

## Web Planning Worksheet

This questionnaire is designed to enhance communications between WebdesignsLA.com and our clients. Why don't you print it on your printer, and have it handy when you discuss your project on the phone with a Web Designer. After we've you've filled in the blanks as we talk on the phone, please make a photocopy for your records, and mail a signed copy to WebdesignsLA.com. It provides a written memorandum of our mutually agreed plan.

**Your Organization Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

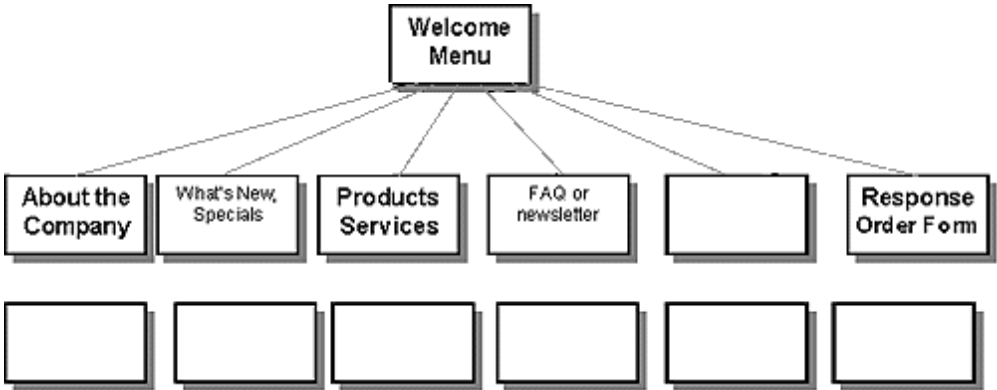
### 1. Purpose

Give the most important purpose a "1", next most important a "2". Leave those blank which do not interest you at all.

- To gain a **favorable impression** of the company or organization.
  - To develop a qualified **list of prospects**
  - To **sell products directly** taking credit card information over the Internet
  - To encourage potential customers to **contact us by phone or mail** to consummate a sale.
  - To make available **product information and price lists** to distributors or customers
  - To strengthen **brand identification**.
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
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### 2. Site Organization

Please label pages you desire and cross out the rest. You may use the Web Layout document for this part if you prefer.



Total number of pages decided upon \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3. Site and Domain Names

**Site Name on Masthead:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Domain Name** It must be registered through your web hosting service and approved by a domain registration service before you can use it. You may check the availability of your domain name at Network Solutions (<http://www.networksolutions.com>)

Domain name \_\_\_\_\_  Desired  Already Registered

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### 4. Masthead Graphic

It is very helpful if you will include a copy of your company's letterhead, brochures, catalog, etc. so we can see how you present your company image.

**Company Logo** incorporated in the masthead graphic? If so, please enclose a color copy.

**Photo or drawing** of product?

**Typeface** preference(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred **colors** in palette (PMS colors?) \_\_\_\_\_

Other ideas \_\_\_\_\_

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### 5. Color and Accents

For the most part, we recommend a white or light background for best readability and contrast, with a band of color or a pattern running down the left margin of the web page. Your preference: \_\_\_\_\_

May we include a link at the bottom of the welcome page which reads "**Website Designed by webdesignsLA.com**"? (You are under no obligation to say yes.)  Yes  No

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### 6. Navigation System

The navigation system of all our Standard Website Packages includes:

- **Links** from the front page and sectional pages to every page in the system to enable Web search engines to "spider" and index content on every page.
- **Colored bar "Image Map"** with a brief word or two indicating each page -- or, in larger sites -- each section of the website. This appears at the bottom of every page. In some sites we put this both top and bottom. You are limited to a maximum of about eight (8) selections on this image map. We use server side image maps to make it easy to expand the site at a later time without having to change the coding on each page of the site. For this reason, and to keep costs down, we do not include separate "buttons" on our standard sites. Included in sites of 6 pages or more.
- **Left-Side Menus** with text links are especially useful on larger sites. Included in sites of 6 pages or more. They can allow more detail than an 8-item bottom image map, and can enable visitors to see from any page how to get to any other. These may be white or light-colored over a dark left-side color or pattern, or black or dark over a light left-side color or pattern.

**Optional Systems.** Circle those you wish incorporated in your site.

- **Left-Side "Buttons"** can be used, but we do not recommend them, since they are more expensive and time consuming to maintain when a change or addition is made to the system. Also, it takes significantly longer to load many buttons than an image map of the same area (Extra charge)
- **Frames System** where, typically, a scrolling menu remains on the left side to provide navigation. We do not recommend frames in practically any situation, since they are a design disaster. They do not always print out, cannot be bookmarked easily, and often make the page design look "tacky" with their ugly gray scroll bars. We see them as the amateur's way to look cool. In a very few cases, they are useful: (1) to display large databases of information, (2) purposely hide URLs of content pages, (3) send visitors to other sites while making it easy for them to come back. (Extra charge)
- **Search Engine** is useful on larger sites of 20+ pages to help visitors quickly find what they're looking for. (Extra charge)

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## 7. Basic Page Elements

These are the important items that appear on nearly every web page on your site (except the "home" page).

- **Page titles** which show at top of Web browser only
- **Top-of-page graphic** based on the design of the masthead graphic
- **Page Title** in larger type. Heading Font Style: \_\_\_\_\_ (recommend Arial Bold)
- **Text.** Body Font Style: \_\_\_\_\_ (recommend Times New Roman)
- **Image Map** by Image Map bar
- **Standard company ID** near bottom of page
- **E-mail response link** to the following e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_
- **Copyright and trademark information** in small print at the bottom of every page. What registered trademarks, trademarks, and service marks does your company want to indicate here?

Do you have any trademarks or service marks? If so, please list them here and indicate which ones are registered trademarks:

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## 8. Photos, Graphics, Animations, Sound, and Video

Our contract includes a statement that you own the copyright to, or have permission from the copyright owner to use any photos or graphics you send us.

- **Clipart** tends to look a bit tacky on websites. We recommend original photography.
- **Photos** you supply either by sending the photos themselves for us to scan and return, or by sending the digitized images on a diskette or via Email.
- **Stock photos** obtained from Photodisc (<http://www.photodisc.com>), Corel (<http://commerce.corel.com>), or PictureQuest (<http://www.picturequest.com>). (You write down the photo number and inform us of your choices, and which page each photo goes on. We can help you select the photos, but we would need to bill you for our time at our hourly rate.) *Please note the we always recommend original photography – you never know when your competition may use the same stock photos!*

For an extra charge, we can equip your webpages with:

- **Sound**, either MIDI musical background or streaming Real Audio for music or voice.
  - **Animated GIF images.** High quality photo images are available from PhotoDisc (<http://www.photodisc.com>) and other sources. We can also make animations for an extra charge.
  - **Video clips**
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## 9. Response Forms

What is the purpose of your response form?

\_\_\_ **Guestbook** for visitors to record comments

\_\_\_ **Request for information**

\_\_\_ **Survey** of customer preferences

**Note:** We do not set up sites that use the response form as an order form, since these require secure servers, and secure order pick-up. For one or two products we recommend using MiniVend with a secure server. We charge extra to set up the ordering system.

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## 10. Web Hosting Service

We can also offer hosting services for your website. This offers distinct advantages, as we can create websites that are optimized for our server and we can more easily maintain the site, as we are intimately familiar with the server's features and capabilities. We recommend web-hosting services tailored to their specific needs. We usually do not recommend hosting on your local dial-up ISP, since they too often are not well prepared to meet specialized business site hosting needs. Their main business is usually dial-up access, and hosting is only a sideline for them. We require cgi-bin access and FTP access, and strongly recommend SSH access. Our no-extra-cost response form also requires a Unix/Linux system with PHP language available.

Web Hosting Service \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail for support or help \_\_\_\_\_

IP Address: \_\_\_\_\_ FTP Login: \_\_\_\_\_ Password: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 11. Registering and Advertising Your Website

Consider:

- Advertising your Website to Web search engines that index the Web
- Giving customers a good reason to come by offering them something
- Finding industry-wide linking pages and negotiating reciprocal links to and from their webpages.
- Purchasing Web advertising
- Becoming active in several of the thousands of Internet news groups and mailing lists
- Making your website part of one or more of the many "malls."
- Including your e-mail and Web addresses on all your company's print literature, stationery, and display advertising
- E-mail newsletters

Information about **number of visitors to your website** can usually be obtained from your Internet Service Provider, from statistics generated daily by such programs as WWWSTAT, GETSTATS, or Analog on the host computer. We do not include page counters on our Standard Website Packages.

We submit your information to **Web search engines** to "register" your website after final payment is received. Before doing this we work with you to get relevant keywords and a carefully constructed 25-word sentence contain the most important keywords.

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## 12. Maintenance

Target Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Package prices include minor updating over the first six months of the contract. This covers minor price changes, product changes, etc. It does not include major changes, such as changing newsletter content (which essentially involves constructing a new web page), which is billed at our \$25 hourly rate.

**Target Date** for final payment to be made and your Web Site to be advertised: \_\_\_\_\_

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On behalf of my organization I approve the above plan which I have developed with WebdesignsLA.com to construct a website, and I authorize WebdesignsLA.com to use this Website Planning Worksheet as the basis of the project.

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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These are the items that will make up the package you'll be sending to us:

- **Website Planning Worksheet**
- **Website Design Contract**
- **Website Content Worksheet** which will define for us the:
  - **Written content for your web pages** (preferably on a diskette formatted for *MS Word*, *Word Perfect*, or other common/standard word processor. We can translate from most word processor formats with ease.
  - **Photos or graphics** to be included. You may send graphics and photos that we can scan into electronic form. Even better, send us a diskette or ZIP disk with your graphics in any popular PC format, such as GIF, JPEG, BMP, EPS, CDR, PCX, etc.). These should be PC-formatted disks – if your files are Mac-format, they may be emailed to [Webmaster@webdesignsLA.com](mailto:Webmaster@webdesignsLA.com). Be sure to add a 3-letter extension to the Mac files, such as “.jpg” so that unnecessary time won’t be lost in converting the files.
  - **Your company logo** (if any), and tell us the PMS/Pantone color.
- **Samples of your printed materials** -- brochures, letterheads, cards, booklets, etc. -- so we can see how you present your company image.
- **Check** for at least 50% of the total.

You may send your package to WebdesignsLA.com, **by US mail, UPS, FedEx**, etc. to our address:

PO Box 927930  
San Diego, CA 92192-7930

We are looking forward to receiving your materials and constructing your website!

*Please annotate any items you would like included on the site where appropriate*

