

Leveraging Your Personal and Professional Circles of Influence "I have a Dream"

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- Key messages from my presentation
 - Positioning yourself for future positions
 - The actual powers within your own control to ensure that you have a meaningful work life
 - You are never going to get an overwhelming sense of reward from your job unless you work at it
- Three Areas of Concentration
 - Focus on the tasks that enable you to do your job
 - Ensure that your coworkers and partners have the information and tools to succeed at their jobs
 - Ensure that you are gaining skills and abilities that are preparing you for your next job

Bold Statements Made by Peterson in 2001

- Whatever you do, don't forget your future!
- My future was to become a CEO
 - I knew I was missing some skills and I was in my current position at the time because I knew that my boss (CEO) would teach me those missing skills
- Guess what happens when you issue bold proclamations?

Results of Bold Statements Combined with Relentless Vision And Unplanned Events

- October 2004
 - Free agent (with a vision that had been forming for many years)
 - Nest egg (with a basic plan)
 - A lot of people telling me I was ready
- Beth Peterson Enterprises, Inc. founded January 3, 2005
- Title President (and CEO and CFO and Secretary...
- Services global trade strategy, technology assessment, security and audit

Key Success Factors

- Planning, planning and more planning
 - Solid business plan
 - Validate business plan with experts
 - Conservative operations plan
 - Infrastructure
 - Avoid:
 - Lack of definition
 - Too wide of a concept
- Analysis
 - SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats)
 - PEST (political, environmental, social & cultural environment and technology)

Big Hairy Audacious Goal (BHAG)

- (Pronounced "bee-hags") are Big Hairy Audacious Goals — a term coined by the authors of "Built to Last," which examines the qualities of successful visionary companies
- One factor that distinguishes successful efforts from unsuccessful ones is the use of ambitious, even outrageous, goals to motivate people and focus them toward concrete accomplishments

By the end of 2005, Beth Peterson Enterprises will: Break even

Have at least 10 referenceable customers Have had 10 speaking engagements/press mentions Have one repeatable service module

Lessons Learned

- Dressing for success versus being a success
- Focus, focus and more focus
- Every day is a test
- Build alliances, learn from the experts



Closing

- Set your dream
- Plan your journey
- Enjoy the ride throughout the journey

Leverage organizations like WIT-NC to help you achieve your global trade dream