

THE SKILLS CONNECTION CASE STUDY

Medium Enterprise Professional Services Company

Introduction

This case study of a medium enterprise professional services company is based on a June 2016 survey of The Skills Connection customers by TechValidate, a 3rd-party research service. The profiled company asked to have their name blinded to protect their confidentiality.

"We were definitely able to up our game working with The Skills Connection. Their help was definitely a difference maker for us. The provided great insight into how Gartner analysts view the market and information provided by vendors."

"Our Skills Connection analyst provided a great evaluation of our previous year's submissions to Gartner and provided concrete suggestions on how we could improve it. She was also a key member of the team that developed our strategy on how to best craft our submission this year."

Challenges

The business challenges that led the profiled company to evaluate and ultimately select The Skills Connection:

- Engaged with The Skills Connection for the following reasons:
 - Wanted to learn how to effectively differentiate themselves from their competitors when talking with analysts
 - Wanted to change their position in the MQ/Wave/Marketscape to generate new business

Use Case

The key features and functionalities of The Skills Connection that the surveyed company uses:

- Uses The Skills Connection to:
 - Show them how to effectively communicate their story to analysts
 - Help them improve their position in an MQ/Wave/Marketscape Create compelling evidence-based cases for analysts

Results

The surveyed company achieved the following results with The Skills Connection:

- Experiences gained with The Skills Connection:
 - The ability to create a strong evidence-based case to analysts covering their product / service
 - The skills needed to communicate with analysts in the future
- Benefits from working with The Skills Connection:
 - Positively shifted their position in the MQ/Wave/Marketscape
 - Effectively communicates the unique value of their products / services
- Agrees with the following statements:
 - Met their internal schedules and deadlines: strongly agree
 - Ensured they met schedules and deadlines for the analysts: strongly
 - Facilitated the co-ordination of activities across their internal response team: agree
 - Acted as an extension of staff: strongly agree
 - Enabled them to focus on what was needed and avoid wasting time on anything else: agree
 - Agrees with the following statements:
 - Collaborative: strongly agree Knowledgeable: strongly agree
 - Service-oriented: strongly agree
 - Value for money: strongly agree
 - Best practice focused: strongly agree

Company Profile

The company featured in this case study asked to have its name publicly blinded because publicly endorsing vendors is against their policies.

TechValidate stands behind the authenticity of this data.

Company Size: **Medium Enterprise**

Industry: **Professional Services**

About The Skills Connection

The Skills Connection helps technology companies to get the right results from analyst engagement. They work with technology clients that want to optimize their chances of success in a Gartner MQ or Forrester Wave assessment. In addition, they work with elite analyst firms, providing coaching and training services to sharpen delivery and improve client satisfaction and renewal rates.

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