### **Stop Selling** Start **Solving** ™

## **Practice Activity:**

# Create a Need for Your Differentiated Solution



### **Objective:**

To identify and articulate your solution's differentiators, connect them to customer challenges, and develop probing questions to guide your ValuePrompter<sup>®</sup>.

#### Instructions:



- 1. **List Your Differentiators**: Begin by identifying the unique capabilities of your solution. Categorize each differentiator into one of the following areas:
  - Capabilities: Features or functionalities that set your solution apart.
  - o **Terms and Conditions**: Unique or flexible terms that provide value to the customer.
  - Risk Mitigation: How your solution reduces the risk for the customer.
  - Customer Experience: The ways your solution enhances the buyer's experience with your company.



2. **Identify the Problems**: For each differentiator, ask yourself: What specific problem does this solve for the customer? Focus on challenges that align with the customer's business goals or operational issues.





- 3. **Craft Probing Questions**: Convert each problem into two types of probing questions:
  - Problem Probe: A question designed to uncover the customer's current challenges or pain points. Example: "Is it difficult for your team to manage multiple vendors effectively?"
  - Solution Probe: A question that guides the conversation toward your solution's capabilities. Example: "Have you considered how a single platform could streamline your vendor management?"



4. **Apply to the ValuePrompter**\*: Add your Problem and Solution Probe questions to the relevant section of your ValuePrompter\*, aligning them with the buyer or specific opportunity you are addressing.

My Differentiator	Category	Problem the Differentiator Solves	Problem Probe Question	Solution Probe Question
Offer payments over 6 months	Terms and Conditions	Unwillingness to pay entire cost up front	Are you concerned about a single upfront payment?	If you had the ability to pay over an extended period, would you consider buying?



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