BUSINESS SERVICES MARKETING SERIES EVENT

PARTICIPANT INSTRUCTIONS

- The event will be presented to you through your reading of the 21st Century Skills, Performance Indicators and Event Situation. You will have up to 10 minutes to review this information and prepare your presentation. You may make notes to use during your presentation.
- You will have up to 10 minutes to make your presentation to the judge (you may have more than one judge).
- You will be evaluated on how well you demonstrate the 21st Century Skills and meet the performance indicators of this event.
- Turn in all of your notes and event materials when you have completed the event.

21st CENTURY SKILLS

- Critical Thinking – Reason effectively and use systems thinking.
- Problem Solving – Make judgments and decisions, and solve problems.
- Communication – Communicate clearly.
- Creativity and Innovation – Show evidence of creativity.

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

- Explain the nature of a promotional plan.
- Coordinate activities in the promotional mix.
- Identify types of public-relations activities.
- Describe marketing functions and related activities.
- Discuss motivational theories that impact buying behavior.
EVENT SITUATION

You are to assume the role of general manager at DAVIS OFFICE SUPPLY, a small-town office supply store. The owner of the business (judge) has asked you to determine how DAVIS OFFICE SUPPLY can best use its 45th anniversary in promotions and marketing.

The Davis family has owned and operated DAVIS OFFICE SUPPLY for close to 45 years. The store is located in a small town and offers a variety of office products, printing services, and a small assortment of laptops, tablets, and printers.

Next month, DAVIS OFFICE SUPPLY will be celebrating the 45th anniversary of its opening and the owner (judge) has asked you to determine how the business can leverage the milestone anniversary with special promotions and marketing.

The owner (judge) wants the anniversary marketing and promotions to include activities in the promotional mix, including public-relations activities.

You will present your ideas to the owner (judge) in a role-play to take place in the owner’s (judge’s) office. The owner (judge) will begin the role-play by greeting you and asking to hear your ideas. After you have presented ideas and have answered the owner’s (judge’s) questions, the owner (judge) will conclude the role-play by thanking you for your work.
JUDGE INSTRUCTIONS

DIRECTIONS, PROCEDURES AND JUDGE ROLE

In preparation for this event, you should review the following information with your event manager and other judges:
1. Procedures, 21st Century Skills and Performance Indicators
2. Event Situation
3. Judge Role-Play Characterization
   Allow the participants to present their ideas without interruption, unless you are asked to respond. Participants may conduct a slightly different type of meeting and/or discussion with you each time; however, it is important that the information you provide and the questions you ask be uniform for every participant.
4. Judge Evaluation Instructions and Judge Evaluation Form
   Please use a critical and consistent eye in rating each participant.

JUDGE ROLE-PLAY CHARACTERIZATION

You are to assume the role of the owner of DAVIS OFFICE SUPPLY, a small-town office supply store. You have asked the general manager (participant) to determine how DAVIS OFFICE SUPPLY can best use its 45th anniversary in promotions and marketing.

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You want the anniversary marketing and promotions to include activities in the promotional mix, including public-relations activities.

The participant will present information to you in a role-play to take place in your office. You will begin the role-play by greeting the participant and asking to hear about his/her ideas.

During the course of the role-play, you are to ask the following questions of each participant:

1. Since our 50th anniversary is in five years, should we wait for that milestone or do something bigger for our 50th? Explain.
2. Why do you think our small-town community will care about our anniversary?

Once the general manager (participant) has presented information and has answered your questions, you will conclude the role-play by thanking the general manager (participant) for the work.

You are not to make any comments after the event is over except to thank the participant.
EVALUATION INSTRUCTIONS

The participants are to be evaluated on their ability to perform the specific performance indicators stated on the cover sheet of this event and restated on the Judge’s Evaluation Form. Although you may see other performance indicators demonstrated by the participants, those listed in the Performance Indicators section are the critical ones you are measuring for this particular event.

Evaluation Form Interpretation

The evaluation levels listed below and the evaluation rating procedures should be discussed thoroughly with your event director and the other judges to ensure complete and common understanding for judging consistency.

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<th>Level of Evaluation</th>
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<td>Exceeds Expectations</td>
<td>Participant demonstrated the performance indicator in an extremely professional manner; greatly exceeds business standards; would rank in the top 10% of business personnel performing this performance indicator.</td>
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<td>Meets Expectations</td>
<td>Participant demonstrated the performance indicator in an acceptable and effective manner; meets at least minimal business standards; there would be no need for additional formalized training at this time; would rank in the 70-89th percentile of business personnel performing this performance indicator.</td>
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<td>Below Expectations</td>
<td>Participant demonstrated the performance indicator with limited effectiveness; performance generally fell below minimal business standards; additional training would be required to improve knowledge, attitude and/or skills; would rank in the 50-69th percentile of business personnel performing this performance indicator.</td>
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<td>Little/No Value</td>
<td>Participant demonstrated the performance indicator with little or no effectiveness; a great deal of formal training would be needed immediately; perhaps this person should seek other employment; would rank in the 0-49th percentile of business personnel performing this performance indicator.</td>
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**JUDGE’S EVALUATION FORM**
**DISTRICT EVENT #2**

**INSTRUCTIONAL AREA:** Promotion

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<td>2. Coordinate activities in the promotional mix?</td>
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<td>3. Identify types of public-relations activities?</td>
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<td>4. Describe marketing functions and related activities?</td>
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