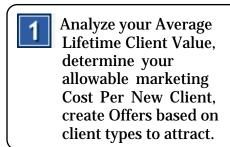
Special Report - FOR ACCOUNTANTS ONLY!

How To Find New Accounting Clients Using The Search Engine Advertising Tool: Google Adwords



Research your target market, scout your competition, keywords list, build your social proof, develop landing pages, create your Google Ads to run.

Begin to open up your Adword campaign to capture more potential new clients via Google & explore expanding into other PPC search engines.

Set up your Google Campaigns, Adword Groups with info from Step 1, tie to your landing pages, start tests of low volume keywords to prove system works.

Adjust & test Google
Adword elements to
improve performance
and your profitability.
Adjust & test landing
page elements to
improve conversion.

Track & analyze your
Adword program
statistics through to
the number of new
client calls for
appointments made,
kept, client value.

Here's The "Rest Of The Story" About Setting Up Your Google Adwords Program To Make It Conquer Your Competition's Ads and Drive NEW Clients Into YOUR Firm Every Day!

Why Google's Adword program or any other Pay-Per-Click program is <u>ONLY ONE THIRD</u> of the SYSTEM you need to Convert CLICKS, LEADS, PROSPECTS or any other word for Potential New Clients, into ACTUAL APPOINTMENTS that show up, pay, stay and eventually refer other clients to your firm.



WARNING!: This report will explain why you should be wary and extremely cautious if any other advertising agency, marketing company or self proclaimed internet guru doesn't explain to you what I'm about to OR, try's to sell you on having them "setup or manage" your Google Adwords pay-per-click program.

In case you're reading this 'cold' without any Google Adwords knowledge, in this report I'm discussing the <u>pay-per-click</u> program called Adwords.

In short, with Adwords you <u>bid on words and phrases</u> so you can <u>display an advertisement</u>, have people click on it and they are <u>taken to</u> your web site.

And once on your web site, you are hopeful the person picks up the phone, calls and makes an appointment to see you (more on this later).

But said another way, Adwords is a TOOL to find and drive potential customers and clients to your web site.

The Devil Is In The Details

Suffice it to say Adwords is a powerful AND sophisticated tool. It has a lot of features and can be "turned on" quickly.

But it's simplicity with being able to "activate" it quickly masks the details of HOW you need

to use this TOOL in order to make it work profitably for your accounting firm.

If you've listened closely to one of my 90-minute teleseminars on Google Adwords you know this.

To correctly structure and implement an Adwords program you <u>must carefully establish</u>:

- your campaigns,
- your adword groups,
- your keyword phrases,
- the advertisements themselves.
- the rotations.
- variations,
- networks,
- scheduling,
- geography,
- · bid amounts,
- budgets.
- match criteria,
- and conversion tracking.

They are ALL critically important to making your program not only work, <u>but be profitable.</u>

It's all too easy to set up a Google Adword account, pick some keywords, write an ad and start running Adwords **THE WRONG WAY**.

If you miss **just ONE** of the structure items I just mentioned, you end up with a program that has <u>very low click through rates</u> and <u>costs you a lot of money</u> for little if any web traffic to your site.

Low traffic results in **little or no potential clients** hitting your web site, calling and making an appointment to see you.

You literally have to get ALL of over 20 different toggles, switches, bells and whistles set correctly the first time in order to really maximize your results and make your ads drive the <u>right traffic</u> to your web pages.

Hey, I Can Run Your Google Adwords Program, Really...

You'd be surprised at how many people and companies "say" they can SET UP and MANAGE pay per click accounts.

Just like I "say" I could drive my car to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, hop into an Indy 500 race car, flip switches, turn dials, shift some gears and with *some luck*, maybe START and DRIVE the car once around the track.

But that's different from <u>COMPETING</u> in the <u>actual race and WINNING</u>. To win in racing you need a **team**. The analogy is with Google Adwords, it <u>by itself</u> is <u>just a TOOL</u>.

Just like the race car. By itself, it's just that, a race car. To win a race or better yet, to compete over and over again in a series of races, you need a team. In marketing, the equivalent of needing a team is you need a **SYSTEM**.

What Is A System In Marketing?

A simple system in marketing is typically a <u>collection of TOOLS</u>, actions and people working through or driving <u>a process over time</u>, to help **find**, **create** and **service** your clients.

Here are 2 simple system examples you may have or use in your accounting office today:

Example 1): You run an advertisement (Tool) in the Yellow Pages for your firm. Someone (People) calls (Action) the number in the ad. A person (People) in your office answers (Action) the phone (Tool) and helps the caller make an appointment (Action).

Example 2): After the appointment the new client information is recorded in a software program (Tool) or appointment book (Tool). And later (Time) you or a staff person (Person) calls the new client (Action) to gather tax returns and bookkeeping information.

Do you get the picture? Each is a <u>mini-system</u>. Each has **one or more TOOLS** used in conjunction with another, in a series over time.

But what happens to the <u>SYSTEM if **one**</u> **TOOL** is missing or misused?

In example (1) let's say you run your Yellow Pages ad. Then what if the person sees your ad and calls your firm but no one either a) answers the phone or b) answers it but is rude or inept?

The <u>system fails</u> and no appointment is made OR a <u>lower than normal</u> number of appointments per calls answered is made.

Why? Because the <u>Tool was missing or **not**</u> **being used properly**.

Either way the money spent up front at the beginning of the System on the Yellow Pages ad is either <u>wasted or becomes expensive</u>. Why?

Because good (read 'profitable') potential clients are calling but <u>no appointments</u> or a <u>low percentage</u> of appointments are generated.

It's like driving down the road, opening your purse or wallet and letting the money fly out into the wind. There's no ROI. It's gone.

Think Of Google Adwords Like Your Yellow Pages Ad In The Example. It's the FIRST TOOL In Your System. But It's Only One Third Of Your TOTAL System To Generate client Appointments.

Why one-third? I'll tell you why but bear with me if I get a little (more) technical.

Advertising on the internet just <u>has more steps</u> <u>and pieces</u> than traditional yellow pages or print advertising.

Years ago BI (Before the Internet) in your yellow pages ad, your goal was and maybe still is to have a person read your ad, pick up the telephone and call you for an appointment.

It was a <u>2 or 3 step process</u>. Person sees ad. Reads ad. Likes what they read. Picks up phone. Dials your office.

If they didn't like what they saw in your ad, you wouldn't get a call. But for the ones that do call, they're <u>almost if not ALL ready to make an appointment.</u> Why?

Because they wouldn't have pick up the phone book in the first place, looked under Accountant or CPA, found your ad and so on. But with the Internet they are **more than just ads** on a sheet of thin yellow paper.

The Internet Is Information, News, Entertainment, Email Delivery and more...

Your ad is just the start of the process. Of course we know showing your ad and successfully grabbing the attention of the potential client is a science of it's own.

It's what happens next that's different.

Once a person clicks on an ad, <u>they're taken to your web site</u>. Typically (and unfortunately) it's your regular **home page** on your web site.

Once your page 'loads' the person is quickly scanning the page for information that's tied into WHY they got onto the computer and started searching for a CPA in the first place.

And this is where the problems begin.

Decorative Versus Functional & You Versus Them

Most home pages of most web sites are what I call '**decorative**' as opposed to '**functional**'. They are really just ONLINE BROCHURES.

Part of being **decorative** is they are usually crammed with <u>lots of information</u> OR <u>links to lots of information</u> about YOU.

Your firm. Your services. Your staff. Your designations. Your office. Their focus is on YOU. Don't think so, let see.

Right now you probably have 6 to 8 links on a navigation bar the person can click on to <u>find</u> even more information about **you** (I've seen over 20 links on some sites). Go pull up your web site and count your links on your home page.

The problem with this type of page (we call it a 'landing page' in pay-per-click discussions) is there are <u>too many options</u>.

If you're **goal** is to have them call and set an appointment, <u>having so many other options</u>, <u>distractions and links away</u> from the page they landed on is a BAD **STRATEGY**.

Too Many Options Drives People Away For The Wrong Reason

What typically happens is a person scans the page, <u>starts clicking around</u> to other pages on your site (you can look at your web site reports from your hosting company to see which pages are the most 'viewed').

They read a little and **MAYBE 5%** (10% if you're a good marketer or you're lucky) of the time, they pick up the phone and call you.

The other 95% of the time, they've read (or not) what they wanted, there's <u>no compelling reason</u> (such as a specific **OFFER** and **Call to Action**, geared exclusively to their needs) for them to call or contact you, <u>so they go back to surfing</u>.

And probably they 'Back Button' to their original Google search screen to <u>click on another accountant's web site</u> to see what they say about whatever pain or problem related to their taxes or business, they have that prompted them to get on the Internet and look for an accountant in the 1st place.

Decorative is Nice if You're in The Education Business, But Functional is Better if You Want a Client and Generate Firm Revenues

So this decorative but educational web page that's part of your web site has done a couple things.

- 1. One, it's probably displayed and given away free information about you.
- 2. Two, your web site has let the potential new client **leave your site** AND go back into the competitive internet world to start to compare you and your web site against all the other accountants in your area.
- 3. And three, <u>you now have no idea</u> who that person was and **how to reach them later today or tomorrow** to start to <u>pre-build a relationship</u> with them.

And the reason you want to **pre-build** a relationship with them is because the <u>nature</u> of the internet.

Yellow Pages Simplicity Verses Internet Complexity

Remember we talked about <u>yellow pages ads</u>?

The simplicity of the Yellow Pages is someone does <u>NOT</u> go find their phone book just to read (or surf) or gather information or read email or watch videos or check the weather.

They are at THE END of their <u>Decision Making Process</u> and are usually at the point where they've **already DECIDED** to make a phone call.

So they pick up the phone book, go to the section they want and start looking at the listings and ads. And many people will start calling at the top of the list

NOTE: Companies used to change the name of their company to AAA Repair, using the 'AAA' just to be listed 1st in the YP. Click here to see a funny :30 FedEx commercial about AAAA...

So in the Yellow Pages if your ad is first, near the front of the section OR it grabs their attention amidst the other ads, you got the phone call and usually the appointment.

But the Internet is different. There's TOO MUCH free information. It's great if you're doing research or gathering information, trying to find or decide to buy something or hire someone.

But it's trained people that they can just browse almost forever, through the thousands and millions of pages a search engine serves up to them.

And people tend to use the Internet at THE BEGINNING of their information gathering or Decision Making Process, rather or exclusively at the END of it, when they are ready to buy.

This Is Where STRATEGY Comes Into Your Marketing SYSTEM

Your job (as a marketer of your accounting firm) is to <u>understand the situation</u> and **adjust your advertising STRATEGY** to your benefit.

You want to build a SYSTEM that takes the potential new client <u>OUT of the routine of endlessly surfing</u> and looking at other accountants web sites, **as quickly as possible**.

YOU want to become the trusted SOURCE of information for them. Not the internet, not the accountants down the street from you.

Sure if they are the 5% or 10% that are ready to call you NOW, you give them that option.

But for the other 90% to 95% of people that land on your web page, you want to <u>CAPTURE</u> as much of <u>THEIR</u> contact information as you can, for as many of them as you can, so

you can **follow-up** and HELP GUIDE THEM through whatever <u>decision making process</u> they are going through NOW and in the future, to choose how to fix their accounting related problems.

This is one of the **KEYS and DIFFERENCES** between just setting up your Google account and driving traffic to your home page versus <u>THINKING THROUGH an entire SYSTEM</u> to capture as many potential new client 'leads' as you can (which I will explain next), regardless if they are ready to call you today, tomorrow or a month from now

RECAP - Setting up Google Adwords is Part One of Your TOTAL SYSTEM.

Part Two is creating your Landing Pages so they perform this FUNCTION (remember 'functional'?) of capturing leads (also known as 'lead generation' in marketing terms).

And Part Three is once your landing pages (there are usually more than one) capture contact information of **as many of your potential new client visitors as it can**, your SYSTEM immediately begins the follow up process.

Part Two - Developing Highly Effective Landing Pages or HELP For Your New client Acquisition System

Remember we just said we want to <u>capture the contact information</u> of as many visitors or potential new clients (the 90% to 95% that don't pick up the phone right then and there and call you) as we can.

This is the <u>FUNCTION</u> of an "effective" Landing Page. You <u>DO NOT</u> give surfers, especially people you've **paid through** **Adwords**, 13 other navigation links to browse your site with. Why?

I don't mean to be 'mean' but most people have <u>limited attention spans</u> as it is. Like I said before, left alone without guidance, they'll <u>wander off your home page</u>, then your site and you'll NEVER hear from them again.

And to repeat myself, when that happens you've **just wasted** all your Google Adword time and money <u>for nothing</u>.

A Lead Generation STRATEGY Applied To An Advertising System

So we <u>compensate</u> for that situation by employing a DIFFERENT **STRATEGY** and STRUCTURE to your landing pages.

What does that really mean or look like you ask? Here are the elements of Highly Effective Landing Pages:

- The page format is easy to read, like a newspaper or magazine ARTICLE. Headline, sub headlines, body copy, etc..
- The **Headline** is written so it <u>GRABS</u> the <u>Attention</u> of the reader. It's the AD for the AD or rest of the page
- The text or copy is written to address, inform and help them learn HOW they can reduce their pain, solve their problem or take the next step in making a decision to call or choose a CPA (you) to help them.
- The text or copy also presents a <u>specific</u>
 OFFER to your potential client.
- The offer is **LOW** or **NO RISK** to the person.
- You offer them something of VALUE to them, based on THEIR PAIN or accounting related PROBLEM or GOAL for their

business or taxes (we look at the <u>Google</u> <u>Adwords they searched on</u> to create the offer).

- The 'Something of Value' doesn't have to be free services, it can be INFORMATION like a guide, report, checklist, voucher, FAQ or a PACKAGE or a Discount or Special Event.
- There is an <u>obvious</u> CALL TO ACTION to take advantage of the OFFER.
- There are more than one LOW or NO RISK methods to request the 'Something of Value' that capture and track who they are.
- The page content is CONGRUENT with the Adword AD they just clicked on (no BAIT and SWITCH).
- There is an <u>OPT-IN form or mechanism</u> whereby you **collect or capture** some or all of their contact information <u>in exchange</u> <u>for sending them</u> their 'something of value'.
- There are **No Extra Information Links** on the page that allow or tempt the person to navigate off your page.
- If there are pictures or graphics on the page they <u>specifically support</u>, <u>facilitate or</u> <u>improve</u> the chances of the person taking the desired action and are NOT PURELY DECORATIVE. In other words, they are FUNCTIONAL.
- If there is **audio or video** on the page, the same as above, they must be functional like the text or copy, not decorative.
- And last but not least, the page content (text, pictures, graphics, audio or video) employs one or more of the 6 Principles of Ethical Persuasion (more on this later) preferably "social proof".

I know this may have just sounded like a lot of technical jargon but that's the detail you need

to at least understand and implement to create **Highly Effective Landing Pages**.

And this is why most advertising agencies and even web site development companies who have graphic design people or web programmers build 'decorative' web sites, this is why the pages they build **DON'T WORK** with pay-per-click Google Adword type programs.

Brand Or Image Advertising

Ad agencies, web companies and the like tend to live in the 'a-picture-is-worth-a-thousandwords' world or BRAND or IMAGE advertising.

They use a lot of pictures or 'images' to portray or project, to create a **look or feel**. Slogans, tag lines and cliches are also popular.

As a result, most web sites that use this approach tend to <u>look alike</u>, <u>sound alike</u> and <u>blend together</u>. No one site **stands out** in the mind of a person looking at them all.

Maybe your web site falls into this category, maybe not.

But if you paid an agency or web group to built your site, their web site **strategy** (if you can call it that) was probably 'build-it-and-theywill-come' (usually for a hefty price) resulting in a flash or graphics based site that looks slick.

And as a side note they also don't address HOW to get clients to the web site in the first place (a whole other story).

But the real issue with all this criticism I just leveled at the typical ad agency and web developer is they also don't address the next step in the SYSTEM, which is **what happens now to the people on your site** who've traded their contact information for something of value you've given them.

Your Follow Up Process is <u>Part</u> <u>Three</u> In Your New client Acquisition SYSTEM

Remember the <u>landing page</u> is simply the **SECOND STEP** in a predetermined process that we will call your FUMP or <u>Follow Up Marketing System</u>.

Why do you need a <u>Follow Up Marketing System?</u>

Because unfortunately, in today's fast paced society, people will often <u>think or start</u> in one direction, one project or one train of thought.

Then something or someone else <u>interrupts</u> them, <u>distracts their attention</u> and they focus on that new task, that new priority, that new problem, their screaming child, the new emergency (insert as many of your you own 'life issues' here as you like) until the next 'thing' interrupts that and the cycle starts over.

There Are Fortunes In Follow-Up

Your job as a marketer in general, and a marketer of your accounting firm specifically, is to understand this 'flow of everyday life'.

To know that landing on a web page for 1-2 minutes looking for an accountant <u>may not be</u> the ONLY PRIORITY in a person's life at that particular moment.

So <u>understanding</u> this means if they don't respond by CALLING YOU right then after landing on your web page, but you've given them 'something of value' in exchange for their contact information, then <u>you must start a follow-up process immediately</u> and **continue with that process** for days, weeks or months,

<u>pre-building a relationship</u> with that person **BEFORE** they become your client.

Here's what that might look like.

Let's say through Google you've bought the phrase 'Atlanta GA Tax Accountant' because you're a tax accountant who lives in Atlanta.

You've developed a landing page especially for people interested in lowering their taxes.

On the page you offer them a **Free Report** on:

7 Strategies to Ethically & Legally Lower Your Taxes Before Choosing A CPA To Prepare Your Personal or Business Tax Return.

They are instructed to enter their <u>email address</u> into a form with their <u>first & last name</u>, along with their <u>home phone number</u>, then click on a Submit button.

Behind the scenes an email is <u>immediately and automatically</u> sent to the email address they just gave you.

The subject line in the email mentions the **Legally Lower Your Taxes report**.

The email thanks them for coming to your web site. It acknowledges they are probably busy but tells them it's worth their time to do a little research on **Lowering Your Taxes** before choosing a tax accountant.

Why? Because the accountant you pick will probably end up knowing intimate details of your financial situation, probably more than your spouse might know, so it's critical to **pick the right accountant** to work with & trust with this detailed and personal information.

Then a link is given where the person can click to download the free report or at least view it online. **You're plan** is for them to <u>read the</u> <u>report and then call you</u> for an appointment.

But being the good marketer, <u>you know that</u> <u>might not ALWAYS happen</u> so your PRE DESIGNED SYSTEM, <u>sends another email</u> to them <u>the next day</u>.

It's a simple email. Thanking them again for coming to your web site & downloading the report.

The email mentions if they **had not read** the report yet, they should because on the last page is an <u>offer</u> for a Free 30-Minute Tax Consultation at your office.

When Following Up Always Assume Your New Potential Client Isn't Paying Attention or Has Forgotten To Take The Action You Asked Them To

The email also says if you've **NOT** read the report, the 1st strategy of the <u>7 Strategies</u> Report is "Using the Cash Method versus the Accrual Method of Accounting"

And it then it goes on briefly about the benefits of each and <u>suggests</u> if you have any questions you can call your office where someone is available to answer you.

There may be other aspects of the email but the important thing is the <u>next day or even two</u> days later, another email is **automatically** sent.

Similar to the previous email, it refers back to the previous email. Talks about Question #2. Suggests to call and so on.

The following day you or a person from your office <u>calls the same person</u> on the phone

number that was given when he or she requested the report.

Either in person or by leaving a message, you offer to mail them a Free CD with some Case Studies of your clients and how you helped them solve their problems by doing their bookkeeping and accounting work.

If it's a message that's left, you give them a special number to call to leave their address so the CD can be mailed to them.

Here's The Key To The Follow Up Marketing Process I Just Described

Now I'll stop here and tell you this. The above is just an <u>example</u>. The <u>details</u> can change.

What's <u>offered</u> can be different. The <u>information</u> you collect from these people is up to you.

The <u>timing</u> of the emails, the <u>content</u> of the mailings, the <u>phone calls</u> and the <u>length and number</u> of 'efforts' in your follow-up process are **not set in stone** or there's NO right answer (although I can give you very educated and well tested starting points for each one).

The key is that you **HAVE** a FOLLOW-UP Process. That it is predefined. Thought out before hand.

And that it is <u>executed consistently</u>, not haphazardly. <u>Done automatically</u>, not episodically or when you or Suzie or your spouse feels like it.

It is done whether Suzie comes into work today or not. Whether you're in the office or not.

Because if done consistently and properly, you'll be <u>ONE OF THE FEW</u> if the **ONLY**

accountant DOING ANY KIND of follow up like this where you live.

And your potential new clients will notice. They'll read, listen or watch what you send them. Maybe not all of them. But some number of them will FEEL like you really care about their accounting or financial health.

Some number of them will THINK that <u>they've</u> <u>put off</u> whatever accounting issue they or their family has <u>for long enough</u>.

Some number of them will, in the middle of work or cooking dinner or working out or playing with the grandchildren, they will REMEMBER 'that accountant/CPA' who sent them, emailed them, called them about their accounting pain or problem.

And they will **pick up the phone and CALL** you (or email you or your office OR go online to your web page to schedule an appointment).

Becoming A Believer In Marketing Systems

I'll share a secret with you. When it starts to happen, when people start to call your office from this system you've built, you'll be amazed.

You'll think back to right now. When you were reading a Special Report of your own. This one.

Thinking to yourself, "I'm not really sure I understand all this or that it will truly work with people in my city or town".

But you'll say to yourself, "Something about it feels right. I believe the overall concept even if I don't get all the details".

And you'll realize that <u>this report</u> and <u>the way</u> <u>you requested it</u> are just like what you've just read.

Months later, as you see the results, as you see the calls and appointments turn into **REAL CLIENTS** in your firm's office, it will start to sink in.

These <u>numbers</u>, these <u>Adword phrases</u>, these <u>clicks</u> and <u>landing pages</u> and offers and other **tools and systems** (that you'll soon learn more about if you take the next step), they will all start to make sense.

It will be like fitting the pieces together of a big puzzle that didn't look like anything in the beginning.

And as the calls turn into <u>appointments</u>, and the appointments turn into <u>clients</u>, and the clients turn into <u>revenue and dollars</u> on your income statement and in your <u>bank account</u>, that's when you'll lean back in your chair, smile and realize that you've become a Marketer.

Systems Are What Set You Apart In A Chaotic & Competitive Business World

Most businesses don't <u>systematize</u> a <u>follow up process</u> for their potential new customers and clients.

Most accountants don't systematize a follow up process for their <u>potential new clients</u>.

The ones that do tend to attract MORE THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE of <u>new clients</u> to their accounting firms, compared to their accounting peers (as well as RETAIN their clients).

Their appointment calendar is <u>typically full</u>. The revenues their firm generates is <u>consistent</u> and steady. Their ability to generate consistent

profits gives them a <u>higher level of confidence</u> in their life.

But investing in and building systems takes commitment, time and an investment of money. How much money you ask? Good question. And I'll answer it with a question.

How much is a new client worth to you and your firm?

Because the answer to that question is the answer to <u>how much you pay for the systems</u> to acquire, keep and maintain a new client.

What's The Average Lifetime Value of an Accounting Client For YOUR firm?

If you're a member of the Troy Patton's Coach Patton Inner Circle practice building group then you already (should) know this number.

Let's say you look at your production for the last 5 years. You calculate that <u>on average</u>, your yearly revenue per client is \$3600 (12 months x \$300/month). And on average, a clients stays with you for 5 years.

Doing the math, your average lifetime value of a client is 5 x \$3600 equaling \$18,000. So the question becomes what amount of money would you INVEST in order to bring back \$18,000 in revenue?

Notice I use the word INVEST, not PAY.

That's because when you invest, by definition, you are <u>looking for a RETURN on your</u> investment. Your ROI.

So let's pretend you are going to create a Google Adword program to create a steady flow of new clients from the Internet.

And between you or a marketing company that sets up the program, you are able to generate potential clients **calling for appointments** for \$80 each.

And for every 5 appointments that are set, 4 of them <u>turn into new clients</u> that over time, meet or exceed the average revenue per client.

Doing the math once again, 5 appointment times \$80 each equals \$400 spent. And 4 new clients come from the \$400 so \$400 divided by 4 equals \$100.

The **\$100** is <u>your marketing cost</u> for that new clients. Is it worth spending...opps, I mean INVESTING, \$100 if you know, on average, your Investment will yield \$3,600 in year 1 and \$18,000 after 5 years, of total revenue?

If your answer is YES, then you may decide to test a Google Adword program built around those kind of numbers (which were HIGH / conservative but easy to do the math on).

If your answer is NO, then you either don't test a Google Adword program at those numbers.

OR you look at ways to test the program at smaller investment costs.

Or if you have a <u>higher Lifetime client Value</u> number, say \$30,000, (\$500/mth for 5 yrs) then you may not only create and test an Adword program, but you may be willing to INVEST \$125 or \$175 or \$200 because you know, in the case of a larger accounting & tax client, your client revenue will be much higher.

And other BIG accounting firms are probably **spending larger sums of money** going after these high value clients, and to compete you may have to invest a little more also.

Are You Interested In Taking The Next Step To Generating New Client Flow using Google Adwords?

See the advertisement below? Follow the instructions. Also watch your EMAIL for a follow up report that explains the details on SETTING UP your Follow Up SYSTEM.

Jeff Bell - The Marketing Doctor

Special Offer For Accountants & CPAs FREE 25-Minute Consultation

on your <u>Current Google Adword / Internet Advertising Program</u> OR Answers & Advice To Questions You Have Related to USING GOOGLE & The Internet for **Marketing Your Accounting Firm** with our private marketing consultant, Jeff Bell - The Marketing Dr.

Call my voice message line at 317-674-3335 and give me a detailed message about your firm and how you want to or are using Google to generate clients for your practice.

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Building Your Google Adwords Advertising System

At the end of my <u>last report</u> you read, my suggestion was for you to take the next step and <u>learn the PROCESS</u> you should go through to <u>build your SYSTEM</u> for generating new client flow using Google Adwords.

The rest of this report contains that information. As you read it I'm going to outline the steps you should take, the software you should invest in, what that software does and the approximate dollars you'll spend as part of your NEW SYSTEM for attracting new clients.

But first I want to make an **important distinction** I want you to think about as you read this document.

Our initial discussion revolved around Google Adwords as the source or beginning of Part 1 of this new client system. But the Marketing Principles you are going to learn by reading this report can be applied to all of your ADVERTISING TOOLS you use in your practice.

Google Adwords is very sophisticated tool and is powerful in its design and use. But because it may not be something you use everyday or completely understand, don't be in awe of it. It is just another ADVERTISING TOOL.

Just like a **yellow pages ad** is an <u>advertising tool</u>. As is a **magazine ad** you'd run. Or a **ValPak mailing**. Or a **radio or TV ad**. Or a **postcard** or **letter** you'd mail if you were 'farming' certain neighborhoods or zip codes around your practice.

These are all <u>Advertising Tools</u> that can be and usually are the FIRST STEP or FRONT END of a process you walk people or clients through as part of a <u>Complete</u> Marketing System you build.

That's the distinction I want you to make. We'll be talking about Google Adwords but you can easily insert another TOOL, like your <u>yellow pages ad</u> or a <u>radio ad</u>, as the 1st step in

the **Advertising** <u>Phase</u> of a marketing SYSTEM.

After that, the rest of the process and the application of the marketing Principles and Strategies will be similar if not completely the same.

The Tools Will Have Multiple Uses

I also want you to note that the software tools or services or accounts I'm going to share with you can also be used as part of MULTIPLE SYSTEMS you set up in your practice to generate potential new client leads.

Many of these tools have **several functions or capabilities built into them** that will come in handy as you create and implement your marketing systems, whether it is:

- Advertising (finding leads or potential new clients),
- <u>Selling</u> (converting those leads into 1st time appointments and clients who commit to your initial back work on tax prep, bookkeeping or other accounting services and finally,
- <u>Servicing</u> (for as long as possible following your procedures, staying a client, possibly buying investment / financial and other accounting related services PLUS referring other clients to your practice and so on).

So with that, let's start with **Stage 1 of Finding New Accounting Clients**. (To see all 6 Stages, they are listed on the cover page of the 1st Google Report you should have read).

Stage 1: KNOW YOUR NUMBERS TO CREATE YOUR OFFERS

- Analyzing your Average Lifetime Client Value
- Determining Your Allowable Marketing Cost (Investment) Per New Client
- Creating Offers Based on Clients Types You Want to Attract.

(A) Analyzing your Average Lifetime Client Value

If you are part of any of my marketing coaching programs, you should have completed this calculation and know exactly what the <u>dollar</u> <u>amount</u> is.

If not, very quickly it's the conservative average <u>number of dollars</u> a client is worth to you over the course of <u>their lifetime as **your** client</u>. You should be able to calculate this from your client database/files and your financial statements.

Quick example. You run the numbers and determine on average that a client stays with you for 10 **years** (some more some less, 10 is the average).

A rough calculation might be if you have 100 active clients and your collections each year are around \$480,000 then "on average" a client is worth **\$4,800** a year.

Then you do the math to calculate Average Lifetime Client Value (ALCV) by taking \$4,800 a year times 10 years which gives you **\$48,000** (\$4,800 x 10).

Your ALCV number may be smaller or larger.

Either way you **need to know what your numbers are** because when you advertise and bring in a new client, you want to know potentially what they <u>will be worth to you</u> financially.

Just like buying any other investment, you know **what you're willing to INVEST** (stop thinking in terms of COST, PAY or SPEND) to acquire them.

(B) Determining your Allowable Marketing Cost (Investment) Per New Client

This is where you determine what you are willing to invest to acquire a new client, once you know what their lifetime value is.

Using the above example of 1st year \$4,800 and lifetime value of \$48,000, a question to ask yourself would be **are you willing to INVEST \$200 today** if you know you will on average, receive \$4,800 in collections this year and a total of \$48,000 for the next 10 years, 'on average', from your \$200 investment?

If your answer is YES then you back into all your advertising, Google Adwords or any other Tool, with this kind of math. Go backwards with me as I show you a *math example* of how to reach the \$200 figure.

Let's say your advertising costs you **§160** each time to get the phone to ring to set an appointment. How did I get \$160?

Let's use a <u>yellow pages ad</u> example. Say your monthly ad costs \$1600 and each month **you track 10 people** calling in from that ad.

\$1600 divided by 10 equals \$160 per phone call for an appointment. In direct response marketing terms we'd call this your Cost Per Lead or **CPL**.

Over time <u>you track</u> that out of every 10 people that call and set an appointment, <u>only 9</u> actually show up or confirm the appointment.

Of the 9 that confirm for their appointment, 8 of them meet and commit to services or come back (if you offer free consultations) and go on to monthly services. Or in other words, <u>8 out of 10</u> become real, paying clients.

Again your ad in the yellow pages was \$1600 that month and you NETTED 8 clients from that ad.

So you calculate \$1600 divided by 8 NET clients equals \$200. The \$200 is your Marketing INVESTMENT Per New Client.

And it can be or becomes your <u>ALLOWABLE</u> (meaning YOU decide) or <u>Target</u> or <u>Goal</u> Marketing Investment Per New client **IF** your investment of \$200 to bring in \$\$4,800 year 1 is a good RETURN on your investment (ROI).

What Actions To Take To Make A Better ROI Number

Back to the original question. **If your answer is NO** and you're <u>not</u> willing to invest \$200 to bring in \$4800 1st year or \$48,000 over 10 years then you have really only 4 options.

One is to INCREASE your Average Lifetime client Value so your number goes from \$48k to say \$\$60k or some other number that investing the \$200 makes sense with.

Two is to **REDUCE** the \$200, your **Marketing Investment Per New Client**, to \$180 or \$160 or some other smaller number so your \$\$48,000 makes sense.

Three is to do a little of both.
Reduce your Marketing Investment
Per New Client AND Increase your
Average Lifetime Client Value so the
combination of the new numbers makes sense
from an ROI standpoint.

The systems I'll be describing to you and that you'll be building will help do both over time and working on BOTH aspects of this at the SAME TIME is the best approach.

Four is if you cannot do 1, 2 or 3 then you should STOP that form of advertising unless and until you can make the numbers work.

Why Knowing Your Numbers Is Critical To You And Who Benefits From Your NOT Knowing Them

You need to know this number because if you're investing MORE money on any form of advertisement than the amount of money or PROFIT it brings back to you, then you really ARE JUST **SPENDING** MONEY or PAYING the advertisement company just to have your ad run. In other words you're LOSING MONEY and that is no reason to keep doing it.

Yellow Page Phone Book Publishers, Magazines, Newspapers, Radio Stations, TV Stations, Cable Companies, Internet Advertisers, Web Site Builders and the **Advertising Agencies** that represent (and get paid by) the MEDIA companies, **make their living** off of <u>YOU the small business owner</u> AND even **medium & large** companies that DO NOT TRACK, MEASURE & ANALYZE these marketing performance numbers.

Here in the beginning of the new 21st century it's been <u>well documented</u> that well over **ONE HALF of all advertising is WASTED!** As early as the late 19th century in the 1860's, John Wanamaker, the creator of the first 'department store' and great grandfather of modern advertising was quoted as saying, "Half the money I spend on advertising is wasted; <u>the trouble</u> is I don't know which half."

So it's a safe bet that unless you are <u>tracking</u>, <u>measuring and analyzing</u> **ALL your advertising**, you are *probably wasting HALF* of all your advertising and **just don't know it**.

If that's the case you can not GROW your practice, let alone <u>MAINTAIN</u> it's size and <u>profitability during tough economic times</u>, if you fall prey to these advertising sales people.

Unless you <u>KNOW your numbers</u>, advertising sales people will badger you endlessly to keep **YOU paying for INEFFECTIVE advertisements** that make YOU NO MONEY while <u>they keep collecting a paycheck</u>, paid for directly from your monthly ad bill.

(C) Creating Offers Based on Client Types You Want To Attract

The 3rd part of Stage 1 - <u>Knowing Your Numbers</u> is determining **what OFFERS you will make** in your advertising to attract clients to your practice.

In a nutshell we will use OFFERS to **capture a person's email address and more** so we can do *follow up marketing* with them.

Now if you're asking what an offer is, by its noun definition an OFFER is <u>a proposal</u>, <u>a suggestion</u>, <u>a recommendation</u> or <u>a bid</u> you 'put forth' for *acceptance or rejection*.

And it does NOT have to be a DOLLAR AMOUNT. More often than not <u>if you are in your ADVERTISING mode</u>, your offer may consist of something **free** or a **discount** or even **some information** that your potential client would be interested in <u>reading</u>, <u>listening</u> to or <u>watching</u>.

Do you remember the <u>first report</u> that led you to this report you are reading? It was titled *How To Find New Accounting Clients Using The Search Engine Advertising Tool: Google Adwords.*

That report was the **OFFER** I made to you, on a web site you went to, in exchange for you submitting your contact information to me.

For your accounting practice your OFFER can be something similar or entirely different. It will depend upon what TYPE of client you want to attract and how aggressively you want to attract them.

Changing Your Thinking About Advertising as the First Step In Your CPA Practice Marketing

Looking ahead, on the next few pages I'm going to spend some extra time talking at length about what an OFFER IS NOT. Why? Because sometimes the best way to explain something is to describe what it isn't.

In the process it may sound like **I'm taking pot shots** at certain companies & people that you may have dealt with in the past. So be it.

My intent is to <u>change your thinking</u> about how you approach your marketing in general and specifically <u>your new client advertising</u>.

Plus whether you try to tackle this on your own or you hire me to do this for you, if you just continue to do MORE OF THE SAME you'll

receive similar results to what you're getting today, which probably isn't working.

And if you hire me to **help you restructure your marketing**, you need to <u>BUY IN</u> to these new and different approaches I'm explaining.

So best you read them now and **understand** what I'm saying (you don't have to <u>fully agree</u> with it although you will as time goes on and you see actual results) rather than me trying to explain it to you after the fact.

Here Is What You Want To Avoid As It Is NOT AN OFFER.

If you pick up any major city magazine geared towards women and you'll find CPAs, dentists, attorneys and plastic surgeons advertising their practices and firms. Most of these 'professionals' place ads that are what I call "expanded business cards".

They put a **picture of themselves** in the ad. A list or bullet points of the **services or procedures** they perform. Maybe a set of before and after pictures (the attorneys can't do this for obvious reasons unless they show their clients 'sad' before the lawsuit or divorce and then 'happy' after the trial or settlement).

Next the **name of the practice or firm**, the **address**, the **web site address** / URL with the phrase before it of 'visit our web site at'.

Then their **phone number** with at most the text "Call us at ______" and that's it.

Finally if there's space you'll always see the **logo** of the association, society, board or certification body they are part of. Usually these are barely legible or intelligible unless you are another dentist, attorney or plastic surgeon who's also has the same affiliation.

These are expanded business cards in that they make NO SPECIFIC, ENTICING, LOW or NO-RISK Proposal, Suggestion or Recommendation for the reader to consider and act on.

There's no next step to BUY or LEARN MORE ABOUT how YOU the advertiser, **solves or fixes** *THEIR pain, THEIR problem or THEIR unfortunate situation*, especially if the person seeing the ad ISN'T QUITE READY to make a buying decision or in your case, call and make an office appointment.

If you reread the last paragraph in the reverse, an <u>OFFER consists of all those things **and**</u> **more**.

Anything else you put in your ads like explained on the last page, makes it DOA. But in this case even though the traditional acronym of DOA or Dead On Arrival is accurate, a DOA ad in marketing terminology means they **Don't Offer Anything**.

And in the process of being a DOA ad, it does not DIFFERENTIATE that professional **from the next professional** on the next page in the next ad of the magazine, phone book or down the computer screen in a Google Adword advertisement or other competitive type of media.

In fact in live workshops and seminars I can usually take an ad for any one of these people, place it next to the ads of 5 of their competitors (doesn't matter if it's a magazine, yellow pages or other print type of ad), block out the names and you can't tell the DIFFERENCE between one dentist, accountant, attorney or plastic surgeon from another.

They all <u>SAY they do about the SAME things</u>. And I can also take a pair of scissors and cut and paste parts of one ad on another ad and it is 80% to 90% accurate.

What If The Doctor Who Talks You Into Heart Surgery Just Hands The Scalpel To The Nurse To Do The Actual Transplant On The Day Of Your Surgery?

The point of all this discussion is that most ads are **NOT written and designed** by the advertising sales person calling on you (let

alone a **marketing specialist**) but by the MAGAZINE's, the YELLOW PAGE's or the NEWSPAPER's <u>art department or a graphic</u> designer.

Truth be told, your ad is just one of 20 or 50 or 100 ads they have to 'process' that day or week to get it 'in' for the next edition, issue or publication deadline.

And the fastest and quickest way to get that done is to take your **business card** or **last year's ad** and simply <u>duplicate it</u>.

Or if they are slow they'll throw in some graphics or a stock photo or some pictures you've sent them (usually your own picture and maybe your staff) print it and it's off to the next ad in **their** stack in **their** in box.

There's no motivation for them to stop, analyze your practice, run the dollar numbers we've been discussing, see what types of clients you want to attract and **predetermine** how much you're willing to INVEST to acquire them.

Nor do they then sit with you and conceptualize an **entire SYSTEM** that will:

- <u>Strategically</u> attract potential new clients from a group of people who have never heard of you,
- <u>Structure and format</u> YOUR advertisement so it is SUPERIOR than the **other CPA**, **Accountant** ads so that it will,
- <u>Grab the reader's or listener's attention</u> so they actually SEE or hear YOUR advertisement and...
- then <u>Take Action</u> so sooner or later after being exposed to a **follow-up**, **ongoing marketing system** it persuades,
- this potential client to <u>make an</u> <u>appointment</u> in your office and then,
- Shows up the first time and on an ongoing basis, pays you, stays with you and starts,
- Referring new clients to YOUR practice and not that 'other' accountant, bookkeeper or CPA down the street or across town.

If the Graphic Artist in the Art Department did all this, one of the first things they should do is explain to you the <u>POWER of OFFERS</u> & how to <u>structure</u> YOUR advertisement so it delivers **effective offers** to people reading them.

And that is the 3rd part of Stage 1. Building OFFERS as part of your ADVERTISEMENTS to attract the clients <u>you desire</u> to walk through the doors of <u>your practice</u>.

Some <u>quick Offer examples</u> that may or may not apply to your practice:

A **Free Consultation** is an offer you can use to persuade people to come to your office without risk of being charged or spending money.

A **Special Report** on 7 things a person or business owner can do to reduce their taxes might be an offer you use in exchange for collecting someone's contact information.

An **Audio CD** on any topic can be used to attract people who have an interest in learning more about solving a specific situation or problem. For example an audio CD on Questions To Ask When Choosing An Accountant or CPA might be used to attract clients who are looking to start using or switch from one firm to another.

An **Invitation to an Open House** is an offer that could be used to get potential new clients to visit your practice and meet you and your staff after their normal work hours in a relaxed, low risk setting.

There are <u>dozens of different types of OFFERS</u> you can and should <u>TEST</u> to see **which ones best appeal to the type of clients** you want to attract.

In working privately with accountant and other small business owners, **predetermining your OFFERS** is a <u>critical part of building the foundation of your advertising system</u>.

Your Offers <u>can and will change over time</u> but discussing them **in detail**, **agreeing** on them

and then **positioning & embedding** them in your advertising plan will complete Stage 1 of your new marketing plan.

Stage 2: ACQUIRE TOOLS & DO YOUR RESEARCH

- A. Building Your Social Proof
- B. Research Your Target Market
- C. Scout Your Competition
- D. Create Your Keywords List
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(A) Building Your Social Proof

In daily life when we are trying to decide what to do or not to do, we subconsciously look to other people for guidance. In some settings where we don't know what to do or where to go, we look to the 'crowd' to see what they are doing.

I've gone to professional sports events at new stadiums and have seen it work in person. I've sort of known where the stadium is and driven close to it. Then I just follow the other cars with the flags and banners on them to find a place to park.

Once there I get out of the car and look at the people to see which way they are walking and follow them. <u>It works all the time</u>. Even in airports where there's construction and the signs have been removed or poorly placed.

I just follow the other passengers off the plane, past the gates and through terminals under construction all the way to the baggage area.

Using **Social Proof** is a <u>shortcut mechanism</u> in our lives. It saves us time. We think if <u>other people</u> are doing X then it must be <u>okay for me</u> to do it too. There are many books and psychological papers written on the subject and if you ever have the time it's a fascinating subject to learn more about.

But for our discussion on Advertising and Google Adwords, we want to <u>use this aspect of human nature to our advantage</u>.

There are many forms of Social Proof. In business TESTIMONIALS **are a powerful form of social proof.** They are grossly underused as a <u>TOOL of persuasion</u> for most businesses and likely in your accounting or CPA firm too.

In a nutshell, we want to have as many testimonials from your clients as we can to use in our advertising to attract new clients.

Why? Because when people <u>read or listen</u> to your testimonials and how you solved their accounting problem, THAT PERSON IS LOOKING FOR THEMSELVES figuratively.

They want AFFIRMATION & REASSURANCE that someone just like them already did what they are thinking about doing, got a geed deal, received good service and didn't get robbed, cheated, short changed or changed their mind later.

If someone is a business owner looking to have some tax work done, then she wants to <u>read or see or hear</u> someone who looks or sounds like her that had a **good**, **positive with you and your office**.

Because IN HER MIND if that person did, then there's LESS RISK of her making a bad decision by choosing you to perform the work. And LESS RISK means LESS or NO FEAR which helps people MAKE DECISIONS and TAKE ACTION when they otherwise would not.

Using Audio Generator As A Testimonial Gathering Tool

One of the BEST TOOLS I've found and use myself for gathering testimonials is called Audio Generator.

It is an online service that you subscribe to for a small monthly fee. And it provides several ways for <u>you to gather **AUDIO testimonials**</u> from your clients.

Some people ask or say "Why do you want to use <u>audio</u> testimonials?" Two reasons.

One is because **actually hearing someone's voice** giving a testimonial makes it more 'real' and persuasive than just reading it in black and white.

With computers becoming faster & having more memory and internet download speeds increasing with DSL, cable and satellite services, putting audio testimonials on your web site and specifically your Google Adword Landing Pages has become technically OKAY to do so because at current transmission speeds, they work and can be heard.

Second is because if we have someone's audio testimonial, we can always transcribe it and use it at a written testimonial.

For more insight on using testimonials, go to Google and type in: jeff bell testimonials

The top result or link should be a page on another one of my web sites. If you click on it you can read more about the different types of testimonials and look at a couple from old clients of mine, talking about me.

When you have your Audio Generator account you can publish a **toll-free phone number** with a 4 digit extension unique to your practice.

Then you'll ask and encourage clients to call in and leave their testimonials about you and your staff on the service. It shows up as an **audio recording** that we can then put on your web site, on landing pages of your Google Adword program, in email newsletters and so on.

You can even take them, edit them together compilation style and if your phone system has a MOH, Music on Hold feature, <u>you can play these in a loop on your phone system</u> so people calling in and on hold for any reason HEAR your clients RAVING about how you and your

staff solved their various tax, bookkeeping or accounting related problems.

The service ends up being about **\$30/month** and because I'm a charter member of the service, I have a link I can send you where you can start with a Free Trial.

When you become a client I work with you as part of Stage 2 to **set up your Audio Generator account and start collecting client testimonials** so we can turn around and use them to attract new clients in your Google Adwords landing pages, your web site and other advertising Tools you're using today.

(B) Research Your Target Market

WHO you are advertising to directly correlates to <u>how effective</u> your advertising results will be.

If you're Omaha Steaks you don't advertise to vegetarians and expect to find a lot of customers. If you sell luxury automobiles you don't put a lot of money into advertising that shows up in zip codes with low income housing.

But beyond simple demographics, it is important to have and be able to <u>describe in detail a very clear picture</u> of:

- WHO your ideal client is,
- WHAT he or she thinks and understand...
- WHY they make decisions to start using or switch from one accountant/CPA to another.

There are many ways to do research without going overboard. One is to informally <u>ask your current clients questions</u> about themselves and *how they make financial service decisions*.

I've always thought an accountant would do some of this in initial meetings or while they are stopping in your office, or you theirs, to pick up or deliver paperwork.

But a more structured way to accomplish this is by **SURVEYING** your clients.

One tool that you can use to do that AND that can become your <u>email newsletter service</u>, especially if you don't have one today, is a service called **iContact**.

iContact is a very powerful and simple <u>email</u> <u>service</u> that has **basic survey capability** already built into it so you don't have to buy a separate survey program or service.

Plus it is competitively priced. For example if you have less than 1,000 emails of your clients iContact's **monthly email rate is \$19.00** and you can send up to 6 emails to your list each month (which is more than you would any month).

Similar to the audio testimonial program, here is the link to sign up for the service, where you receive a Free Trial offer.

Whether you survey your clients or not, as a client I help you develop detailed **Ideal client Profiles** so you and I know exactly who we are looking for when we go hunting for new clients.

(C) Scout Your Competition

Fifty to sixty years ago in the 1940's and 1950's there wasn't near the amount of competition there is today being an accountant or CPA.

It was common for an accountant to be one of only a handful of accountants in a community. Depending on where you lived, you might be the only CPA in town or in rural areas, the only CPA in 100 miles or more.

Today it's not uncommon to be able to walk outside of your CPA practice and if you have a strong arm, be able to throw a rock across the street and hit another CPA office.

At a minimum if you live in or near any metropolitan area, there are several if not dozens of other accountants in a 5 mile radius around your practice address.

This means you are all **vying** for the same new business or personal client, **fishing** in the

same pond if-you-will, ALL **trying to catch the attention of people** so they will choose you as their accountant.

You all have web sites, yellow pages ads, some are running Google Adword programs and many run print ads in local magazines.

This is both good and bad for you. Bad because the <u>potential new client has ALL THESE</u>

<u>CHOICES to pick from</u> for a **new or different** accountant.

Good because you and <u>I can use the information we find in all these places</u> to do some 'competitive research'.

Keep Your Friends Close And Your Competition Closer

As part of Stage 2 I will <u>look at and analyze your top competition</u> and their **advertising tools** (web site, yellow pages ad, their Google Adword program & print ads) to see <u>how you stack up</u>, what their <u>advertising weaknesses</u> are, **how you can exploit them**.

And I'll share with you as I'm able to LOOK INSIDE some of their TOOLS like Superman with X-Ray Vision, and see what they are doing to attract clients.

Some of this competitive information we may want to **copy**, **modify and use** (all legal by the way) in helping us build YOUR advertising systems and specifically your Google Adwords pay per click program.

If you've heard me on or at my monthly How To Grow Your Business programs, one of the Principles of marketing you should know is that...

"Good Marketers Borrow, Great Marketers Steal"

Just remember I am not an agent provocateur and will never ask you to do anything immoral, unethical or illegal. Nor will I do any of that myself.

But by the same token I will (and do) take time to **investigate and understand** what others in your competitive market are doing to attract clients and <u>use that information to your advantage</u>.

(D) Create Your Keywords List

Keywords are the words and phrases a person uses to type into a search engine like Google, to find what they are looking for.

For example if you live in Chicago and you want to find an accountant, you might go to Google and type in: **Chicago accountant**

When you do you'll see over 4,500,000 listings returned but on the **Sponsored Search** sections, typically at the top in a light red or pink background box and down the right hand side of the page are the Google Adword ADS. All of those accountants or in some cases, directories (such as 1800accountant.com) have bought or bid on that phrase.

Building a similar list of words and phrases for you is what we do when we <u>Create Your Keywords List</u>.

There are several technical aspects of this process that I won't go into here. But this is the foundation for starting to create and begin testing your Google Adword program.

(E) Develop Landing Pages

One of the biggest mistakes most accountants who use Google Adwords or other pay-per-click advertising programs make is sending their 'clicks' to their <u>home page</u> of their web site.

This is a big mistake and money waster for a variety of reasons that I won't cover here.

For a refresher on **WHY it's a mistake and why you want HELP** (Highly Effective Landing Pages) to send your clicks to, refer back to the <u>Google Report</u> before this one.

Go to page 6, Part 2 and <u>read the 15 points I</u> <u>make on what your Landing Pages should look,</u> <u>sound and do behind the scenes in order to be effective.</u>

Also if you have a web site and don't want to involve your web master or the company that built the site in order to ADD Landing Pages to it, that's okay.

I have web sites URLs that are accounting related where I can create YOUR customized Landing Pages so they are effective and you don't have to touch your web site or incur extra charges from your current web developer or host.

As a client **this is included** as part of your Stage 2 Advertising System development.

Using The 24-Hour Free Recorded Messages To PreScreen, Qualify & PreSell clients

Landing pages are Tools that are exclusive to web sites and the Internet. But they can also be used strategically to <u>take people OFF of the</u> Internet. How?

One strategy I use with my clients is to use **Multiple Calls To Action** on their Landing Pages. Said another way we give people that read an ad <u>SEVERAL</u> ways to respond or <u>Take Action</u> and **OPT IN** to our Advertising System.

Many people will read that last sentence and say to themselves, "In my ads in the yellow pages or in magazines I give my phone number and my web site so <u>I'm already doing that</u>, using multiple calls to action, right?"

Wrong. The rest of the sentence in bold says **and OPT IN** to their Advertising System. That's the difference they (and you) are likely NOT doing.

So unless you are <u>capturing someone's email</u> <u>address</u> or their <u>physical address</u> or their <u>name</u> <u>and phone number</u> AND they are giving their information to you **so you can market to**

them going forward, they are NOT OPTING INTO ANYTHING.

The reason I make this point is because having a 24-Hour Toll-Free Recorded Message that the person reading the ad or landing page can call can be a *very effective* TOOL to use in your advertising.

The service I use and recommend is called an **On Demand Marketing Line** by ART. With it you receive your own Toll-Free number with 200 extensions or "messages" you can record to educate people who see or hear your ad and call for more information 24/7.

It takes a person **OFF of the Internet** at least temporarily and hopefully permanently. How?

- By giving them a <u>NO-RISK action</u> to take (listening to a Free Recorded Message & not a live sales person that might try to sell them).
- By giving them a <u>NO-COST action</u> to take (the call is FREE to them).
- By <u>TEACHING them</u> how & with who they can solve their accounting related issue or situation (you prerecord up to a 10 minute voice message that the caller listens to).
- By OFFERING at the end of your recorded message, to leave THEIR name and contact information on YOUR voice message system for you or your staff to follow-up with them.

Once They've Dialed Your Number The Caller Has Already OPTED IN To Your System

One aspect of this SYSTEM is that you can go in to it and then RETRIEVE these messages for future follow up.

Some messages might be for <u>appointments</u> and others <u>requesting more information</u> from you (which depends upon what your OFFER on the phone and in the preceding ad was).

And if someone called and did NOT leave their contact information, the SYSTEM still CAPTURES their CALLER ID and you are able (and should) have someone call these people back to see if they had or still have questions you or your staff can answer for them on live phone call during your office hours.

NOTE: Some people after reading this will shy away from the thought of returning phone calls via only caller ID. I've tested this with THOUSANDS of calls and VERY RARELY receive a complaint or comment from the person. Normally they are HAPPY someone CALLED THEM BACK and express THANKS that someone cared enough to pick up the phone and call THEM.

Either way this is a LOW-RISK, AUTOMATED way of <u>building a list</u> of people who are **pre-interested and usually pre-disposed** in receiving accounting related information.

Plus the RECORDED MESSAGES give you the opportunity to *Pre-Qualify and Pre-Sort* the Potential New Clients while they learn more about you and your practice.

I should also note that this service works just as well or better with YELLOW PAGES ADS and MAGAZINE ADS or any other form of PRINT advertising that reaches the right Target Market that fits people with your Ideal client Profile.

Example: If you are in a mature city or neighborhood with **older or elderly** people, they <u>may not use the computer and Internet as much</u> as people younger than them.

They may still subscribe to the local newspaper, read the local or regional magazines, paid or controlled circulation. They may enjoy opening Val-Paks or SmartShoppers or MoneyMailers or read ThriftyNickel type publications.

Using a 24-Hour, Toll-Free Recorded Message call to action option can greatly increase the response rate of these people that see your ad in these publications. Why?

Again because they can simply **PICK UP THE PHONE**, dial your number, <u>listen and learn</u> about you and get to know you.

And you've not asked them to CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT which scares off some people.

Plus you've not forced them to go to the Internet "for more information" when they may not have a PC or do, but hate to try and navigate the web to get to your web site.

The old fashioned telephone is still a **simple** and easy tool to use and this service helps you use the telephone TOOL in a whole new way!

(E) Create Your Google Ads To Run

If you've completed all of the elements in Stage 1 and have the Tools and Systems completed here in Stage 2 you are ready for Part (E) which is actually creating your Google Ads.

To do this you'll need several items such as your Keyword List, your destination URLs of all your Landing Pages and several ADS that conform to the character length restrictions of Headline and Description Line and URL line fields (I do all this when you sign up as a client).

Google gives **25 characters maximum** for the HEADLINE or top line of the ad you see. Then on the DESCRIPTION LINES 1 & 2 you are given a maximum of 35 characters, for each line.

Finally your DISPLAY URL line has a maximum character length of 35 characters that if you have a long web site address, you want to make sure it fits.

You want to have your ads typed out beforehand so you can see the length of each line and if it fits the maximum character lengths allowed. If they don't you want to edit them so they do.

This itself can be tricky because you want to create an ATTENTION GRABBING ad, match

the keywords / phrases being searched <u>and</u> include a STRONG OFFER so your ad is clicked on versus your competitors ad.

There's a science behind this process I won't cover here but once you've done that AND have all your other STAGE 2 tasks complete you're ready to move on to STAGE 3

Stage 3: SET UP YOUR GOOGLE CAMPAIGNS & GROUPS

And for time sake I'll just say you'll need to know the <u>other 15 or more Campaign and Adword Group options and settings</u> to correctly set up all your Campaigns and Adword Groups.

As I mentioned before and as I cover in my 90 minute sing Google Adwords tele-seminars, choosing the right setting and options when setting up your Adwords account is a science (not art) all its own.

If you don't set up and maintain Google Adword accounts as part of your job, the odds are 100:1 you'll **set it up incorrectly** it up if you do it yourself.

And 'set up incorrectly' does not mean you'll turn the account ON and nothing will work. Google accounts can be easily TURNED ON.

It means you'll turn on the account and it will cost you a small fortune AND quickly drain your wallet. Or it will never deliver clicks to you that turn into real appointments and clients. Anyone who's worked extensively with Google Adwords knows this based on years of experience of what works and what doesn't and builds what DOES WORK INTO your account from the beginning.

Obviously you want someone who's successfully created and managed Google Accounts to do this for you if you don't have that experience. This is part of the service I provide as a client and we handle all the set-up and testing for you.

Also my strategy whenever we set up a new payper-click account is to <u>start conservatively</u> from a **BID AND BUDGET** perspective to test the SYSTEM and make sure it works.

We **track and monitor** your Ad Positions on the Search Engine Results Page, your Click Thru Rates and especially your CONVERSION RATES and COST.

Your <u>Cost Per Conversion</u> is the dollar figure that ultimately drives **the amount you INVEST to generate a LEAD**, which is a Potential New Client that has opted into your Advertising System.

And by **Advertising System** I mean you've collected parts of or all of their Contact Information (in exchange for some thing of Value, a Special Report, Checklist, Coupon, Free Consultation, Invitation, etc.) including and at MINIMUM, their EMAIL ADDRESS, so you can start your FOLLOW UP MARKETING SYSTEM with them.

We want to make sure your Follow Up **Marketing System** for Potential New Clients is functioning. Why?

There's no reason to generate a lead if there's no <u>strategically preplanned process already in place</u> to take that person and convert them into an appointment.

Creating Your Follow-Up Marketing System And Ongoing Monthly Communication System

People like to do business with other people they <u>KNOW</u>, <u>LIKE and TRUST</u>. When people opt-in to your Follow Up Marketing System we will be AUTOMATICALLY following up with them via emails.

We do this by setting up a **series of emails in a sequence**, that will be sent to the person after they've taken you up on your Offer and you've sent them whatever you promised.

An immediate email is usually sent 30-60 minutes after the person gives you their contact information. Then the next day they automatically get email #2 from you. Maybe we skip a day and then on day 4 they automatically receive email #3 from you.

This continues for a <u>preset period of time</u> with the goal of having the person call and make an appointment. In marketing terms this **Email Sequence** is called an AUTORESPONDER.

The purpose is to <u>create the sequence ONCE</u> and the AUTORESPONDER will then **automatically starts each time a new person is added** to that particular email list. In in your case, a <u>potential new client list</u>.

After several weeks or months that particular email series will end. But the person will also start receiving your MONTHLY Potential New client email newsletter you'll send out.

This is where at this Stage 3, I will be working with you to **create for you a MONTHLY email newsletter type of communication** you'll send out to this ever growing list of potential new clients.

It will highlight your practice but will be focused on how the person receiving it <u>can</u> solve their accounting or bookkeeping related pains and problems by seeing you and your <u>staff</u> and **specifically setting an appointment to get that process started**.

Using Your Social Proof / Testimonials

If you remember in Stage 2 I talked about Building Your Social Proof? We will take the <u>audio and written testimonials</u> we've collected from your current & active client base and <u>weave them throughout our monthly communication to your Potential New client</u> List.

We can also collect physical addresses from this Potential New Client list and from time to time **Physically Mail** them direct mail pieces (letters, postcards, dimensional mail, etc) with **Offers and Calls To Action**.

We do this because even with an email address the open rates on lists like these will often be below 50%. So regular mail is another means of reaching people who may not be opening and reading your emails.

iContact is the service I previously mentioned, that if you do NOT already have an email service, we can use for this function. If you already have another email program or service we can use that too.

Either way you need to be communicating to these people on a **MONTHLY BASIS** in order to PRE-BUILD a relationship with them. And as we move forward we will have other options and creative ways you can structure, format and deliver this communication.

Stage 4: REPORT & ANALYZE YOUR ADWORD PROGRAM STATISTICS

As we set up and turn on your Google Adwords program we will be closely reviewing the reports and the statistics within them.

If you were doing this on your own in the very beginning you should be reviewing your reports EVERY DAY.

Of special interest for each Adword Group and Keywords within them are the:

- Impressions for each group
- Click Through Rate
- You Max Bid and Costs Per Click
- The Clicks and Conversions You Receive
- Conversion Rates
- Costs Per Conversion
- Average Position of each Keyword/Phrase

If you were a **do-it-yourselfer**, at first these reports will seem overwhelming if you're new to them. I would tell you not to be

overwhelmed and spend time going through the details so you understand each report.

IMPRESSIONS

Impressions are the number of times your ads are displayed on Google or on sites or products in the Google Network. <u>Impressions give you a general level of the raw popularity of a keyword or phrase you have bid on</u>.

CLICK THROUGH RATE

The click through rate (CTR) is the number of clicks your ad receives divided by the number of times your ad is shown (impressions) via Google search only.

A keyword's CTR is a strong indicator of its relevance to the potential new client who searched for the keyword or phrase, saw your ad and did or did not click on it for a variety of reasons.

Our initial goal is to find a balance between generating the highest CTR possible while paying the lowest Cost Per Click.

(AVERAGE) COST PER CLICK

The average amount you pay each time someone clicks your ad. Average CPC is determined by totaling the cost of all your clicks and dividing it by the number of clicks received.

We track & adjust your Maximum Bids and your Daily Budget numbers to both manage and test the effectiveness of the Cost Per Click you spend.

CONVERSION RATES

Your conversion rate is the number of conversions (people that opt into you system) divided by the number of ad clicks.

Note that tracking conversions requires <u>certain HTML</u> code to be put on your web site landing <u>pages</u> that TRACK the people that come to your web site via Google Adwords.

As a client we either do this for you ourselves, using our different web site URLS reserved for landing pages like yours OR we work with your webmaster or current web site design company to insert the tracking codes needed for Google.

COST PER CONVERSION

Your Cost Per Conversion is the result of all the other adword numbers and statistics, specifically the cost of all the clicks divided by the conversions, who we will define in your advertising system as those potential new clients who opt in and you collect their email address and other contact information for follow up marketing.

This is the bulk of the \$ number that makes up your Marketing Investment Per New client.

AVERAGE POSITION OF EACH KEYWORD

The average position is a statistic Google attributes to each of your keywords or phrases. It refers to the average position on a search result page that your ad appears in when it's triggered by that keyword.

1 is the highest position on the first page of search results. And average ad positions are not fixed; they may vary depending on various performance factors.

In the beginning we TRY NOT to be in the top 3 positions because it is often not cost effective to bid for and pay for clicks in those positions.

But as we make adjustments to different aspects of you Google Adword program and you overall advertising system, we may move up in to the 1, 2 or 3 position to generate more clicks and dominate those keywords and phrases in your local market.

Stage 5: ADJUSTING & TESTING CORE GOOGLE ADWORD & MARKETING SYSTEM

ELEMENTS TO IMPROVE PERFORMANCE AND PROFITABILITY

Although most people don't have the time to invest learning this way, Google does have a built in HELP program that you can access online like you would if you were using a PC software program.

From it you can glean the nuts and bolts of what the reports say and then <u>begin to change</u> and test each element to see the positive or <u>negative affect it has</u>.

On the flip side, one of the advantages of being a client of mine is that I review these reports regularly and will digest them and <u>make</u> <u>ongoing adjustments to improve the</u> <u>performance</u> of your Adword Campaigns, **all behind the scenes.**

Either way, as I've noted before, part of what also drives the success of your Google Adwords ADS are the **LANDING PAGES your 'click's land on**.

When you hire me we will be testing, adjusting and adding to the STRUCTURE, CONTENT, SOCIAL PROOF and other Advertising Elements on these Landing Pages in order to maximize your Conversion numbers (which INCREASES your Return On Investment numbers).

Beyond that I work with you to ensure that your <u>Appointment to client ratios</u> are maintained.

We should also be tracking your **Client Acceptance ratios** (close rates) and <u>tying</u>
<u>revenues back to the new clients your</u>
<u>advertising generates</u> to ensure you Return On
Investment numbers are where they need to be.

If they are NOT (and even when they are) we go back to all the financial elements of Stages 1 & 2 and focus on what specific steps we can **INCREASE** your ALCV - Average Lifetime

Client Value while **DECREASING** your Marketing Investment Per New client.

It's at this END OF STATE 5 we also begin to LOOK AT buying **more competitive or aggressively bid on keywords**. These may be words and phrases we avoided and PURPOSELY LEFT OFF our initial list because they were too expensive relative to other conservative' keywords.

With several months of results documented we can look at EXPANDING and INCREASING your bids and budgets because our historical numbers will help us estimate and predict potential success in these more competitive keyword areas.

Stage 6: EXPAND YOUR ADVERTISING SYSTEMS USING YOUR NEWLY CREATED "UNLIMITED MARKETING BUDGET"

- Open Up Your Adword Campaign
- Explore Expanding Into Other Pay-Per-Click Programs
- Develop Complimentary Advertising & Referral Programs

Open Up Your Adword Campaign

Depending upon the competitive nature of the other accountants who are using Google Adwords in your geographical area, after 2-3 months of adjusting internal Google Adword Account settings and external Landing Pages and Follow Up Systems, you should have a working system for generating Potential New Clients from Google.

We will have taken a **conservative approach** to <u>buying keywords</u>, <u>phrases</u>, <u>bidding</u> and <u>budgeting</u> during this period to *work out the mechanical kinks in the system* AND <u>build the financial reporting</u> that shows your Return on Investment.

At this point if your ROI numbers support it and you, your office / team / staff have CAPACITY, we start to BE MORE AGGRESSIVE with the <u>keywords</u>, <u>phrases</u>, <u>bidding</u> and <u>budgeting</u> on your Google Adwords account.

We will **Conservatively TEST** more Competitive Adwords, more popular ones that more people search against and bid on to increase your clicks, appointments and clients.

With a proven track record we can test and better predict our success with these words because of the numbers we've reported on, tracked, analyzed together.

Normally this is where you can begin to <u>take</u> New client market share away from other accountants & CPAs in your area. Why?

Because your ads **are better at attracting clicks** than theirs which gives you a <u>higher</u> <u>position</u> at a potentially lower INVESTMENT (Cost Per Click AND Cost Per Conversion).

At this point if your internal profit margins are healthy you can start to <u>pay a little more</u> than you did before and start a SNOWBALL EFFECT where you're ads have such effectiveness, your competition **has to significantly increase** their BIDS and BUDGETS just to keep their positions and impressions status quo.

Normally they won't even notice what's happening until their new client flow from their Adwords program *mysteriously dries up*.

This process takes time but when it begins to work, you'll find your appointment book is FULLER, your client base is GROWING and your practice starts to take on it's own ATTRACTIVE FORCE in your local market.

Like a black hole in space with such a strong gravitational force, it starts to PULL IN everything near it, even light itself.

Explore Expanding Into Other Pay- Per-Click Programs

You can then test EXPANDING your Pay Per Click program to other search engines to really start to dominate your local market.

Yahoo, Bing & other much smaller search engines can be cost effective sources of new clients if you take what works in Google, test and apply it in their Pay Per Click programs.

Back to Google, they also have a Content Network that we TURN OFF in the beginning of your program. I won't go into detail here but we can test turning the Content Network ON to expand your advertising reach.

Develop Complimentary Advertising & Referral Programs

Last but not least, at this point you'll have reached a place of NEW UNDERSTANDING in your marketing that we can take this ADVERTISING MODEL and use it to crate and expand your INTERNAL and EXTERNAL referral systems.

We can go to local groups, churches, civic organizations, small businesses and other professionals like dentists, health food stores, beauty salons, plastic surgeons, massage therapists, health spas and more.

And we can arrange <u>partnerships</u> or <u>referral programs</u> or <u>joint ventures</u> where THEY promote, endorse and begin referring THEIR customer, client or client base to YOU as their recommended local accountant or CPA. How & WHY can you do this?

Because You've Created What's Called An:

UNLIMITED MARKETING BUDGET

Let's go back to what I covered in Stage 1 where you had a ALCV - Average Lifetime Client Value that was ACCEPTABLE with your Marketing Investment Per New Client. Again to use round numbers, if \$200 is an Acceptable Marketing Investment Per New Client and you know, based on the numbers, that on average, a new client is worth \$48,000 to you over their 'client' lifetime, you should then adopt this MARKETING PHILOSOPHY:

I am willing to pay up to \$200 (or whatever your number is) for a good qualified new client, regardless of the source, as long as they show up, pay and use my services on an ongoing basis like a normal 'average' client in my practice.

When you adopt this philosophy you will have moved from allocating a FIXED Advertising Budget to using an UNLIMITED Marketing Budget, which is more profitable AND allows you to EXPAND your referral program beyond traditional sources.

Here's one quick example of how it works. Let's say you <u>survey your clients</u> or through <u>talking to them</u> frequently, you find out this.

Many of your clients go to a certain <u>printer or shop</u> in town to have their business cards or letterhead done. You then approach the **owner**, mention that many of your clients <u>favor them</u> as their printer and <u>talk about them</u>.

You go on to explain how CPAs are not all created equal, you want your clients to receive the best accounting. Just like <u>they</u> want <u>their business clients</u> to receive the best service.

So to make sure this happens <u>you suggest the idea or concept of you both CROSS</u>

<u>REFERRING your clients to each other in order to help one another grow your businesses.</u>

You'll pay for referral cards for the printer to give to ALL their clients that come in each day (small investment) and you can do the same (a small card in monthly mailings you do) with your clients that promotes the printer. Cost wise 1,000 4 color 2-sided 4" x 5" glossy postcards would cost you less than \$200. And let's say the printer owner bought into the concept, handed out 1,000 referral cards to his or her clients and the card had the RIGHT OFFER on it.

Do you think **at least 1 person** out of the 1,000 might migrate to your office and become a client? (The math is \$200 divided by 1 new client equals your \$200 investment per new client.)

<u>WE</u> can talk about and structure OFFERS for you and them too but if you know that \$200 (or what your INVESTMENT NUMBER is) is what you'll invest in a new client, <u>you can do a lot of things with a program like</u> this. Why?

All you have to do is find **ONE Referral Source** (that has people like your clients as their customers and clients) **PER INDUSTRY** and set up this type of relationship with them.

One printer, one attorney, one plastic surgeon, one heath food store, one church, one girl scout troop, one quick ship, one barber shop, one clothing store, one (do you get the picture?).

Let's say you set up **ONLY 5** of these in and around your practice. And conservatively each referral partner let's say ends up sending or NETTING you ONLY ONE new client per week. That's 5 per week times 4 weeks a month is 20 New clients PER MONTH.

Would 5 partners sending you 20 New clients a month help you keep your practice GROWING? Would you sleep easier at night KNOWING you had that stability & consistency with those kinds of numbers? Then once you did 5 programs, would 5 more be that hard?

In either case, what I do when you hire me for this program will be to help you set up these TOOLS and SYSTEMS. Once set up, we begin AUTOMATING them as much as possible so the systems works FOR YOU and not YOU for IT.

Taking The Next Step

If you've read this far I want to thank you for the time you've INVESTED in doing so. For entrepreneurs like yourself it takes DEDICATED TIME to introduce yourself to new ideas and have them soak in. A lot of what I explained may sound like JARGON or marketing speak and something you've never heard explained this way before.

If it does THAT'S OKAY because if I'm telling you things **you already know and understand** and you haven't acted on them in the past, there's little chance you'll do so now.

Although the PROCESS I just outlined may sound new, I'll share with you a little secret.

The Principles, Strategies, Systems and Tools they are based on are **OVER 100 YEARS OLD** and are the TRUE FOUNDATION of good old fashioned MARKETING.

They apply to Google Adwords here in the 21st century just like they've applied to direct mail and magazine ads and newspaper ads and yellow pages ads and so on in the 20th century.

And that's important for ME to have YOU KNOW because even though the TOOLS may change over time, the Principles, Strategies & Systems we use with them are everlasting.

2 Program Levels To Choose From

As a client of mine, <u>I offer 2 programs</u> to create, set up and manage your Google Adwords Account AND all the other software TOOLS (the other online services I mentioned).

The GOLD Program which includes all the research, setup and monthly management for your practice's <u>own Google Adwords Program PLUS these services</u>:

- <u>Audio Generator</u> (number & dedicated extension for clients to call and leave Audio Testimonials, can post these to your web site & to Google Adword landing pages)
- <u>iContact</u> (use to capture email addresses and contact information of potential new clients that opt-in to your ad offers, send email newsletters, survey clients or lead lists, unlimited auto responder series)

• <u>ART On Demand Marketing Line</u> (toll-free 24-hour recorded messages to use on print advertisements, web sites & landing pages.)

GOLD Program	1-Time Setup Fee	Ongoing Monthly Fee					
Audio Generator	\$ 0	\$ 30					
iContact	\$ 0	\$ 14					
ART 24 Hr Message Line	\$ 199	\$ 96					
Jeff Bell-Sales & Marketing Results	\$2,995	\$ 495					
Google Adwords	\$ 5	\$ to be determined					
Sub Total	\$ 3,199	\$ 635					

[Please Note that all accounts with Audio Generator, iContact, ART 24 Hour Message Line and Google Adwords are set up by you or with my step-by-step help, require your credit card for billing and are billed directly to you. Although I manage these programs for you, you are their direct customer and have ultimate control over you own account.]

The SILVER Program which includes all the research, setup and monthly management for your practice's <u>own Google Adwords Program PLUS these services</u>:

- Audio Generator (same as above in Gold)
- IContact (same as above in Gold)

SILVER Program	1-Time Setup Fee	Ongoing Monthly Fee	
Audio Generator	\$ 0	\$ 30	
iContact	\$ 0	\$ 14	
Jeff Bell-Sales & Marketing Results	2,995	\$ 495	
Google Adwords	\$ 5	\$ to be determined	
Sub Total	\$ 3,000	\$ 539	

The difference in the two programs is the ART 24-Hour Toll-Free On-Demand Message Line.

If you are a CPA that runs Yellow Pages ads or does any type of PRINT ADS in magazines, newspapers, flyers, school programs, calendars, place mats, church programs or DIRECT MAIL

as in "farming" certain zip codes or blanket mailing neighborhoods - <u>ANY THING where</u> <u>your ADs are in PRINT</u>, I recommend the GOLD PROGRAM because it includes the 24-Hour Toll-Free On-Demand Message Line.

Using this option of a Method of Response for people seeing your ads <u>greatly increases their likelihood</u> of picking up the phone and calling you, which OPTS THEM IN TO your Follow Up Advertising System.

Jeff, What Is The Cost Of Google's Adword Program Each Month?

The answer is different for every CPA practice which is why I leave that line blank. But I'll give you some <u>ranges and examples</u>.

In the beginning it depends upon where you are located, which drives the NUMBER OF **COMPETITIVE** Accountants in your same area, which drive how many of them are **ALREADY USING GOOGLE ADWORDS**.

The <u>more of each</u> of those factors means you are budgeting, bidding & <u>investing more/click</u>.

MULTIPLE OFFICES

I've seen multiple office companies with **8 locations spending \$3,000 a month** on their program.

BIG CITY

If you're in a major metropolitan city or region like New York, DC, Chicago, Atlanta, Dallas, Denver or Los Angeles **you could spend \$750 to \$1500 a month.**

SMALL TOWN

If you're in a small town of 30,000 with 10 other CPAs ALL using Google Adwords then you could end up (not right at the start) **investing \$300 to \$600** / **month**.

RURAL AREA

By the same token if you're in a rural area or there are few if any CPAs in a 30 mile radius of your office, you could spend less than \$100 a month and capture virtually ALL the searches and clicks for just

a couple dollars a day, depending upon the volume of traffic.

You can pick your category and that's probably a MIDDLE OF THE ROAD ESTIMATE of where you could be after several months of testing and **SLOWLY RAMPING UP** to those levels.

Of course if the numbers DO NOT make sense you simply *STOP ADVERTISING* and turn the account OFF (Pausing it is the best thing to do).

A Little About Me - Jeff Bell, And Why To Remember Google Adwords Is Just Part Of Your Advertising System

After nearly 20 years working in large \$100+ million dollar companies and managing large sales and service departments, as well as small start up entrepreneurial companies, I learned a **4 key points** about what makes companies growing and profitable versus shrinking and losing money.



Have a Good (Not The Best) Product Or Service

First key point is you have to deliver a GOOD product or service. That's a given in today's marketplace. You don't have to be THE BEST. It helps but it's not necessary. Good or even average is okay. Just don't be **POOR or BAD**.

In your case, as an Accountant, I'm ASSUMING you're technically GOOD. If you're not, sooner or later THE MARKET, a.k.a. your clients (& staff) figure it out, you're practice stalls out, starts to decline and eventually you're slugging it out by yourself or you fold up shop, retire or sell what's left of your practice.



Become A Marketer Of Your Accounting Practice

Second key point is you have to MOVE BEYOND being a **DOER** of what you do, to a <u>MARKETER of what you do</u>. BIG BIG point.

In other words even if you're absolutely the BEST CPA or Accountant in the city, but you do NOT LEARN how to ADVERTISE and attract new clients from a population who have NEVER HEARD OF YOU, eventually your practice slows down and potentially dies.

Your office is going to be empty, your staffers will be twiddling their thumbs and you'll be able to shoot a cannon through your office and not hit anyone on your busiest day.

But to become a MARKETER of what you do, you must learn the first phase of Marketing which is **Advertising** and that's what I help you learn and take responsibility for.

In a broad sense I help the Owners, Presidents and CEOs of good or average companies, grow and become more profitable by creating **Structured Marketing SYSTEMS** for them, that persuade people to CHOOSE THEM (MY CLIENTS) over their competition.



Build or Buy Systems, Don't Fall In Love With Tools

Third key point is small companies, businesses and Accountants *survive and grow* because they <u>BUILD OR BUY PRE-BUILT</u> **SYSTEMS**.

Systems for operating their practice. Systems for taking in a new client. Systems for doing taxes. Systems for scheduling appointments. Systems for paying the bills and so on. Systems that work WITH THEM and WITHOUT THEM but that WORK on a consistent, regular, daily, weekly, monthly basis.

And if they are REALLY good they also have MARKETING systems for ADVERTISING their accounting practice, systems for SELLING your accounting, bookkeeping, tax and other services and finally SERVICING their clients. Servicing means keeping them active clients every year, buying other financial services from you and referring other people & businesses back to your practice.

Just remember these 3 phases of Marketing: **Advertising - Selling - Servicing = A.S.S.**

A little known fact is that <u>most of the</u> <u>advertising</u> for CPAs, Accountants and the rest of small business owners, **is SOLD to them**, not BOUGHT by them.

Some examples. The local woman's magazine rep sells you on advertising in THEIR magazine. The yellow pages rep calls you and sells you on THEIR yellow pages book (or 2 or 3 books in some cases). The radio station tries to sell you RADIO SPOTS. The cable TV company tries to sell you TV COMMERCIALS. Rarely do YOU call THEM and BUY, right?

And if you lined all "them" up for sales appointments, one after the other, they would ALL probably tell you that **THEIR media or advertising TOOL is the best way** to "get the word out about your CPA practice" (they LOVE to say that phrase - 'get the word out'!).

So who's lying? They can't ALL be the best, right?

Well the dirty little secret is THEY ALL LIE knowing or unknowingly. Why? Because they GET PAID to sell their TOOL to you. That's how THEY make their living.

They are FORCED to try and get you to FALL IN LOVE *if ever so briefly*, **with their particular ADVERTISING TOOL** so you'll buy it, REGARDLESS of whether or not:

- A) it will pay for itself in terms of an INVESTMENT with a RETURN (ROI) or,
- B) it will fit into your current Advertising
 System (you usually have to build a System
 AROUND IT to make it fit) or,
- C) <u>there's a better tool</u> (one of THEIR competitors) to do the job of finding new clients in your market.

And because they are not paid to do A, B or C and there's NO SYSTEM to support the TOOL and it usually fails. It goes kind of like this.

You try it once. Usually you can't tell if it makes you back your investment or not.

Then depending upon how you feel a month down the road, or what your staff is telling you when you talk to the REP you decide whether to give it another shot or not.

The point of all this TOOL TALK is that you have to be AGNOSTIC when it comes to Tools. Instead you must LOOK FOR, IDENTIFY and EVALUATE the **SYSTEM** the TOOL is part of.

Sure, TOOLS MAKE UP SYSTEMS but you can't fall in love with & buy the latest, greatest widget, gizmo or bright shiny object that the SALES PERSON pitches you on, each month.

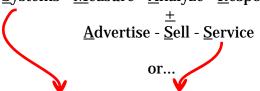
And this is what I help you do as my client. For your dental practice, I help you BUILD a certain type of MARKETING:

- **S**ystems that you can
- **M**easure results numerically then,
- Analyze numbers to make decisions & are
- **R**esponse driven to build our lists & that we
- <u>**T**</u>est consistently to improve performance!

ALL so you can tie them <u>FINANCIALLY</u> to your practice so they <u>MAKE A PROFIT</u> for you.

And if you add the S.M.A.R.T. above to the A.S.S. of earlier, you get a little, edgy acronym:

 \underline{S} ystems - \underline{M} easure - \underline{A} nalyze - \underline{R} esponse - \underline{T} est



S.M.A.R.T. A.S.S. Marketing

SMART ASS Marketing is your Flash Guide or criteria for judging at FIRST GLANCE if you should even spend time looking at TOOLS.

<u>Criteria One</u> is if you can't figure out fairly quickly (or with some explanation) HOW the RESULTS of a TOOL can be Measured, Analyzed, if it's Response driven and if can be Tested, then you DON'T BUY IT.

<u>Criteria Two</u> is does or can it FIT into (*or* can become the CORNERSTONE of) one of your Advertising, Selling or Servicing SYSTEMS.

If a TOOL doesn't FIT or you cannot BUILD a SYSTEM AROUND it, then you don't buy it.



Implementation & Setting Your Expectations As My Private Client

The 4th and final key to success I learned from working at large & small successful companies is that DOING what you PLAN AND SAY you are going to do is CRITICAL to success.

In the big companies we called it a big fancy word, **IMPLEMENTATION**. Whether you live in an area that you say *Just Do It* or *Get 'er Done*, TAKING ACTION WEEKLY if not DAILY is the key to progress in anything, especially your marketing.

Since <u>ALL I DO</u> is marketing consulting for my clients I'm ALWAYS in marketing mode either implementing, measuring or testing systems, campaigns and programs for you and my other clients. My head is always 'in the game'.

You on the other hand have a full-time accounting practice to run. And I understand the time commitment that takes. But in order for me to implement your New Advertising Systems I need your help and we need to work together. So here is the plan.

Weekly Implementation Progress Meetings

As we begin we will agree on and schedule once a week **Implementation** Progress Meetings. These should be in the day, during your lunch time or can be after you close the practice. They should last **30 and 45** minutes max.

In the beginning I'll tell you where I am at on building your Advertising Systems. As the

SYSTEMS are completed and turned on and working, we'll use the time to <u>compare what I</u> <u>see externally</u> from the different Performance Reports **to what you see internally** from your operations reporting.

In the beginning we will be:

- 1. Calculating & Identifying Your Average Lifetime Client Value
- 2. Agreeing on an initial Allowable Marketing Investment Per New Client
- 3. Identifying Your Ideal Client Profile(s)
- 4. Collecting Audio Testimonials From Your Current Clients
- 5. Identifying & Scouting Your Competition's Google Advertising, Their Offers, Their Web Site(s) and Related Marketing Materials.
- 6. Creating Offers Based on Client Types (Profiles) You Want To Attract

Once the above items are completed, then we will focus on:

- 7. Developing Your Keyword Search Lists
- 8. Construct Your New Potential client Opt In Autoresponder Email Sequence(s)
- 9. Identify a Ongoing Monthly Newsletter Format, Content & Calendar
- 10. Script Out & Record Your 24-Hour Toll-Free Pre-Recorded Messages (Gold Program)
- 11. Create Highly Effective Landing Pages
- 12. Setting Up Your Google Adwords Pay-Per-Click Program

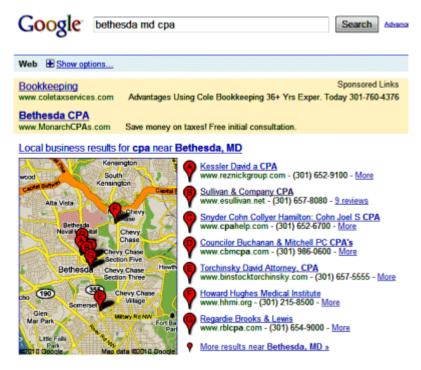
At this point we will then move into:

- 13. Measuring & Analyzing our Google Adwords Results
- 14. Testing Google Ads, Offers & Landing Pages
- 15. Surveying clients To Identify Their Needs And Potential External Referral Partners
- 16. Approaching External Referral Partners With Joint Venture & Endorsement Proposals
- 17. Launching Your First External Referral Program
- 18. Structuring Multiple Referral Partner Systems

GOOGLE MAP **BONUS!**

In the early years of Google the object of the game was to have your web site RANK HIGH on the <u>natural or organic or free listings</u> section (today's left hand side of Google).

This spawned <u>Search Engine Optimization</u> or SEO to be created, to help companies do this. Then these listings were pushed down the page with Google Adwords "Sponsored Results" often being placed at the top of the page.



If you notice on the graphic (above), Google now inserts a Google MAP or Local Business Listing just below or to the right of the Sponsored Results block, BUT ABOVE the organic, natural or free web site listings when someone enters a GEOGRAPHIC, LOCAL or CITY SEARCH TERM with the keyword of what they are looking for.

This does 2 things. One it PUSHES DOWN the natural, free listings farther on the page, making them <u>less likely to be seen</u> and clicked on.

Two as a marketer it should make you ask the question, "How do I get MY ACCOUNTING PRACTICE LISTED in the local results?".

When you hire me for your Google Adwords project as a BONUS we

will set up your Google Map / Local Business Results listing for you.

AND we will <u>build a SYSTEM</u> using your map listing and other TOOLS from your Google Adwords Advertising System, so you will have a greater chance of being listed in the 7-PAK (map listings A through G) with the goal of getting you in the TOP 3 / A-B-C positions.

This will supplement and compliment your Google Adwords program as should become another source of new clients coming to you via the internet.

Next Step - Filling Out The <u>Application</u> On The <u>Next Page</u>

At the end of the current month I take applications for both Silver and Gold level programs for Google Adwords, to start at the beginning of the next month.

I review the applications and do research and to make sure I do NOT already have <u>another</u> <u>Accounting client in close proximity</u> to your office.

After reviewing at your application, web site and any other advertising information you want to send me via email, I'll **email you a link to my sign up page** on the Internet for you to enroll in either the Silver or Gold program. Or you can use the form on the very last page of this PDF document.

Either way if there's another Accounting or CPA client of mine in close proximity to you OR <u>I</u> see something on the application that makes me think Google Adwords is NOT a good advertising TOOL for your practice, I'll contact you and explain why.

Otherwise you're welcome to enroll in the program during the **Open Enrollment** dates (the **25th** - **29th** of each month).

Please note that because of the amount of time involved setting up Google Accounts CORRECTLY & BUILDING the SYSTEMS that

support them (well documented in this report and my previous report) I can only take a **LIMITED** NUMBER of new clients each month.

If enrollment is filled during those 5 dates OR accountants already on the Waiting List that carry over from month to month, fill up my open postitions, your application will be put on the **Waiting List** in the order it was received, in line for next month's open enrollment dates.

In addition to your application, you're always welcome leave me a **voice mail** at 317-674-3335 with any additional information about you and your accounting or CPA practice, or **send me an email** at the address below.

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Ready To Get Started?

Fill out the form on the next page, mail it back or SCAN it as a PDF and send it to:

jeffbell@mynewcpa.com

Questions, call me at 317-674-3335

MARKETING SYSTEM CREATION & MANAGEMENT ORDER FORM

Please complete and mail or return via email. Leave questions or comments on voice message at 317-643-5333.

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