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This paper explains when the service is useful and how to test its value.

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Brand Messaging & Service Positioning

Why businesses need it, how to measure value, and what comes next

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Report business fit and measures.
Keep examples distinct from evidence.

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EVIDENCE

Read the context before applying a figure. Published data describes its own population or test, not 48PEGASUS client outcomes.

Business case and evidence

Executive summary

A clear positioning system helps sales, marketing and operations describe the same buyer, problem, offer and proof. It gives buyers something concrete to compare instead of another set of broad claims.

Why a business needs it

In a complex sale, the first person who reads the website may have to explain the business to a finance, risk or operations colleague. Positioning makes that explanation portable: who benefits, what changes, how the work is delivered and what the company can substantiate.

71% of hidden decision-makers [S1]

In [*REDACTED*] and [*REDACTED*]'s 2025 survey of nearly 2,000 management-level professionals across all groups, 71% of the hidden decision-maker subgroup said thought leadership was better than conventional marketing or sales material at showing vendor value. This is reported opinion, not a conversion result.

Illustrative: 8 of 10 claims verified [S2]

If an audit can trace eight of ten material claims to approved evidence, coverage is 80%. Rewrite, qualify or remove the other two; this is an example, not a market benchmark.

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PROCESS

The diagram shows the sequence of work. It does not represent measured impact. Confirm scope and acceptance criteria before committing.

How the work is done

EXHIBIT / SERVICE DELIVERY WORKFLOW



Conceptual sequence. The agreement defines the actual scope, approval gates, and deliverables.

What the service covers

A service and audience guide, message map, tone guidance and evidence checklist. Inputs can include existing pages, sales objections, buyer interviews and approved examples. Logo design, legal review and ad buying are outside this scope.

Audit

Compare the promises and terms used on the website, in proposals and during sales calls.

Position

Define the audience, alternatives, use cases and differentiators that can be proven.

Operationalize

Assign owners and dates to approved claims and test whether a buyer can explain the offer after reading it.

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DECISION

Compare the alternatives against the current baseline, not against a hypothetical perfect system. Review costs, access, and ownership.

Use cases and decision tradeoffs

Sell a higher-value service

Replace a commodity menu with entry conditions, workflow, deliverables and documented proof. A buyer can compare scope rather than assuming the cheapest quote is equivalent.

Enter a new vertical

Keep the core promise while changing examples, buying triggers and language for the new audience. Test with actual prospects before replacing all site copy.

Align a distributed sales team

Bring proposals, intake forms and outbound sequences into one versioned message system. Give each claim a clear owner and evidence path.

Specific or broad?

Use the broad brand message on a company overview, then narrow by offering and audience. Do not force a niche positioning claim if delivery capacity and evidence do not support it.

Reposition or improve delivery?

If buyers already understand and want the service but delivery misses expectations, fix delivery first. Messaging should make the business easier to understand, not conceal an operational gap.

Measure before a large rollout

Use a small blinded comprehension test with representative buyers. Ask them to restate the audience, outcome and reason to believe, then compare confusion across versions.

Worked comprehension check

Illustrative: 9 of 15 interviewed buyers accurately explain the existing offer (60%); 12 of 15 explain the revised offer (80%). The 20-percentage-point difference is a directional signal, not statistically decisive. Repeat with independent participants before generalizing.

Proof register in practice

For a claim such as 'typical response within one business day,' record the definition of a response, measured period, sample, exceptions, owner and expiry. Remove 'typical' if the evidence does not support it.

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MEASUREMENT

Define the denominator, source and observation window before comparing results. Keep an owner for each measure.

How to measure impact and prepare for change

Buyer comprehension

Share of sampled buyers who can correctly identify the target customer, problem and next action.

Claim traceability

Material external claims linked to valid evidence divided by all sampled material claims.

Message consistency

Approved offer descriptions correctly used across a documented sample of pages and sales materials.

Future outlook

As summaries and sales assistants reuse business content, maintain a versioned facts sheet and reusable offer descriptions so people and tools can see the same evidence and caveats.

Boundaries and limitations

Survey opinions do not establish incremental sales. Test copy on actual buyers; do not treat the audit as legal review or guarantee messaging performance.

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Sources and further reading

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[S2] FTC Policy Statement Regarding Advertising Substantiation

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