

Strategic Alliances & Partnerships

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About VFA

 Leading provider of software and services for facilities capital planning and management

Enables clients to optimize investments in facilities and infrastructure

 Almost 300 clients in education; federal, state and local government; healthcare and corporate markets





Why Partner?

- Gain access to technology
 - New product functionality
- Expand market presence
 - New verticals
- Enhance credibility
- Strengthen competitive edge
- Financing alternative
- Channel
 - VAR
 - System Integrator
 - OEM





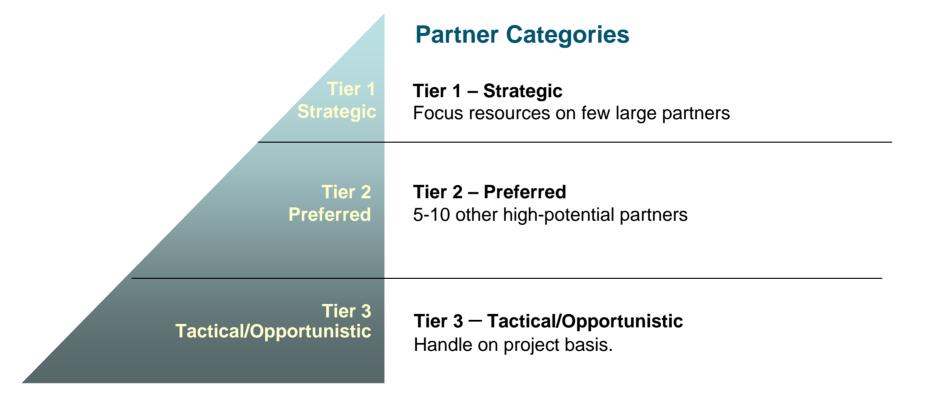
VFA Partners

- Software firms with complementary products
- System Integrators
- Architectural & Engineering Firms (OEMs)
- Facilities Outsourcers





VFA Partners





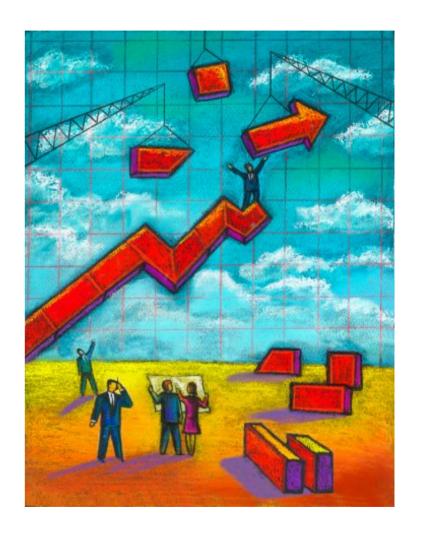
The Right Partner

- Compelling value proposition for company and partner
- Understanding of what would be required to make partnership work
 - Integration
 - Training
 - Marketing
 - Account mapping
 - Revenue sharing
 - Sales compensation (company and partner)
 - Mechanism to address overlap
- Common customer(s)



What Works

- Ensure incentives for each partner
- Champions on both sides
- Develop and nurture relationship
- Communicate frequently





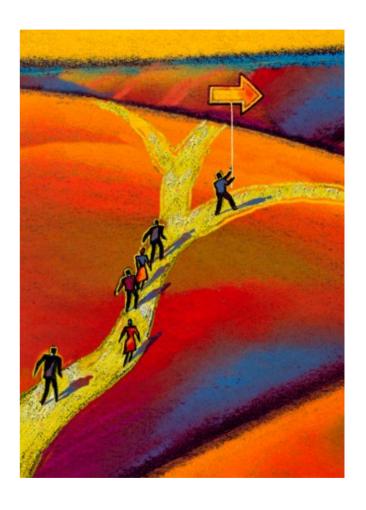
What Doesn't Work

- Logo relationship
- One sided
- Failure to implement
- Failure to generate revenue
- Exclusivity for little return



Successful Partner Marketing

- Communicate the joint value proposition to customers, prospects, investors, other partners
- Vehicles
 - Press release
 - Web sites
 - Collateral
 - Marketing events
 - Seminars, webinars, direct mail...
 - Joint speaking and writing opportunities





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