



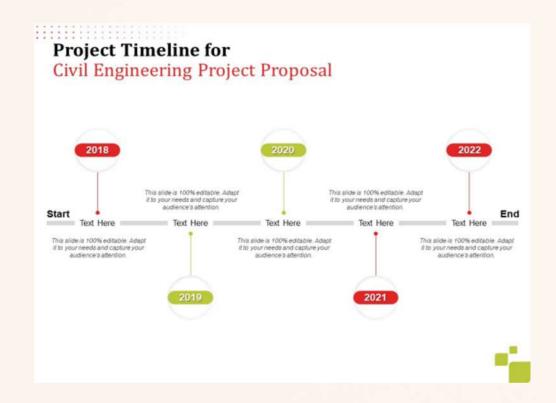


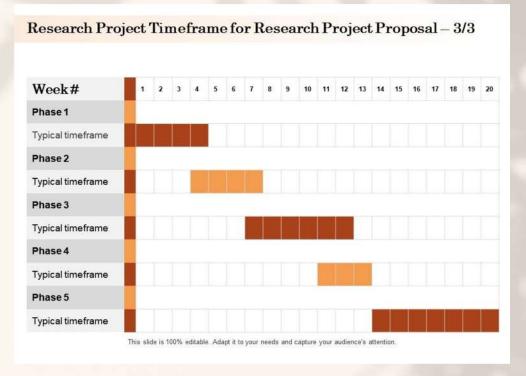
BUSINESS PROPOSAL (cont.)



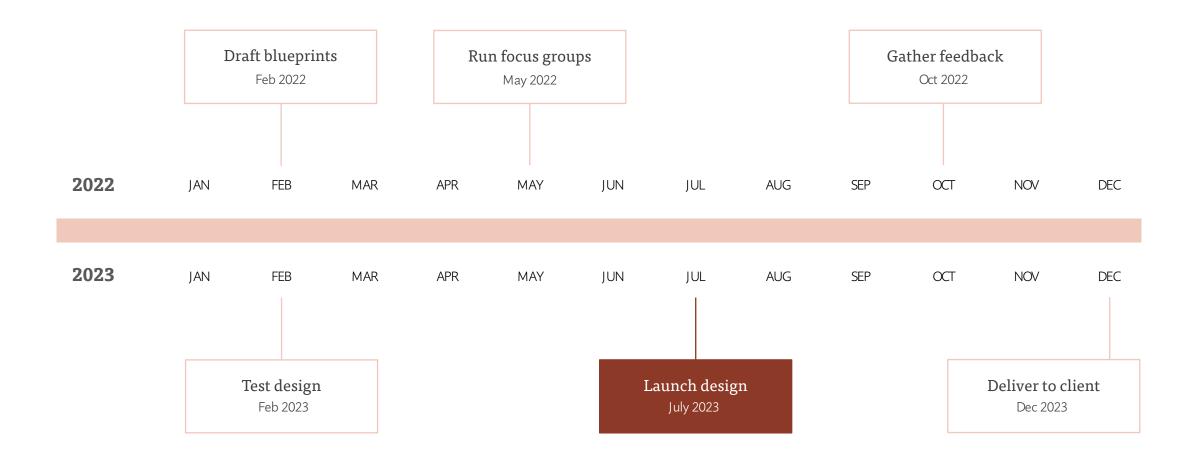
7. TIMELINE

A clear presentation, often with visual aids, of the process, from start to finish, with specific, dated benchmarks noted.





Sample of a Milestone Timeline



8. The Marketing Plan

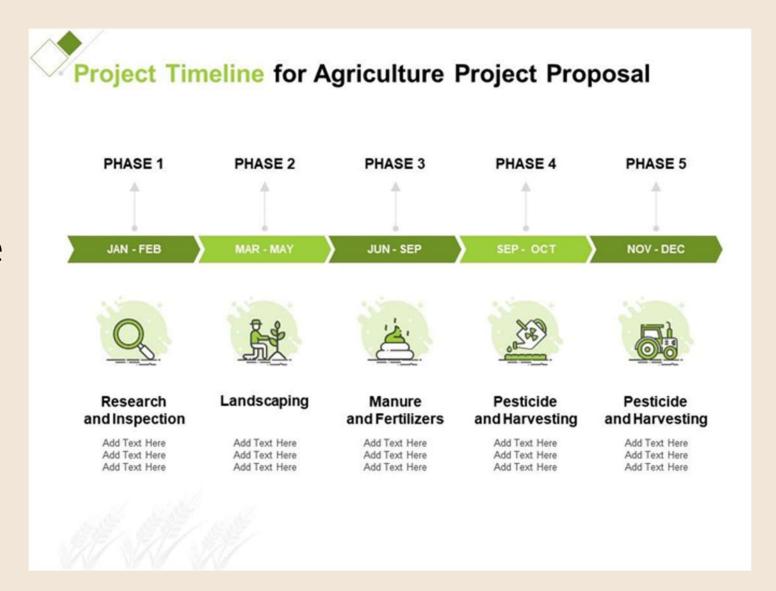
- Delivery is often the greatest challenge for Web-based services. How will people learn about you?
- If you are bidding on a gross lot of food service supplies, this may not apply to you, but if an audience is required for success, you will need a marketing plan.





Let's practice!

Let's discuss and write the timeline and marketing plan of the project.



9. FINANCE



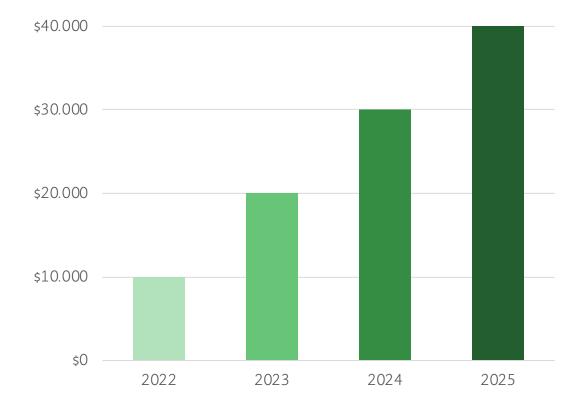
- What are the initial costs, when can revenue be anticipated, when will there be a return on investment (if applicable)?
- Again, the proposal may involve a onetime fixed cost, but if the product or service is to be delivered more than once and extended financial plan noting costs across time is required.

Sample Financials

Key metrics

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Revenue by year

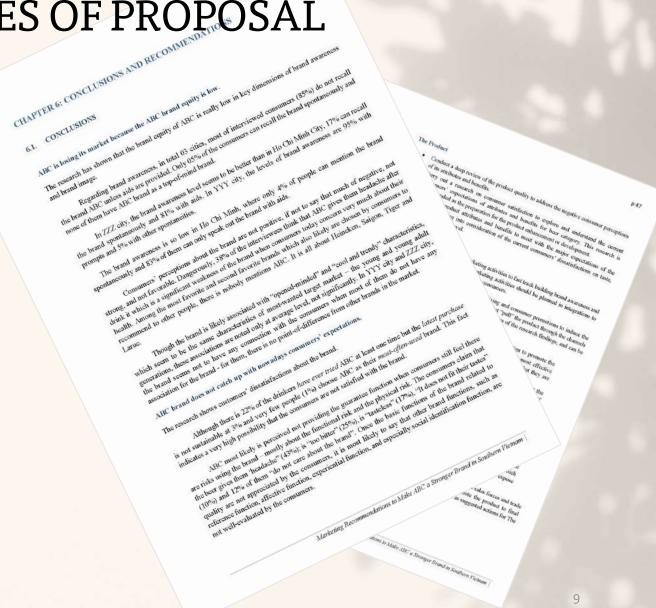


Sample Financials table

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Income				
Users	50,000	400,000	1,600,000	
Sales	500,000	4,000,000	16,000,000	
Average price per sale	75	80	90	
Revenue @ 15%	5,625,000	48,000,000	216,000,000	
Gross profit	5,625,000	48,000,000	216,000,000	
Expenses				
Sales & marketing	5,062,500	38,400,000	151,200,000	70%
Customer service	1,687,500	9,600,000	21,600,000	10%
Product development	562,500	2,400,000	10,800,000	5%
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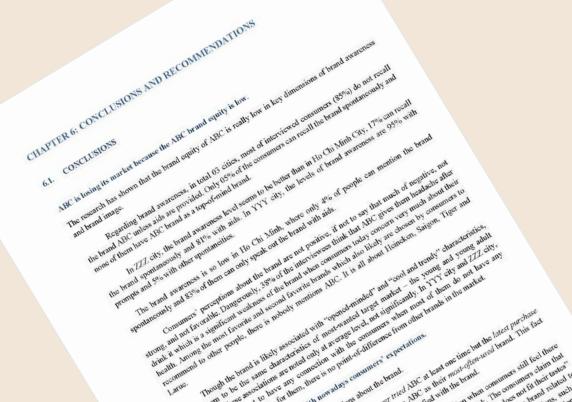
10. CONCLUSION

- Like a speech or essay, restate your main points clearly.
- Tie them together with a common them and make your proposal memorable.



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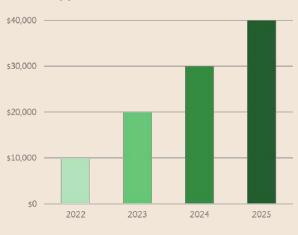
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Ethos, Pathos, and Logos

- Ethos refers to credibility
- Pathos refers passion and enthusiasm
- Logos refers logic or reason



Let's practice! Create your own business logo.

Activity

Create your Team Project's Logo



Professional

A professional document is a base requirement:

- Should be no errors in spelling or grammar
- Be concise, accurate, and clearly referenced
- Should be easy to find and clearly relevant, including contact information.



Persuasive proposals

Are often brief, even limited to one page:

The one-page proposal has been one of the keys to my business success, and it can be invaluable to you too. Few decision-makers can ever afford to read more than one page when deciding if they are interested in a deal or not. This is even more true for people of a different culture or language.

Adnan Khashoggi, a successful multibillionaire (Riley, 2002)

Two Types of Business Proposals

Solicited

- If you have been asked to submit a proposal it is considered solicited.
- May come in the form of a direct verbal or written request

Unsolicited

- Unsolicited proposals are the "cold calls" of business writing.
- Required a thorough understanding of the market, product and/or service, and their presentation is typically general rather than customer-specific.



Finalize your project proposal

- Prepare a draft business proposal in no more than 2 pages.
- Do not include actual contact information. Just as the example has employees named after colors, your (imaginary) company should have contact information that does not directly link to real businesses or you as an individual.

