

Managed IT Authority Kit

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GUIDE

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WHAT THIS ASSET COVERS

- Managed IT Answer Map
- Managed IT Trust and Procurement Guide
- Professional Services Consult Authority Playbook
- Professional Services Proof Stack Guide
- Proof-to-Pipeline Scorecard

SUGGESTED ROLLOUT

1. Clarify the buyer questions around support, onboarding, security, and pricing so the firm sounds more useful before discovery starts.
2. Strengthen procurement trust with better proof architecture, clearer service-maturity signals, and stronger operational credibility cues.
3. Align consult-authority, technical proof, and pipeline metrics so the public education layer supports sales quality instead of sitting beside it.
4. Review trust friction and shortlist conversion monthly so the authority layer keeps improving with real buyer feedback.

WORKING ASSET

Use this kit when the MSP wants to improve shortlist trust, buyer education, and proposal readiness before discovery ever begins.

KIT THESIS

MSP authority compounds when the firm:

- explains the buying decision clearly
- reduces procurement anxiety
- shows believable proof
- measures whether education assets improve pipeline quality

This kit turns those layers into one operating stack.

ROLLOUT ORDER

Deploy in this order:

1. map recurring buyer and procurement questions
2. rebuild public answers around service reality
3. strengthen procurement and trust proof
4. tighten consult-authority and proof stack alignment
5. track which assets improve shortlist and proposal quality

BUYER EDUCATION STACK

The public education layer should help buyers understand:

- what the MSP does
- what it does not do
- how onboarding works
- what trust signals matter
- when the next step should be discovery, technical review, or proposal

The easier this is to understand, the easier the firm is to recommend.

PROOF AND TRUST LAYER

Use the kit to strengthen:

- onboarding transparency

- security credibility
- support maturity cues
- technical and business proof
- proposal context before the proposal exists

MONTHLY REVIEW RHYTHM

Monthly:

- review repeated objections from discovery and procurement
- identify missing FAQ or proof assets
- inspect shortlist and proposal quality
- update one answer or trust asset based on live buyer friction

FAILURE MODES

- sounding highly technical but low-trust
- publishing proposal-style detail without buyer education
- using weak case proof for complex environments
- failing to connect content performance back to actual pipeline quality

SUCCESS SIGNAL

The kit is working when better-fit buyers arrive better educated, trust the firm faster, and move into procurement with less friction.

DEPLOYMENT NOTES

HOW STRONG TEAMS ACTUALLY USE THIS ASSET

- Assign one accountable owner instead of letting "Managed IT Authority Kit" become shared but unmanaged work.
- Use it with msp owners, sales leaders, technical leaders, account managers, and marketers in a weekly rhythm so the asset drives decisions rather than sitting in a folder.
- Decide in advance what counts as green, watch, and red performance so the team knows when to escalate.
- Capture learnings directly in the document every week so the asset becomes smarter over time instead of resetting to zero.

30-DAY ROLLOUT SEQUENCE

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WHAT SEPARATES A SERIOUS VERSION FROM A BASIC TEMPLATE

- Clear ownership for every step, not generic advice without accountability.
- Targets, thresholds, or decision rules that tell the team what good looks like.
- Specific working components: Managed IT Answer Map, Managed IT Trust and Procurement Guide, Professional Services Consult Authority Playbook, and more.
- A built-in review cadence so the document becomes part of operations rather than a one-time download.