



Managing Storm Expenses

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Don't Let Un-reimbursed or Lost
Storm Dollars Destroy Your
Bottom Line



Is This Session
for You?

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- Are you struggling to controlled the cost of an event, especially the larger ones where you spend 10s if not 100s of millions of dollars?
- Do you find your self spending weeks gathering and verifying documentation to seek reimbursement or support a rate increase?
- *If you do then this session is for you*



How Identify, Manager & Recover Costs

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**Learn how to Identify, Manage, and
Recover the Millions of Disaster
Dollars Being Left on the Table**

Identifying Storm Expenses

1) Recognize Financial Waste
Before it Happens

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2) Managing Resources

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3) Remove the pain of invoice
reconciliation

Addressing Lodging Costs

- 2-line mechanics to a room
- 1 crew supervisor or General Manager per room
- 2 fleet mechanics per room
- Additional approved personnel will be coordinated by lodging supervisor



MYTHS

Myth #1 You Can't Stop Bad Invoicing

- Contractor's name on invoice must match roster
- Contractor's contact name and contact information
- Contractor's address
- Names (first & Last) must match roster
- Employee's classification
- Equipment must match roster along with equipment number
- Hours worked should be clearly captured per day and by rate (SR, RH, DR)
- Employee's rate of pay should be clearly indicated
- Equipment hours per day with rate per hour
- Make sure they know who to send the bill to and what address (email or snail)
- Utilities event work order # or purchase order
- Contractor's project, tracking number, etc.
- Location worked
- Additional expenses with date, names, and receipts (hotel, dinner, lunch, tolls, etc.)
- Copy of weekly time sheet, usually signed by foreman and utility representative

Myth #2 If They Bring It, You Must Pay For It

Line crews -

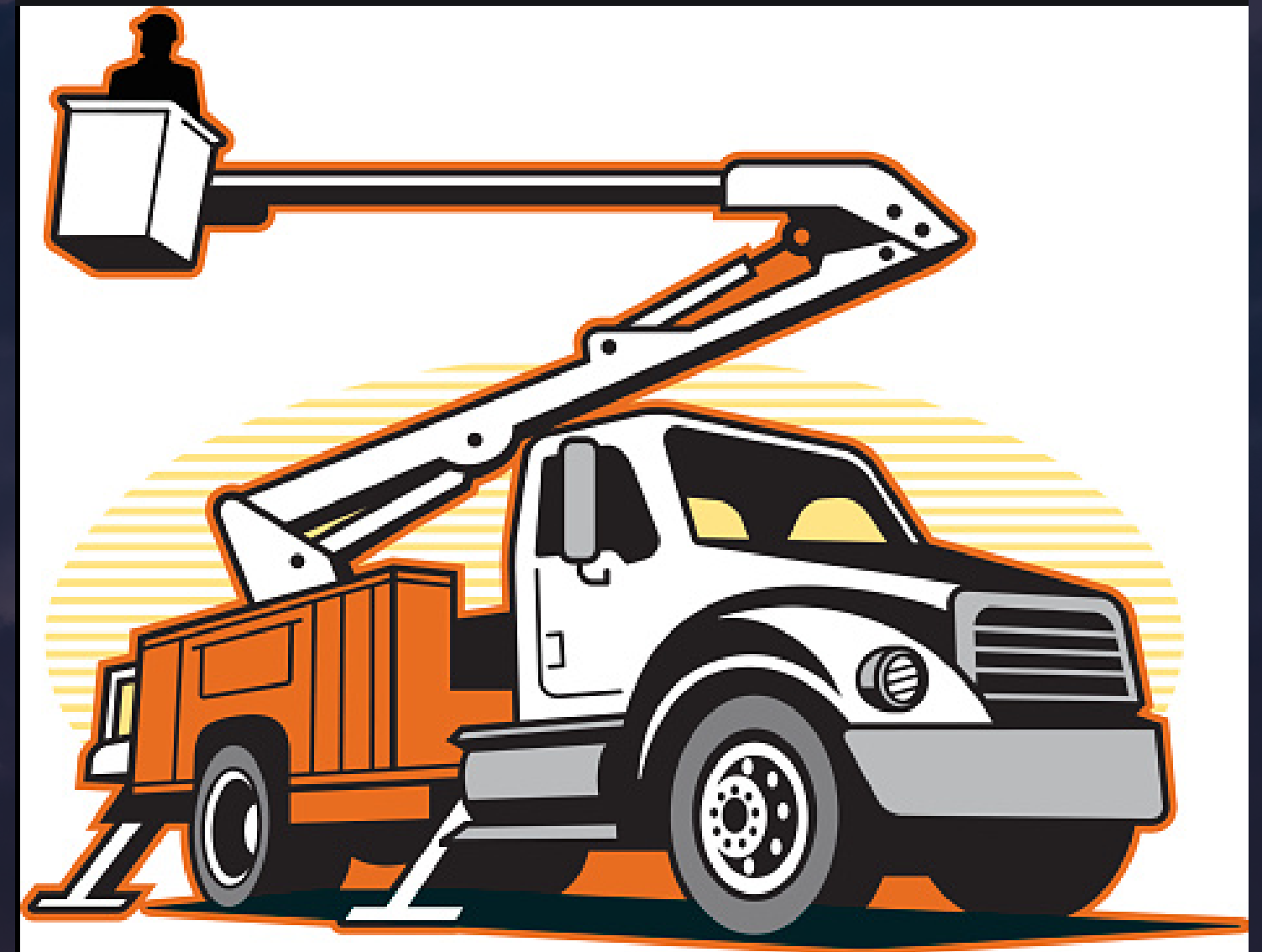
- 3 to 5 qualified FTEs
- 1 Digger Derrick
- 1 Bucket or material handler between 45' and 65'
- 1 pick-up optional
- Any other equipment require prior written approval or will not be covered



Myth #3 We've been doing it that way for ever

Bucket crew -

- 2 qualified FTEs
- 1 Bucket or material handler between 45' and 65'



Myth #4: Field People Don't Have Time for a Cost Control System

- Well worth the time (3hrs/yr)
- Set up annual training or exercises
- Create field binders for information access
- Certify people w/training requirements
- Leverage technology



**KNOW WHAT YOU'RE
PAYING FOR**

Know What You're Paying For

- Hurricane story
- Pre-Event Research
- Economics of Demobilization

Know What You're Paying For

1) Hurricane story - KATRINA



Know What You're Paying For

2) Pre-Event Research

- What type of event?
- What type of infrastructure, distribution, transmission?
 - What types of resources are available?
 - What do assessments tell you from last event?
- Have your Logistics practices changed?
 - Do you have contracts in place? Updated maps?
- Safety
 - Have you changes safety practices?
- Traffic Control
 - Use inside or outside resources? Local government?
- Debris removal
 - How often to remove? Special needs of bio-chemical waster?
 - Sorting materials

Know What You're Paying For

3) Economics of Demobilization

- Know costs & process to release crews
- Skillsets, Experienced and Talents they have
- Which contractors have equipment and how efficient they are
- Understand their release contracts (e.g. full days, hourly, etc..)
 - Costs per

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Clarify rate of pay:

Weekdays

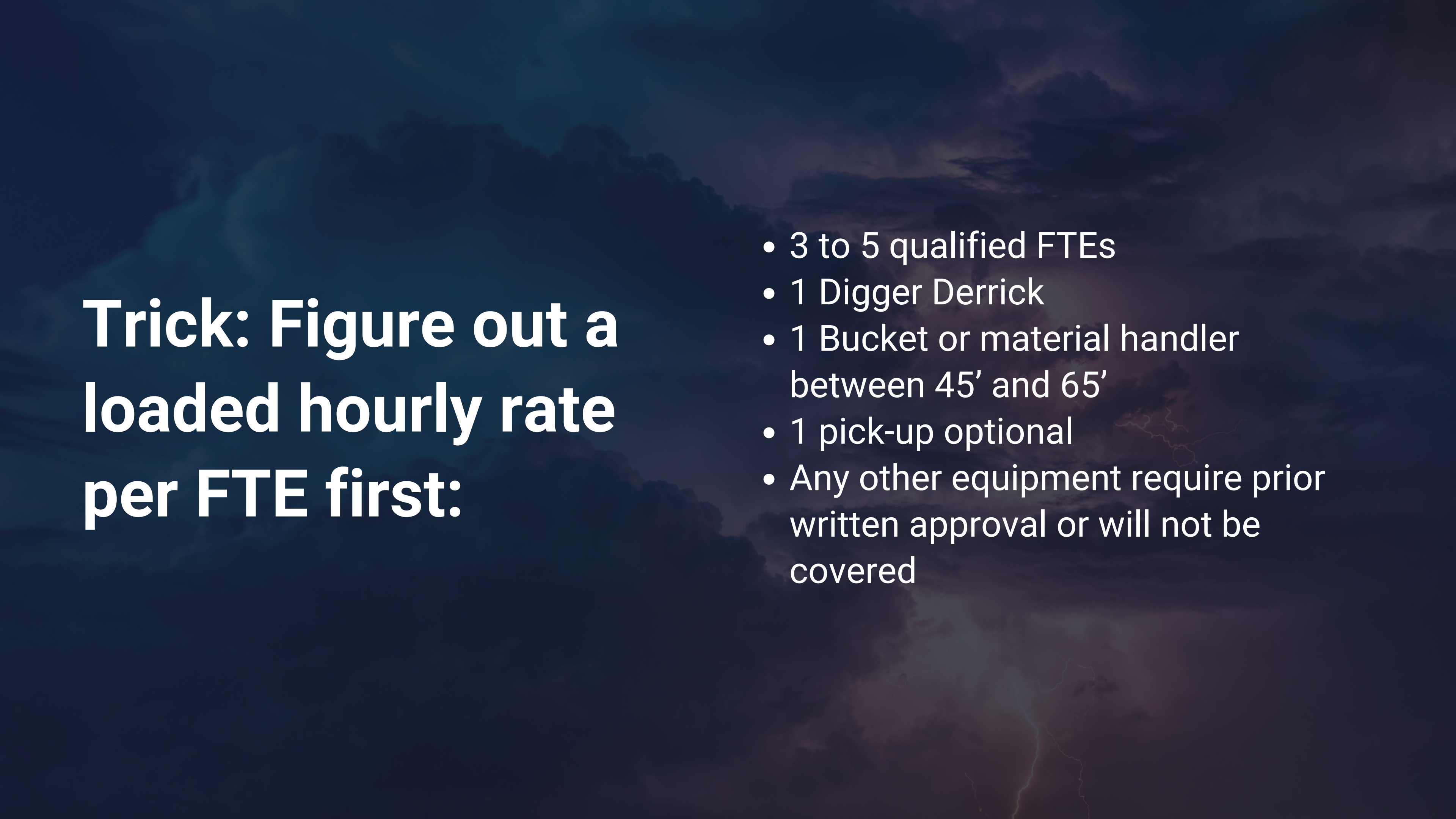
- Rate for first 8 hrs.
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Weekends

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Rest Period Rules

- More than 16 hrs. in a 24-hr. period.

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Trick: Figure out a loaded hourly rate per FTE first:

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Figure out a loaded hourly rate per FTE:

- Take the cost of a crew over a workday (typically 16 hrs.)
 - Add cost of equipment
 - Divide by the number of FTEs in the crew and then by workday hours to provide a loaded hourly rate for the crew
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KNOW WHAT
MATTERS

Knowing What Matters

- What Drives Cost?
- Stakeholder Value and Customer Satisfaction
- Logistics That Impact Performance

Knowing What Matters

1) What Drives Cost?

- Labor costs

- Where coming from? Local or remote resources and time to travel times?
- How soon you can get them?
- When can they work?

- Pre-staging

- What % is appropriate to pre-stage level?

- Material

- Are you placing like-for-like or upgrading damaged infrastructure / material?
- Know your material costs and providers and their inventory practices?

- Logistics

- Hotels, how will my efforts impact community/survivors?

Knowing What Matters

2) Stakeholder Value and Customer Satisfaction

- Understand what you need to communicate and to whom?
- Over communicate to manage people's expectations
 - External customers, media and partners
 - Internal stakeholders, contractors, suppliers & vendors
 - Shareholders need to know what's going on and what you're doing w/response and impacts to communities

Knowing What Matters

3) Logistics That Impact Performance

- This can be a big line-item cost.... but it's worth it in safety and worker satisfaction, concentration & safety
- Budget for good housing, feeding and hydration and access to medical supplies
- Talk to peers and contractors for ideas and best practices



**KNOW WHAT'S
IMPORTANT**

Know what is important

- Location of job assignments
- Existing contracts
- Competitive bidding process
- When did you get and release resources

Know what is important

1) Location of job assignments

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Know what is important

2) Existing contracts

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4) When did you get and release
resources



MAINTENANCE

Maintenance

- Drill and Exercise Participation
- Networking and Trust Building
- Up to Date and Clear Contracts Annual Review

Maintenance

1) Drill and Exercise Participation

- **Conduct tabletop exercise**
 - Strategic personnel
 - Knowing Who to call for what
- **Conduct functional exercises**
 - Tactical personnel
 - Actually call them, mobile resources

Maintenance

2) Networking and Trust Building

- Build your relationship network all year round
- Keep your word and commitments
- Join associations, mutual asst. groups, other peer to peer communities

Maintenance

3) Up to Date and Clear Contracts Annual Review

- **Annually review all your contracts, for clarity and rates**
 - Situations and processes change, check there are meeting their commitments, updates POCs



FAQs

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- How can I improve the bottom line the fastest?
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- How can I best leverage this training?

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1) How can I improve the bottom line the fastest?

- Establish contracts if you don't have them
- For existing contracts, explain the expectations
 - e.g. travel time can really be an area of cost overrun
- Internally, clearly communicate to back-office people what you expect from them and what you will be doing to support them
 - (e.g. create a checklist for them)

FAQs

2) How can I best manage resources to make a difficult change?

- Culture change must occur
 - From the top and bottom of the organization
 - Story – AEP moving to new software platform
 - Make sure they understand how this will help them

FAQs

3) How can I best leverage this training?

- Look at your current processes, look for gaps that you can address with what you've learned
- Prioritize the gaps and decide which this is the easiest lift for you



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