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## Stop wasting money on valuable opportunities:

How to optimize your 3<sup>rd</sup> party lead program and sell more cars



#### Topics

- Current state of the consumer
- How to select a 3<sup>rd</sup> party lead provider
- How to optimize 3<sup>rd</sup> party lead programs

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Best practices for lead follow up

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#### Who is Dealix?

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• Founded in 1997

**Dealix**<sup>®</sup>

- Headquartered in Redwood City, CA with offices in Cambridge, MA
- A business unit of ADP Dealer Services
- Own and operate UsedCars.com
- Largest Network of Partners across the Independent Internet
- Merged with Autotegrity 2014



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- Silicon Valley pioneer in generating quality leads to Dealers
- Trusted Partner: Awarded #1 in dealer satisfaction (by Dealers) on DrivingSales.com 5 years in a row
- Largest reach of any advertising partner: 33 million unique (New Car) and 22 million unique (Used Car)
- Proprietary predictive technology to guide consumer through the buying journey



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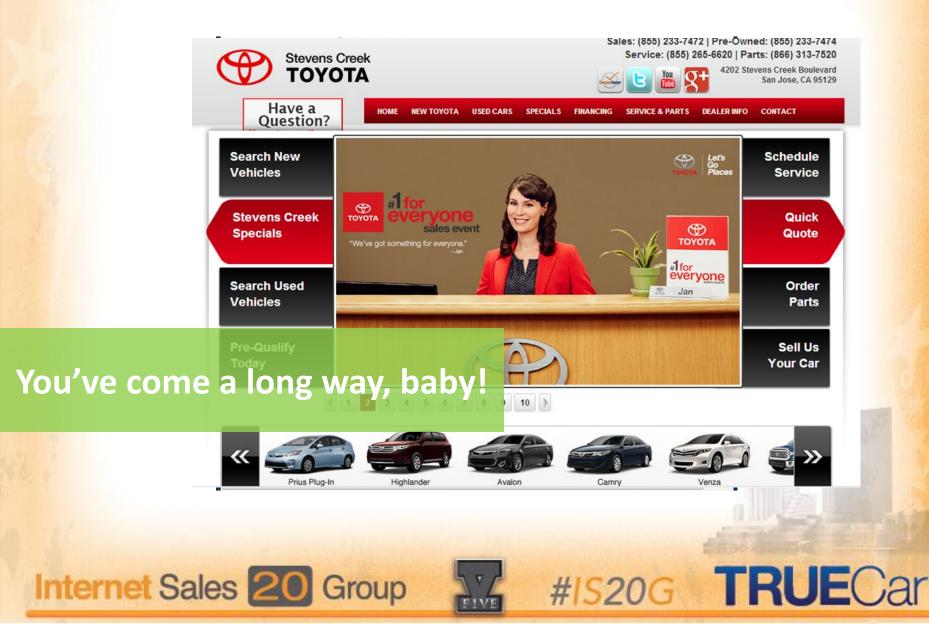
# A look at current online car buyer behavior THEN AND NOW



#### Let's take a look back



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### Car buyer trends

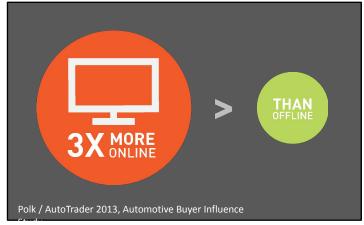
Online car buyers are making purchase decisions faster...



#### Information gathering is expensive because no single site covers everything.

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...because so much information is now easily available online.



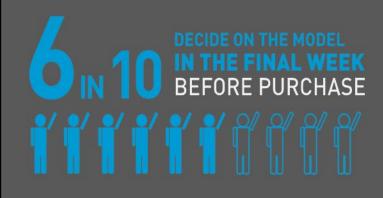
#### But independent auto sites are valued the most for their objectivity.



# Brand and Model choice can be influenced during the buying process



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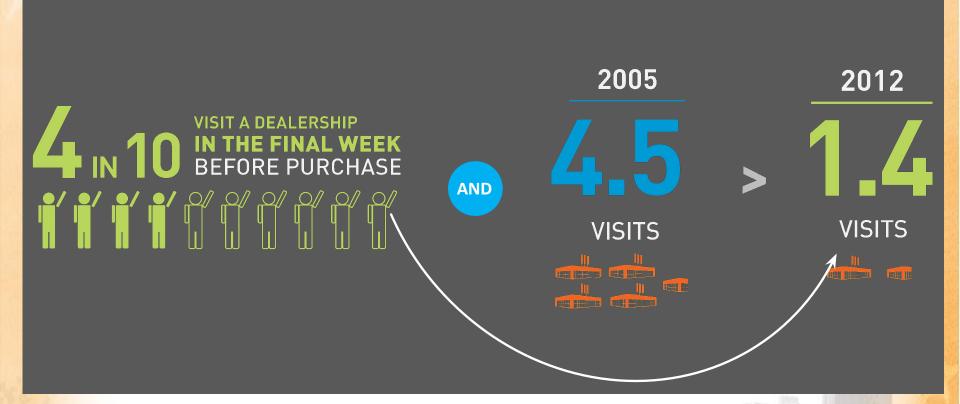
JD Power 2012, New Autoshopper Study

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Google 2012, Constant Consideration

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#### Buyers are choosing less dealers to visit and don't visit until right before they purchase



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JD Power 2012, Sales Satisfaction Index (SSI) Study Cap Gemini 2012, My Car, My Way

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# So, how does this information fit into your overall digital marketing strategy?

Let's get real

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#### Some myths are not myths at all



#### But, let's face it most are



### Top 5 myths about lead partners

- 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> party lead companies are dying
- 2. Nobody fills in lead forms anymore
- 3. If they do, all they want is a price
- 4. The lead information is bogus

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 3<sup>rd</sup> party lead providers resell leads to multiple dealers, and recycle consumers

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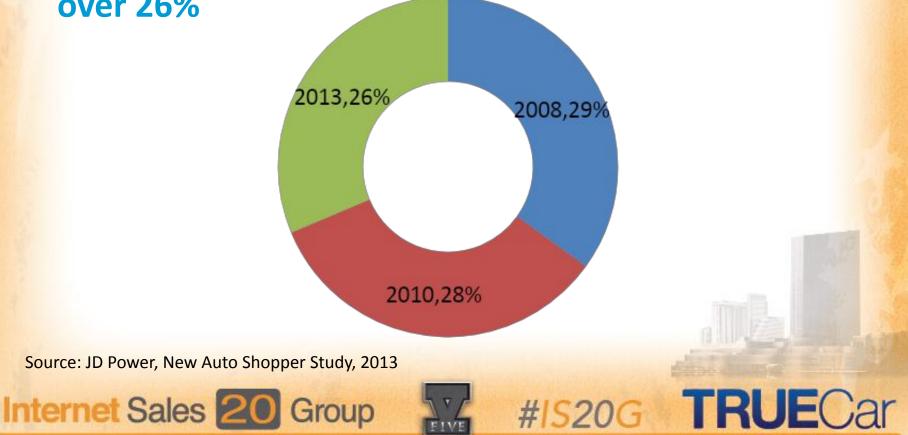
#### Top 5 myths busted Myth #1: 3<sup>rd</sup> party lead companies are dying



#### Top 5 myths busted

Myth #2 Nobody fills in lead forms anymore

TRUTH: Lead form activity has remained consistent, decreasing only 2 points since 2008 to **over 26%** 



#### Top 5 myths busted

Myth #3: If they do, all they want is a price

TRUTH: A consumer that fills in a lead form is an opportunity, answer their questions, **YES**, including **PRICE**, and they will reward you with their business.

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noun

 a set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something.
 "we may see increased opportunities for export" synonyms: chance, lucky chance, favorable time/occasion/moment, time, right set of circumstances, occasion, moment, opening, option, window (of opportunity), turn, go, possibility; More

#### **Top 5 myths busted** Myth #4: The lead information is bogus

- TRUTH: Quality leads are our top priority.
- Every lead is instantaneously "scored" against the nation's telephone databases, plus our own proprietary knowledgebase.
- Shoppers past history is matched to exclude any consumer that has put in a lead form in the last 30 days.
- Dealix backs their leads with a "Quality Pledge" to ensure any errant leads that don't meet stringent requirements are returnable for a new opportunity.

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Did you know?

The "Scrubbing process eliminates Approximately 25% of all lead forms

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Source: Dealix Platform Study

#### **Top 5 myths busted** Myth #5: 3rd party lead providers resell leads to nultiple dealers



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#### **TRUTH: Lead forms are consumer select**

 Consumers select the amount of dealers to be contacted by. On the Dealix network, that number is

### only **1.5 dealers**



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# Now that you know...How to create a winning strategy

Selecting the right advertising vendor for your dealership

## How to assess independent internet lead providers

#### • Key questions:

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- 1. What volume of traffic/exposure will the partner bring to my dealership?
- 2. How is the "shopping" experience for both the shopper and my dealership?
- 3. How customizable is the program? Can they accurately estimate sales opportunities? Can they scale as my needs change?
- 4. How much real time insight do I get with my advertising / lead program?

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- 5. What are their business terms?
- 6. What is the reputation of the partner?

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#### How much exposure do they offer

- How many "Unique Visitors" consistently visit the Partner's web site(s)?
- Can they prove it? What metrics are they using?
- Will they put that information into terms that I can understand? About my market?
- How easy is it to find me on top 3<sup>rd</sup> party sites?

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## How easy is it for the shopper to find me on sites that get A LOT of traffic?



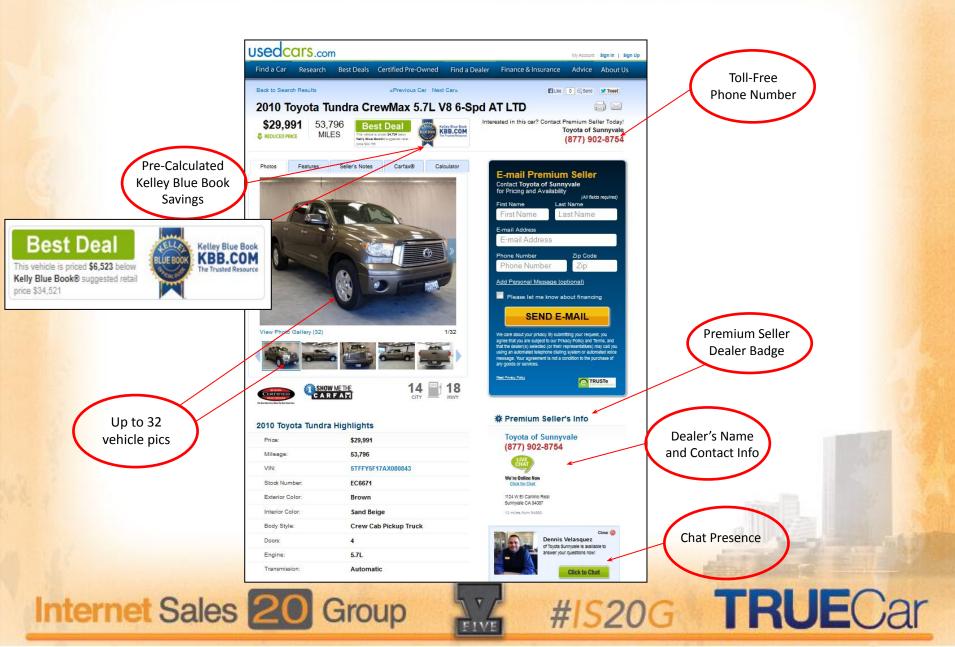
# What's the shopping experience like for the consumer?

- Learn how the consumer is guided through the dealer and/or vehicle selection process.
- Does the consumer have control in selecting the car(s) that they want to see (New or Used)? Can they choose the dealer(s) that they want to hear from too?
- Is it easy for the shopper to find the car(s), and the dealer(s) that they are looking for?
- How thorough a job is done to "merchandise" the vehicle?

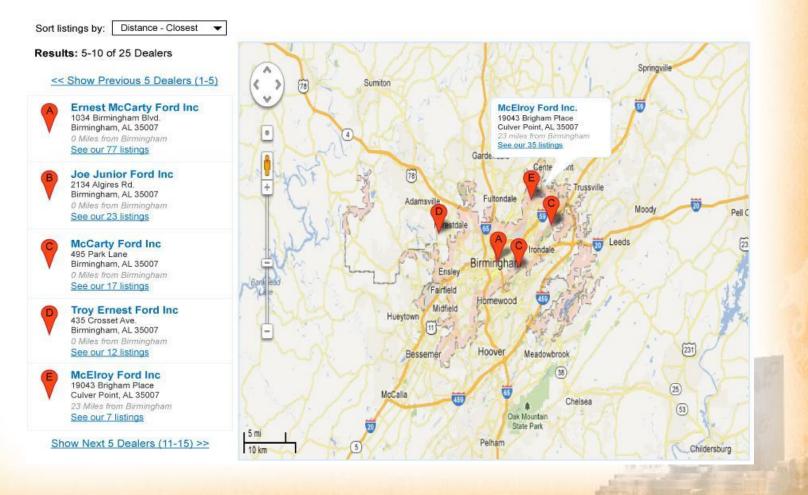
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#### What are your merchandising options?



### How easy is it to find my location, and how many cars I have?



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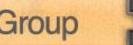
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### How good a job is done showing what I have in stock?

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#### How <u>CUSTOMIZABLE</u> is the program?



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- What are the territory configuration options:
  - ✓ Can I build a program for just one model?
    - Can I design a <u>model-specific program</u> that allows me to select ANY area (*e.g. zip code(s)*, where I'd like to be seen by its online shoppers)?
    - Can I create a territory that DEFENDS my PMA, AND allows me to selectively CONQUEST in different markets? Can I do this by Model? By Zip Code?
       How frequently can I CHANGE the programs parameters:
    - the model(s) chosen?

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- the territories (e.g. zip codes)?
- the amount of \$'s that I'm spending?
- Can the partner provide an accurate LEAD ESTIMATE for the program, in territories that I want, over time, FAST?

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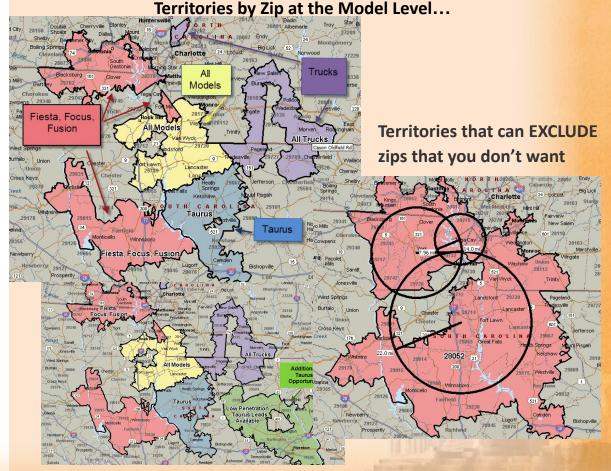
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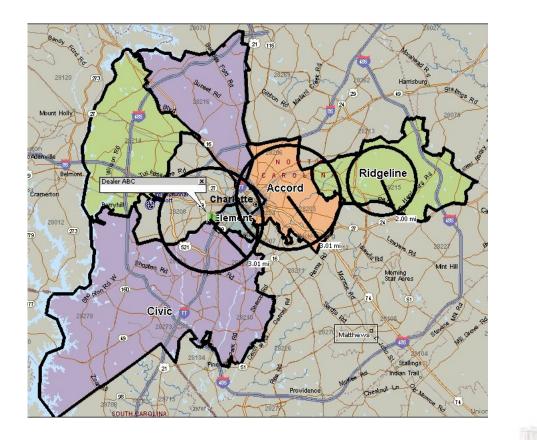
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Territories to get into <u>new market</u> areas with unsold opportunities (based on consumer demand) to help you with your conquest marketing strategy.

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### Can I create unique/different territories for each model?



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## Can I create a flexible "campaign" that'll give me maximum control of my investment?

Can I create a campaign where I can:

1. Select a specific MODEL(s) to focus on?



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- 2. Market to a precisely defined AREA (e.g. zip code range)?
- 3. Set a specific amount of TIME for the campaign to run?
- 4. Set a specific (not to exceed) BUDGET?

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 Set up the campaign to run <u>in addition to my "base"</u> program (e.g. for other models?) How much key insight do you get and how easy is it to understand?

- Can I get real time insight into how my program is performing for me?
- How relevant, and understandable, is the information to me?

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 Will it give me a sense of how I'm doing compared to others in my market

### Do I get access to insight and important metrics when I want it?

#### Reach and Audience Summary *for 10/1/2012* - *10/31/2012*

	Dealix Network*	
Unique Visitors in Your Market	12,250	
Number of Searches in Your Market	18,588	
Number of Search Results in Your Market	188,642	
Times Your Vehicles Listed in Search Results	20,342	
Vehicle Detail Page Views of Your Inventory	1,052	
Full Inventory Views for Your Dealership	16	
Emails to a Friend with Your Vehicles	3	
Printouts of Your Vehicles	1	

#### UsedCars.com Features Summary for 10/1/2012 - 10/31/2012

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Vehicle Videos	Usedcars.com
Percentage of Your Inventory with Video	72%
Number of Times Videos Played for Your Vehicles	10
Spotlight Ads	Usedcars.com
Number of Spotlight Impressions for Your Dealership	1,799
UsedCars.com Live Dealer Chat	Usedcars.com
Percentage of Time Dealer Online and Available to Chat	43%
Number of Detail Page Views with Chat Icon Presented**	452
Number of Buyer Chat Requests for Your Vehicles	15
Answered Chat Requests	15 (100%)
Unanswered Chat Requests	0 (0%)

\*Estimated Values

#### Conversion and Advertising Effectiveness for October 2012

Conversion and Advertising Effectiveness	Dealix Network
Search Results to Vehicle Detail Page Conversion	5.17%
Average Search Results to VDP Conversion in Your Market	5.00%
Cost per Vehicle Listed in Search Results	\$.03
Vehicle Detail Page Views to Leads Conversion	2.85%
Average VDP Views to Leads Conversion in Your Market	2.78%
Cost per Vehicle Detail Page View	\$.57

#### Leads for October 2012

Lead Type	Lead Count
Phone Total	5
Phone Billed	5
Email Total	25
Email Billed	22
Chat Total	15
Chat Billed	3
Billable vs. Total Leads	Total Billed Leads: 30

Total Leads: The total number of leads delivered to your dealership.

Billable Leads: Leads credited through the Hassle Free Lead Return program are subtracted from the Total Leads, resulting in the quantity of Billable Leads. Chat leads that do not contain an email address or phone number are not Billable.

#### What are their business terms?

#### Terms & Conditions

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- Do I pay any set-up, or fixed fees for placement on the partners site(s)?
- Can I set a monthly budget, and change it over time?
- What's the partner's pledge to me? Do I pay for just the sales opportunities from the serious, "in market buyers?"
- Am I offered real-time access on a 24/7 basis to get what I've been promised by the partner?

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#### What "pledge" will they make?

- Will you ONLY pay for opportunities from the serious, "in market" buyers?
- How easy is the process to exchange opportunities that are not from serious, in market buyers?



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- 1. Represent an <u>in market and motivated buyer</u>, looking to buy in the next 90-120 days
- 2. Have a <u>working phone number</u> for the person who submitted the lead.
- 3. Originate from an adult– *a person 18 years of age or older.*
- Be unique from another lead delivered by Dealix, or received from another source, in the past 30 days. This includes leads from your own website.

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### What's their reputation with other Dealers?

• How long have they been in business?

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- What's their reputation? What do other dealers say about them?
- Is there a place where I can find this out on a real time basis?

#### Who you work with matters...



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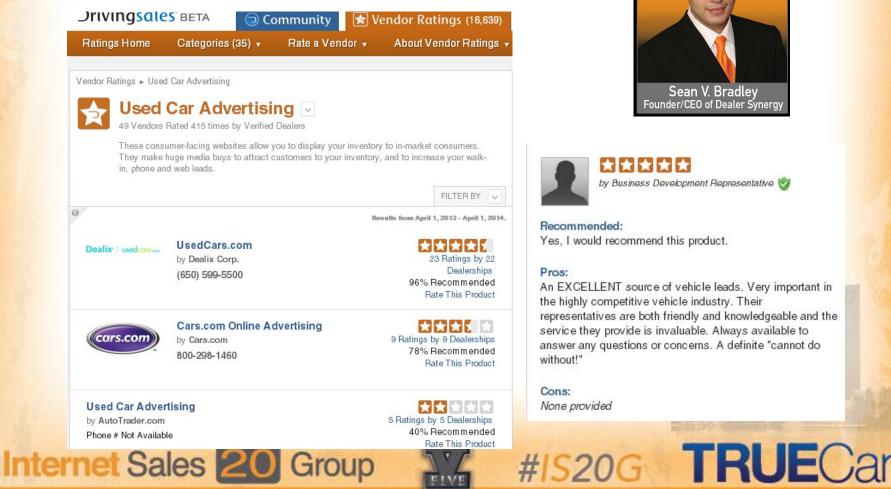
Awards Received For: Dealix New Car Leads and UsedCars.com

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#### **Resources for vendor reputation**

#### When in doubt, ask another dealer... DrivingSales.com



#### Or a trusted expert!





Recommended: Yes, I would recommend this product.

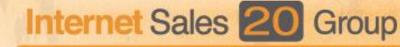
#### Pros:

An EXCELLENT source of vehicle leads. Very important in the highly competitive vehicle industry. Their representatives are both friendly and knowledgeable and the service they provide is invaluable. Always available to answer any questions or concerns. A definite "cannot do without!"

Cons: None provided

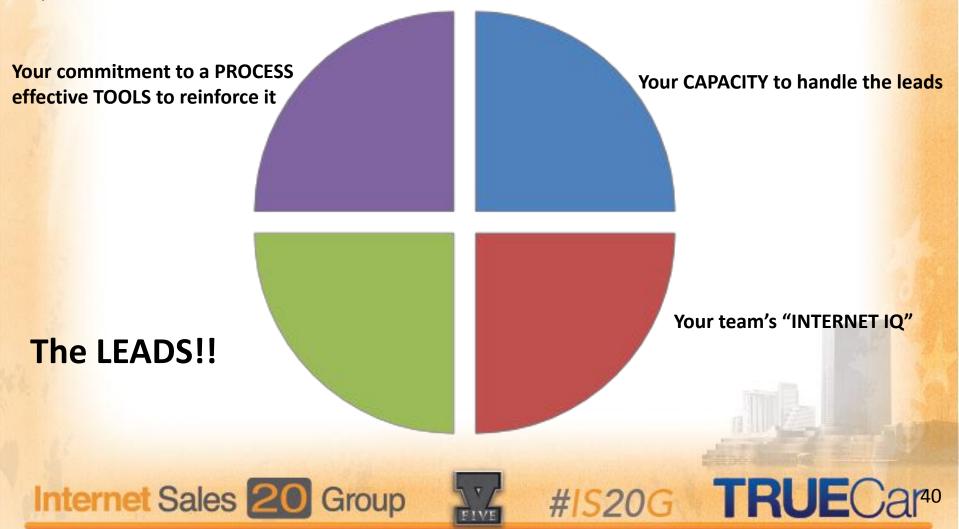
#### **BEST PRACTICES**

# Getting the most from your third party leads program



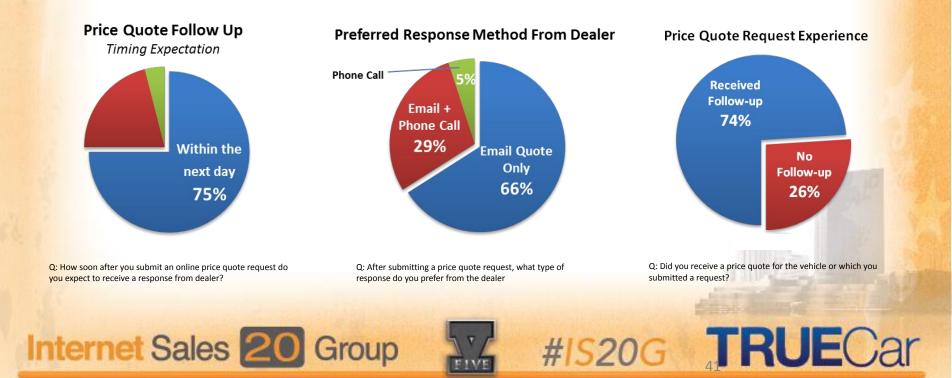
#### Process is the key to lead handling success

How much do LEADS vs. how YOU handle them impact your success with the partner?



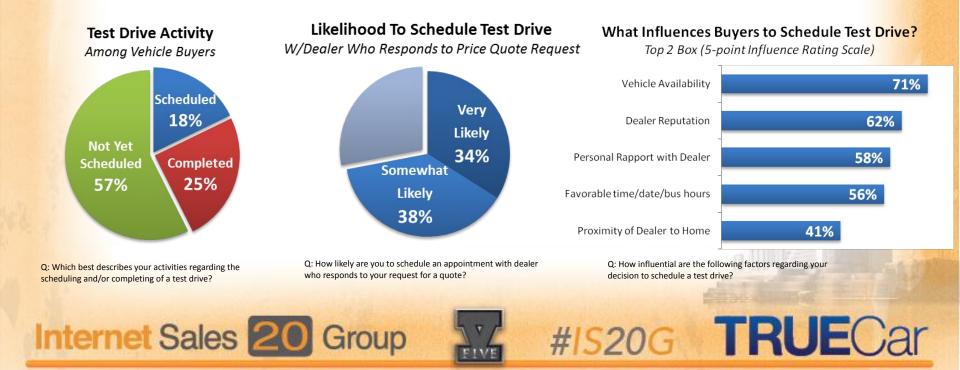
#### **Follow-up Determines Buyer Engagement**

- Follow-up by next day is OK but buyer question(s) must be answered.
  - Preference for email-only follow-up with price
  - Dealers who respond within reasonable time frame greatly increase likelihood of getting vehicle buyer into dealership
  - One-quarter of leads did not received a follow-up



#### Leads still at test drive stage

- Three-quarters of leads have not yet completed a test drive.
  - More than half have not even scheduled a test drive
- Dealer follow-up influences decision to take test drive.
  - 72% likely to take test drive after receiving price quote from dealer
- Vehicle buyers don't want to waste time at the test drive stage.
  - Dealers can pull in leads by ensuring vehicle availability and being flexible
  - Transparency will improve dealer reputation and increase buyers' trust



#### Key takeaways

- Independent internet sites and partners are an essential part of any dealer's marketing mix
- Choose a partner with the volume of traffic and exposure necessary to grow sales
- The shopper experience is important to my brand recognition and reputation
- Without easy to use customization, you may be wasting money and opportunity.
- Who you choose to work with matters: From their business terms to their people.

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 Your process matters! Be relentless in creating a thorough lead handling process, based on personas.

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## **THANK YOU!**

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