



### The Goal

- Identify the areas of opportunity in your organization for implementation of e-business tools and techniques.
- To increase revenue, reduce expenses, improve bottom-line results.







# What is Business-to-Business E-Commerce?

- Any activity between companies that is supported electronically
  - E-mail
  - Online purchasing
  - Online sales
  - Intranet for staff support
  - Website for electronic brochure
- You are likely already engaged in B2B e-business whether you are a micro business or a large corporation



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### **E-Business Trends**

- Customer Self Service
- Speed Decision making, research and delivery
  - Finding customers using search tools, registrations in directories etc.
- Creating Community with your customers, suppliers and other stakeholders
- Development Opportunities using E-Business
  - New solutions for revenue increase or cost containment







- Electronic records take on new legal status
  - Electronic Transactions Act becomes law in the province on April 1, 2003.
  - Law removes barriers to electronic commerce
  - Broad range of financial and other business transactions take place electronically.



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### **Priority Issues for Business**

- Enhancing value for customers, meeting new expectations
- Improving information management
- Strengthening competitive intelligence
- Managing finances in a way that extends investment horizons
- Strengthening processes of change management







### **Components of B2B E-Commerce**

- E-Marketplaces
- E-Procurement
- Inbound logistics
- Outbound Logistics
- Supplier Relationship Management

or

- Finding customers
- Finding products and services
- Processing orders and managing the office
- Getting products to customers



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### **Key E-Business Processes**

- E-Procurement
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- Supply Chain Management
- New Service Offerings
- Collaboration
- Administration and Management Processes
- Marketing
- Market Research Competitive Intelligence, Industry Intelligence

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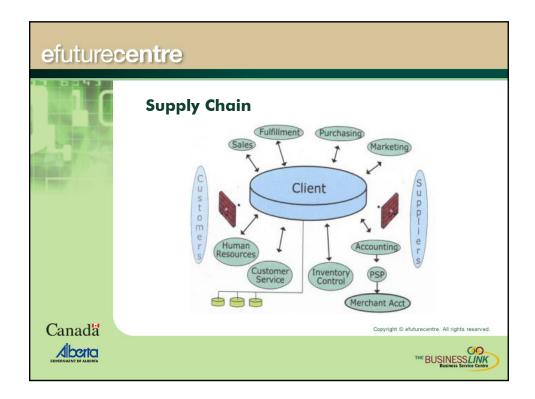


### **E-Procurement and Supply Chain**

- "E-Procurement" is the business-to-business purchase of goods and services over the Internet
  - Staples for supplies to raw material purchases
- Supply Chain is a set of approaches to integrate suppliers and clients (stores, retailers, wholesalers, warehouses, manufacturers) so merchandise is produced and distributed at the right quantities, to the right locations, at the right time, in order to minimize system wide costs while satisfying service level requests.









### **E-marketplaces**

- Market research
- Kinds of marketplaces
  - Seller-centric
  - Buyer-centric
- Online tenders
- Online auctions

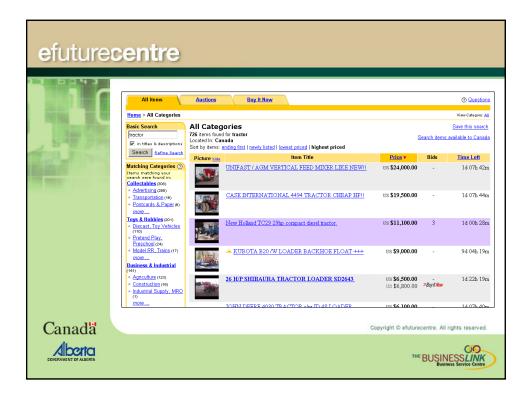
















### How can a small business use CRM

- Finding customers
  - Online marketing
  - Market research
- Selling process
  - Online sales
  - Customer profiles and information
- Customer Support
- Customer Service



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### **Finding Customers**

- Important to understand who your customer is
- Can be different than expected
  - May be a larger market
  - May be a new market
- Use tools and resources
  - Directories
  - General and industry Specific
- Conducting market research















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### **Customer Management**

- Contact management software
  - Outlook
  - Maximizer, Act, Gold Mine
- Add contact and profile information
- Newsletters and other permission-based communications
- Follow up reminders
- Understand customer needs





















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### **Logistics – Receiving and delivering**

- Consider FedEx, Canada Post
- Links to inventory
- Taxes, duties and other considerations
- Reverse logistics handling returns
- Integrating the physical location and the virtual location
- Creating a virtual company store for your clients











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- Accounting
- Online banking and other financial services
- Payroll and employee administration
- Hiring
- Inventory management



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### **Financial Integration**

- The data you capture should be funneled directly to your accounting system. This relieves you of the need to manually enter this information. This is also needed to create a budget for future years to assist you to manage your finances.
- By budgeting, you can then anticipate when you will need money or have excess money so you can manage it more effectively.



















### **Data Capture and Security**

- Data should be captured once at the source
- Data should be managed in accordance with management policy
- Management policy should specify what data is retained, for how long, accessible by whom, and for what purpose.
- All data should be assigned a security level and procedures should be adopted to enforce it.



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### **Implementing B2B E-Business**

- Consider forming a group of like-minded entrepreneurs
  - Common size and common issues
  - What does your industry have Chamber of Commerce, Professional Associations, Industry Associations
- Build a preliminary plan
  - Helps to understand what is possible
  - Something to take to a developer
  - Get an idea of what is possible
  - Research using the internet call organizations that you find are doing what you want







### **Implementation**

- Be certain to start with a strategy that fits with your brick and mortar operations.
- As with any project, you need to have an implementation plan and budget.
- It is important to note that E-Business projects can be broken into stages. This allows for budget and time management.
- Find a competent development company
- Manage the project

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