39 Steps to a Wealthy Niche Market

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A \$240M Niche

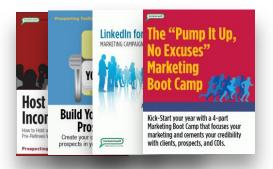


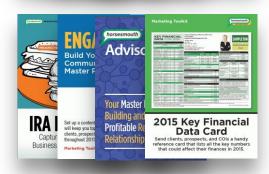


Advisor/Client Marketing Program

Today's Agenda:

- The Power of Niching
- What's a Niche?
- Where O' Where Is My Niche? (Steps 1-8)
- What's Your Strength? (Steps 9-12)
- Creative Niche Selection (Steps 13-14)
- Become the Niche Expert (Steps 15-22)
- Dominating Your Niche (Steps 23-28)
- Getting the Message Out (Steps 29-39)
- You're Niched!!





50+ Campaigns



Recession Proofs Your Business



- You become **THE** expert
- Envelops you in a community of warm prospects
- Delivers new clients in all markets
- Insulates revenues
- Gives you an "in" with prospects



Higher Production

Niche advisors reach the higher production levels more frequently than their generalist counterparts

Production Level	% of Niche Advisors Reaching This Level	% of Generalist Advisors Reaching This Level	%Difference Niche vs. Generalist
\$1 million plus	10.7	6.6	+62%
\$800K-\$1million	4.5	3.2	+41%
\$500K-\$800K	14.7	9.9	+48%
\$300-\$500	15.8	17.2	+-8%
\$100K-300K	31.4	33.1	-5%
Less than \$100K	22.9	30	-24%
Source: Horsesmouth	Prospecting Surv	vey, 2006	

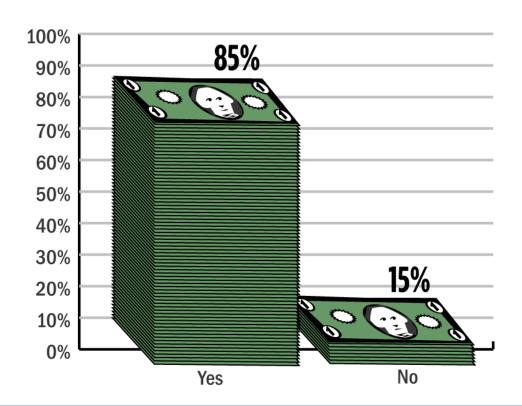


More AUM

At the higher levels, Niche advisors more frequently reach higher AUM levels than their Generalist counterparts							
Assets Under Management	% of Niche Advisors Reaching This Level	% of Generalist Advisors Reaching This Level	%Difference Niche vs. Generalist				
\$150 million or more	13.1	8.8	+49%				
\$100-\$149 million	9.3	8.2	+13%				
\$50-\$99 million	17.9	16	+10%				
\$25-\$49 million	21.3	21	+1%				
Less than \$25 million	38.5	45.7	-16%				
Source: Horsesmouth F	Prospecting Surv	vey, 2006					



Higher Profitability





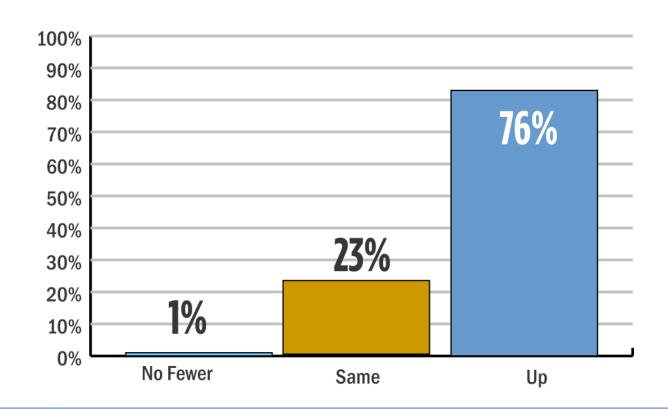
"Prospecting Is Easier." (74%)



"Pipeline is always filled." (23%)

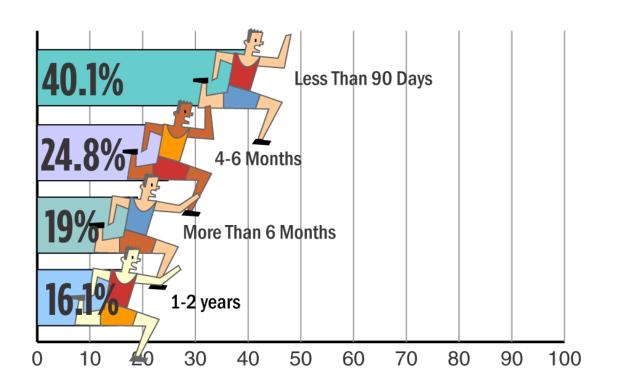


Referrals Flow



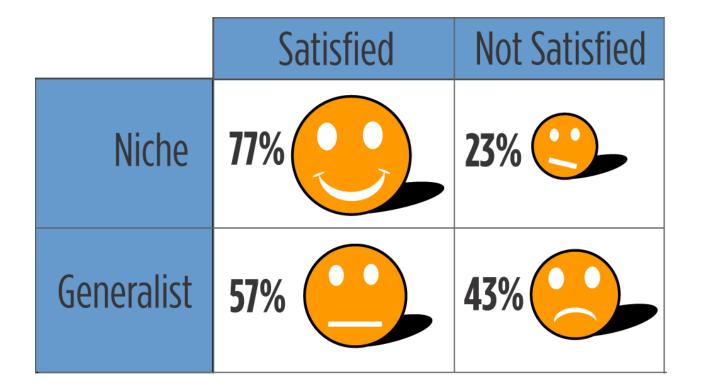


How Long Before You Get a Client?



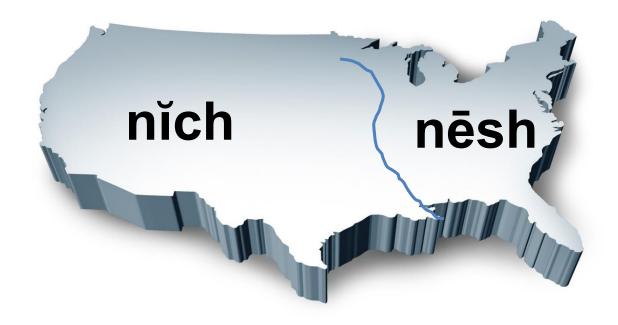


More Fun!





How Do You Say "Niche?"





What <u>IS</u> a Rich Niche?





1. Narrowly Defined



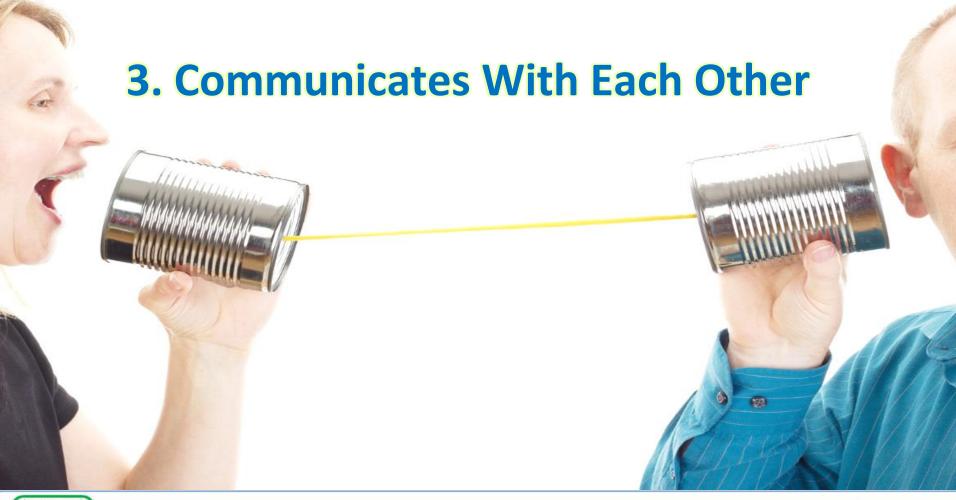


2. Shares a Culture











4. Affordable





5. Opportunity rich





6. Shared affinity





7. Prospect rich





8. Uniquely yours





8 Attributes of a Rich Niche

✓ Narrowly defined

✓ Shared culture

✓ Active communicators

✓ Affordably accessible

✓ Opportunity rich

✓ Shared affinity

√ Prospect rich

Uniquely yours





Look for a Big Idea

- Economic issues & trends
- Demographic trends
- Technology trends
- Political & legal trends
- Social & cultural trends
- Identify wealth creators







Become a Local Expert

- Be a local news hound (Topix.com, usnpl.com)
- Read area blogs (Google)
- Review Yahoo/Google/Bing Local
- Search LinkedIn for local groups
- Check out Yelp for reviews
- Read local business journals
 (bibliomaven.com/businessjournals.html)
- Get on the newsletter list of local agencies, Chamber, city govt, etc.





Identify the Wealth Creators

- Companies
- Sectors
- Industries
- People



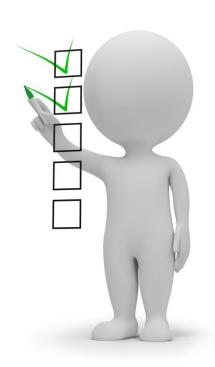




Mine Your Client List

Rank clients according to:

- + Investable assets/net worth
- + Referral potential
- + Future liquidity events
- + Social connections
- + Personality
- = Your best 25-50 clients







Profile Top Clients

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Look for Common Themes

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300,000	100%	51	pr	Tax Accountant	Tax		F/F intro
200,000	100%	53	pr	Symphony musicia	Arts	Travel/real estate	Referral
800,000	90%	48	pr	Sales		Woodworking	Referral
400,000	100%	50	pr	Psychiatrist	Mental Health	squash	F/F intro
500,000	20%	59	pr	Psychiatrist	Mental Health	Cycling	Referral
650,000	100%	87	r	Professor -Enginee	University	Philosophy/write	F/F intro
500,000	100%	80	r	Professor -Econom	University	Travel/writing/lect	F/F intro
4,000,000	75%	49	pr	IT Executive	Fnl Svs	Cars	Referral
3,000,000	30%	56	pr	Insurance Exec	Insurance	Gardening	F/F intro
700,000	100%	83	r	Heart Doctor	Health Care	Collect Art	F/F intro
250,000	100%	44	pr	Graphic Design	Media	Running	F/F intro
700,000	100%	54	pr		Energy	Skiing/sailing	Walk-in
300,000	90%	57	pr	Eni Analyst	Public Transit	Travel	Walk-in
650,000	100%	53	pr	Engineer	Energy Mgmt	Home reno	Referral
500,000	100%	57	pr	Engineer	Project Manag		F/F intro
330,000	100%	47	pr	Engineer	Software	Skiing/Hockey	F/F intro
300,000	100%	46	pr		Manufacturing		F/F intro
200,000	100%	61	pr	Sonsultant -Covt S	Government	Home reno	Referral
300,000	100%	53	pr	AV Technician	University		Referral





Map Your Social Connections

- Current activities
- Organizations
- Background
- Family







Look for a Niche Champion

- Some who s you
- Client or COI
- Member of a niche
- Well-connected
- Refers other people to you
- Willing to partner with you







Review Product/Services/Needs



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Analyze Revenues

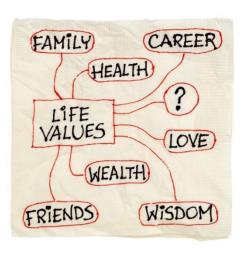
Revenue Analysis Worksheet instructions: 1. Retrieve your gross revenues for the last 12 months. 2. Col A: List each product or service you provided to clients during last 12 months. 3. Col B: Fill in the amount of revenues each product or service generated. 4. Col C: Calculate the percentage of gross revenues made by each product or service. 5. Col D & E: Estimate the sales cycle (in days, weeks, or months) for the product or service and staff hours needed to maintain it. 6. Col F: Forecast the next 12 month's product or service sales. 7. Col G: Note the percentage change of your estimate compared to the prior 12 month's realized revenues. 8. Sort the spreadsheet to find those products or services that contributed the most to your bottom line last year and those that may be profitable next year. Gross product/service revenues for the period: Revenues of Gross Sales Staff hours Est. revenues sales/service next 12 months





Identify Your Values & Your Value

- Who are you?
- What do you offer?
- Why do you do what you do?
- How do you do what you do?
- Who do you do it for?
- What makes you different?
- Why should people do business with you?





'SWOT' Your Market

Strengths (Internal)

Competitive advantages
Unique selling points
Supporting resources
Reach/ Distribution/Awareness
Price/Value/Quality
Designations/Education

Opportunities (External)

Market developments
Competitor vulnerabilities
Demographics/Trends
COIs/Prospects
Usage
Product awareness
Price

Weaknesses (Internal)

Competitive disadvantages
Lack of resources
Reputation/Vulnerabilities
Financials
Service issues

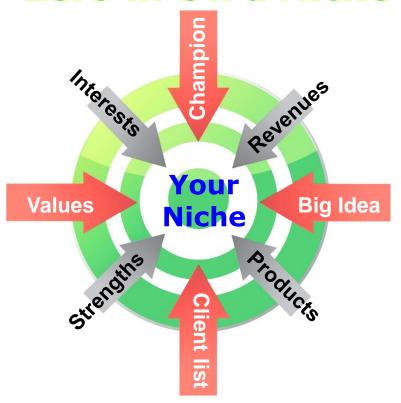
Threats (External)

Market developments
Regulations
Competition/Competitive products
Usage
Demographics/Trends
Price
Sales cycle





Zero In On a Niche







Drill Down to Your Niche

Retirement Planning

Omaha Acme Executives

Employee Stock

Rollovers

The "Rollover Gal" for Omaha
Acme Executives





Immerse Yourself in Your Niche







Look for Trigger Events

- Layoffs
- Early retirement
- Life events
- Higher taxes
- Inheritance
- Benefit events
- Sale of business







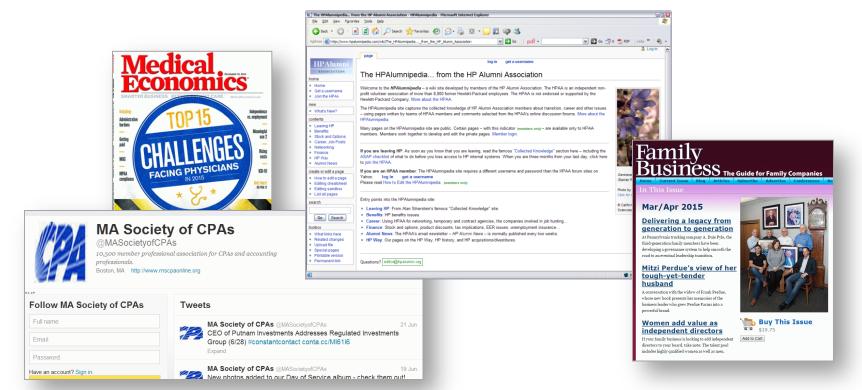
Compile List of Entry Points







Read Niche Media







Conduct 10 Information Interviews

- Your best clients in the niche
- Niche experts
- Niche leaders
- Centers of influence
- Well-connected prospects







Develop Interview Questions

- Major niche trends?
- Significant niche challenges?
- Niche social networks?
- Other niche advisors?
- Niche competition?
- Who else would you recommend I talk to?







Compile Pain Points

- **Dentists**: "Tied to the chair"
- **Doctors**: "Taking calls"
- Retirees: "Taxes; inflation"
- CPAs (divorce): "Opt-out spouse"
- Business owners: "Valuation"
- Airline pilots: "Mandatory retirement age"







Choose Your Solution

- How will you solve their problem?
- What are the benefits/costs of your solution?
- Competing solutions?
- Possible objections?







Develop Your Niche Marketing Plan

	2015	FastStart Marke	ting Plan				
		arketing Object					
List goals & budgets. (See							
Marketing Objective:	15 new clients @ 500k						
Target Market:	: Engineers						
\$/Time Budget	\$10,000/18 hours a week						
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Set Sales & Marketing Goals

Sales Goal

To get in front of at least 3 qualified prospects weekly; open new accounts for at least 4 niche clients within the next six months.

Marketing Goal

To generate at least 10 qualified referrals over the next six months from COIs; to develop a reputation as a niche expert; to prospect via one or more niche social networks.





Identify Your Ideal Niche Client







Create a Niche Positioning Statement

"We provide tailored solutions to one of the most vexing problems a small business owner faces: How to find the right buyer for his business, dictate the terms, keep control, keep the business in the family, pay no tax, and create lifetime income."





Brand Your Niche With a Tagline

- "Merging Finances, Blending Dreams"
- "The Physician's Specialist!"
- "Smart Decisions for North Shore Family Wealth"
- "Personal Financial Coach"
- "We get your kids through college."
- "Your Financial Engineer"









Choose Your Marketing Metrics

	New People Met Weekly	COIs Met Weekly	Assn Meetings Attended	Private Events Held	Weekly Growth of Prospecting List	Referrals Received
Week 1	1	0	1	0	10	0
Week 2	3	1	2	0	12	1
Week 3	2	2	1	1	9	2
Week 4	5	1	1	0	15	0
Week 5	4	3	2	0	6	3
Week 6	7	1	1	1	14	2
Week 7	6	2	1	2	12	4





Build a 3-List Prospecting System







Compile a Niche Media List

	A	В	С	D	E	F	G
1	Media Contact List Examp	le					
2							
	Media	Address	Address 2	Contact	Phone	Email	Notes
	AP	184 High Street	Boston, MA 02110-3001	Mike Bezdek	617-357-8100		
5		184 High Street	Boston, MA 02110-3001	Carolyn Thompson (re	617-357-8100		
6	Arlington Advocate	9 Meriam Street	Lexington, MA 02420		Ms. Les Masterson		
7	Bangor Dally News		Bangor, ME	Carroll Astbury	207-262-4230	castbury@bangordailynews.net	
8	Bangor Dally News			Betty Turcotte		bturcotte@bangordallynews.net	
9	Banker & Tradesman			Aglala Pikounnis		apikounis@thewarrengroup.com	n_
10	Banker & Tradesman	280 Summer Street	Boston, MA 02210	Terrance Egan	617-428-5100	editorial@thewarrengroup.com	
11	Bedford Bulletin	334 Route 101 West	Bedford, NH 03110		603-314-0447	Susan Clark	bmcmahon@yournelqhborhoodnews.co
12	Bedford Journal	PO Box 180	Milford, NH 03055	Michael Cleveland	603-673-673-3100		Thursday
13	Belmont Citizen Journal	9 North Merlam Street	Lexington, MA 02173-5312		781-674-7723		
14	Billerica Minuteman					billerica@cnc.com	
15	Blackstone Valley Tribune				508-234-5686	-	
16	Boston Business Journal	200 High Street	Boston, MA 02110	Sean McFadden (ann	617-330-1000	qdonnelly@blzjoumals.com	don't call on thursdays
17	Boston Globe North Weekly	One Corporate Place	Danvers, MA 01923	Jennifer Peter		noweek/@alobe.com	•
18	Globe North West		Lexington, MA 02420	Dean Inouye	781-860-5502	dinouve@globe.com	nwmail@diobe.com
19	Boston Globe			Jim McCabe		mccable@globe.com	
	Boston Globe				617-929-1576	cbeggy@globe.com	
21	Boston Globe South			Kim Tan	781-826-1071	tan@qlobe.com	Mark Pothler
22	Boston Globe			Chris Reidy	617-929-3079	creidv@globe.com	
23	Boston Globe West			Adam Sell		asell@globe.com	
24	Boston Globe	135 Morrissey Blvd.	Boston, MA 02125-3310		6170929-2913		
25	Boston Globe	135 Morrissey Blvd.	Boston, MA 02125-3310	Karen Curran	617-929-2913		
26	Boston Globe	135 Morrissey Blvd.	Boston, MA 02125-3310	Tina Cassidy	617-929-2913	cassidy@globe.com	
	Boston Herald	1 Herald Square	Boston, MA 02118			617-619-6675	
		254 Second Avenue		Marilyn Jackson	617-262-0444		
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		P.O. Box 2378		Wendy Fox			
	Boston Sunday Globe NorthWest Week		Lexington, MA 02173-5312		781-860-5500		
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		40 Speen Street		Ellen Clegg	508-820-4200		
		50 Depot Avenue	Falmouth, MA 02540		800-286-7744		
		PO Box 1450		Marilyn Hancock	800-462-5569	mhancock@enterprisenews.cor	<u>m</u>
	Builders Association of Greater Boston	700 Congress St.	Quincy, MA 02169	John Buckley	617-773-1300		
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Create a Niche COI List

- Helps you break into your niche
- Raises your visibility
- Introduces you to niche members
- Gives you the inside scoop
- Refers new business to you
- Becomes a marketing partner







Develop a Niche Referral Guide

- Positioning statement
- Narrative explanation of services
- Bullet-point list of services
- Graphic overview/illustration of process
- Brief bio of you and your team
- Articles/announcements/ releases
- Conversation openers







Choose a Marketing Deliverable

- Educational workshops
- Resource directories
- White papers, e-books
- Media interviews
- Public speaking
- Teaching classes
- Writing blogs
- Tweets, Pins & Updates







Segment COIs

Tier 1 COIs

- CPAs
- Attorneys
- Business brokers
- Local bankers
- Insurance agents
- HR directors
- Industry salesmen
- Vendors

Tier 2 COIs

- Realtors
- Executive recruiters
- Association directors
- Restaurateurs
- Local journalists
- Funeral directors
- Wedding planners
- Personal trainers





Build a COI Communication Schedule

CPA & Attorneys Communication Schedule					
Month	Communications	Reports	Tier		
Jan	Investment Committee Meeting Email article with note	4Q & Year End Review	Tier 1 CPAs & Attnys Tier 1 & 2 All		
Feb	Contact CPA for tax needs	Send client's financial summary	Tier 1 CPAs & Attnys		
Mar	CPA lunch/gift basket		Tier 1 CPAs		
Apr	"Thank God It's Over" open house	1Q Review	Tier 1 & 2 CPAs		
May	COI Roundtable		Tier 1 & 2 All		
Jun	Portfolio review meeting Email article with note		Tier 1 & 2 CPAs Tier 1 & 2 All		
Jul	Invite to social event/lunch	2Q Review	Tier 1 & 2 All		
Aug	Email article with note		Tier 1 & 2 All		
Sep	Phone call/visit		Tier 1 CPAs & Attnys		
Oct	Invite to educational workshop Email article with note	3Q Review	Tier 1 & 2 All		
Nov	COI/Client Year End Meeting		Tier 1 CPAs & Attnys		
Dec	Holiday Open House		Tier 1 & 2 All		





Develop a COI Niche Network







Develop Formal Social Networks

Pick 4 associations

- + Dedicate 1 evening/mo to each
- + Meet 6 people at each event
- + Actively communicate

= 144 prospects in 6 months

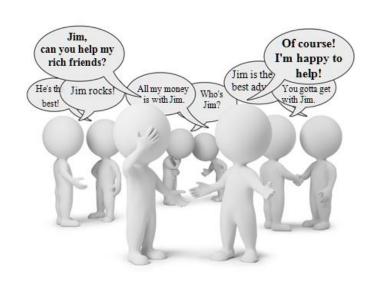






Develop Informal Social Networks

- Patronize local providers
- Support high school sports
- Join local golf club
- Go to area barber
- Find company watering holes
- Lunch at local diner
- Attend local charity events
- Host social events







Create Your First Marketing Campaign

- List of 50 niche prospects
- Isolate a pain point and solution
- Choose a marketing deliverable
- Develop marketing message & materials
- Create campaign schedule
- Involve 1-3 niche champions/COIs
- Follow up by phone & emails





The Niche Master





3-Week Niche Jumpstart Program

May 28: Zero In On the

Perfect Niche

June 4: Develop Your

Niche Expertise

& Marketing Plan



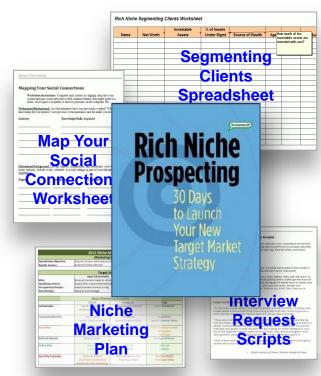
June 11: Launch a Niche Resource Directory &

Market It on LinkedIn



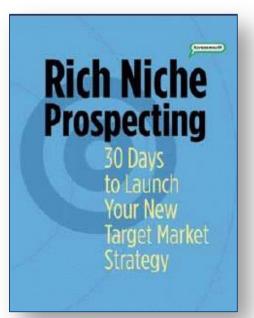
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- The Niche Master Interviews
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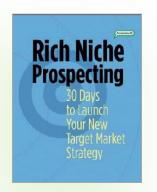
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