Content**

Our MarCom team audits client content assets prior to program start, and make recommendations for additional content ideas they would like to see developed, working with your team to implement those ideas.



### **Multi-platform Prospecting**

We know successful programs must include multiple mediums used in concert with each other, including phone, email, social media, direct mail and technology in order to break through effectively. On average, a new business director at an agency lasts

RSW new business directors have an average tenure of 8 years.

# The Path To Success

The key to success lay in two words: laser focus. The RSW/US team had to find out where investment was happening and which supplier segments could benefit. While the residential market was stalled, the commercial sector still had a pulse propelled by longer-range planning and development timetables.

The research resources of the RSW/US Operations
Department enabled the New Business Director (NBD) to
precisely target prospects with marketing needs and
available budgets, even in a tight market. A finely tuned
communications strategy honed in on our client's
leadership and expertise in public relations for this very
specific industry and the NBD delivered this message to
decision makers in target companies with precision.

The RSW/US new business development methodology soon bore fruit and the NBD was successful in breaking through to prospects with decision making authority. The seamless integration between the RSW/US team and the client's staff meant they were well-prepared to take advantage of each opportunity. In the client's words, the RSW/US program enabled them to keep their doors open and then thrive when the economy rebounded.



New PR business with firms like Ellison Bronze, Viracon, Xypex, H. B. Fuller, American Hydrotech and many more, contributed to more than \$1Million in new business revenue.

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We help agencies by better positioning them in the market, finding qualified leads, setting meetings and helping move them closer to close.



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