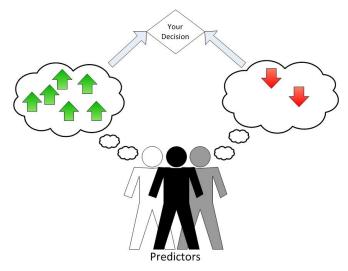


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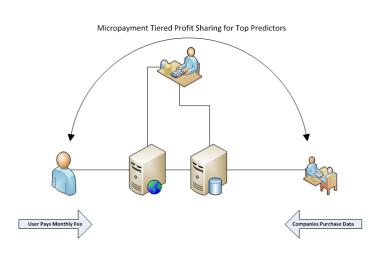
- prediction market allows individuals to take positions (or trade 'contracts') on whether future events will or will not occur
  - Example political election, settled in a welldefined and easily verifiable manner.
    - "Barack Obama to win 2012 U.S. presidential election."
    - o "NASDAQ Average to close higher today."
- market facilitates trades between members, charging a monthly fee, but does not participate in trading itself



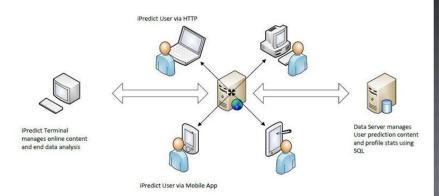


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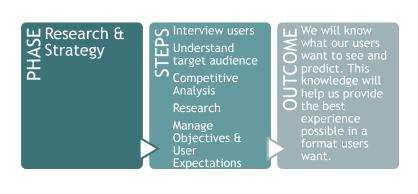
### MISSION STATEMENT

"iil Predictions' Mission is to provide a safe, cost effective and lucrative trading environment for users across the globe. We will strive to ensure you, our users receive the best available benefits from dealing with an organization that locates and delivers exciting world events tailored specifically to you and your online community."

"We strive to maximize business potential by offering a comprehensive and seamless demographic data acquisition and data management system for all world events."

# Gregory Scalet President / CEO: Business Manager Logistics Manager





### MANAGEMENT PLAN

Planning Planning

Prioritize target
audiences

Determine
functional
requirements /
technical
requirements
Embrace
creativity

We will translate the needs of our users and our business into a functional content with which we can interact.

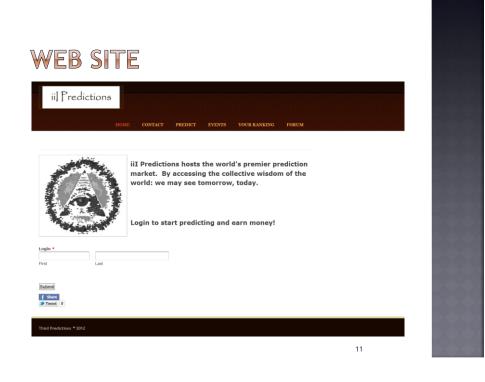
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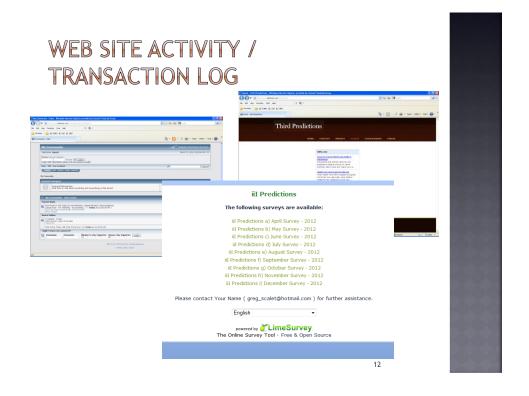
# MANAGEMENT PLAN

Information Architecture

Navigation tree
Theme
architecture
Detailed design
User
experience
guidelines

We will create a clear visual and aural site as a method to communciate users on multiple platforms.





### MARKET RESEARCH

- intrade.com
  - Current site providing online trade forum
- users are all individuals interested in particular events - Much like Amazon's Recommender system, iil will "Recommend Events"
  - Demographic trends will not exist at beginning
  - Friendships will have moderate effect
  - Professional relationships and functional positions will have strong effects
  - Shared interests will have major effects

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# MARKETING STRATEGIES

- permission marketing
- affiliate marketing
- viral marketing (in Web 2.0)
- blog marketing
- social network marketing
- mobile platform marketing
- local marketing
- brand leveraging
- others

### PERMISSION MARKETING

- marketers obtain or attempt to obtain permission from potential customers before advancing to the sales pitch in the purchasing process
- requires prospective customer to give explicit permission to send their promotional message (email or catalog request) or implicit permission (querying search engine)
- done on one-to-one basis rather than using broad aggregated concepts like market segment or target market

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### AFFILIATE MARKETING

- employed when businesses reward one or more affiliates for each visitor or customer brought in by affiliate's marketing efforts
- four core players in this system
  - Merchant (retailer)
  - Network (offers for the affiliate and payments)
  - Publisher (affiliate)
  - Customer
- overlaps with other Internet marketing methods including: organic search engine optimization, paid search engine marketing, e-mail marketing, and display advertising

# VIRAL MARKETING (IN WEB 2.0)

- encourages individuals to pass on a marketing message to others (networking)
- these people become part of marketing team, for free
- people e-mail links to ad to friends and those friends send to other friends creating a huge spread of interest
  - Example: produce a TV commercial to be put on YouTube. commercial is available for viewing 24 hours a day 7 days a week. can be linked, copied and sent to anyone the viewer chooses.

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### **BLOG MARKETING**

- any process that publicizes or advertises using blogs
  - ads placed on blogs, recommendations and reviews by a blogger, promotion via entries on third party blogs and cross-syndication of information across multiple blogs
- news travels very fast via blogs
- snowball effect that can be started with just a few strategically placed blog entries and comments on blogs
- a nod of approval from a trusted blogger can result in considerably higher sales for business

### SOCIAL NETWORK MARKETING

- gaining website traffic or attention through social media sites
- message spreads from user to user and (presumably) resonates because it appears to come from a trusted, third-party source
- personal interaction can instill a feeling of loyalty into followers and potential customers
- by choosing whom to follow on these sites, products can reach a very narrow (yet profitable) target audience

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### MOBILE PLATFORM MARKETING

- practices that enable organizations to communicate and engage with audience in interactive and relevant manner through any mobile device or network
  - Example: Motorola/House of Blues campaigns brand allows the consumer to send mobile photos to LED board in real-time and blog images online
- very powerful tool for initiating consumer engagement at time when marketing piece is triggering most emotional (and lucrative) response — impulse moment

### **PLATFORMS**



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### LOCAL MARKETING

- use Internet as part of comprehensive marketing plan to drive traffic to local, "brick and mortar" businesses
- targeted to wants and needs of local customer groups, (trading areas, neighborhoods, individual stores).
- methods include:
  - Print promotions and coupons (costly), limited tracking, does give business ability to know ROI
  - Radio no tracking, never know results, costly, helpful with brand recognition.
  - Local TV expensive, highly targeted to market, limited tracking, ROI estimated at best

### **BRAND LEVERAGING**

- uses power of existing brand to support a new entry in related market
- communicates valuable product information
- sense of familiarity carry positive brand attitudes into new category
  - More products mean greater shelf space
  - Cost of introducing brand-leveraged product is less than introducing independent new product
  - Full line permits coordination of product offerings
  - Greater number of products increase efficiencies

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# **OTHERS**

- Search Engine Optimization (SEO)
  - Marketing strategy to help search engines rank our website higher in search results

### MEASUREMENT STRATEGY

- allows us to figure out which marketing strategies are producing the highest return on investment
- focus our efforts on strategies that work
  - Survey customers who make predictions on select events
  - Track prediction vs. win ratios for all demographics
  - Track current user leads (how many friends?)
  - Track visitor turned to bidder ratio

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# CAPITAL REQUIREMENT

### 10.0 Capital Requirement

Item	Cost
Company Incorporation	\$1100
Payment Gateway (To accept credit card, net banking or debit card online)	\$1000 (initiation fee) 2 - 4% transaction fee \$50 monthly fee = \$600/Year
eCommerce Software	\$300 per month = \$3600/Year
eCommerce team	\$1000 per month = \$12000/Year
Servers	\$1500 per month for hosting (basic plan) = \$18000
Office Space	\$600 per month = \$7200/Year
Initial Marketing	\$5000/Year
Computer + Internet + Phone	\$500 per month = \$6000/Year
Total	\$54,500 for first year

# INTERNET SERVICE OPTIONS

Comcast			
Types of Service:	Cable, Bundle		
Support:	Support: 24 Hour Support, Toll Free Phone Support		
Internet Plan	Plan Price Connection Speed Features (Mbps)		Features
PERFORMANCE	\$54.95/mo	Downstream: Up to 6.0 Upstream: Up to 1.0	Norton™ Security Suite included 7 e-mail accounts, each with 10GB of storage. 30-day money-back guarantee.
Blast	\$59.95/mo	Downstream: Up to 16.0 Upstream: Up to 2.0	
Extreme 50	\$139.95/mo	Downstream: Up to 50.0 Upstream: Up to 10.0	

Time Warner			
Types of Service:	e: Cable, Bundle		
Support:	Live Chat, Phone Support, Email Support		
Internet Plan	Plan Price	Connection Speed (Mbps)	Features
Road Runner Broadband	\$44.95/mo	Downstream: Up to 7.0 Upstream: Up to 512.0 Kbps	FREE Anti-Virus protection, Anti- spam, Firewall protection, web
Road Runner Turbo	\$49.95/mo	Downstream: Up to 12.0 Upstream: Up to 2.0	support FREE Internet Parental Controls

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# **INTERNET SERVICE OPTIONS**

Types of Service: Support:		Cal	ble, Bundle	
		(None discussed though they do have an 800#)		
Internet Plan	Plan Price	Connection Speed (Mbps)	Features	
Insight Broadband 10.0	\$45.00/mo	Downstream: Up to 10.0 Upstream: Up to 1.0		
Insight Broadband 20.0	\$55.00/mo	Downstream: Up to 20.0 Upstream: Up to 1.5	Award winning protection against spyware, viruses, hackers and more	
Insight Broadband 30.0	\$70.00/mo	Downstream: Up to 30.0 Upstream: Up to 3.0	6 email addresses 6 gigabytes of storage	
Insight Broadband 50.0	\$105.00/mo	Downstream: Up to 50.0 Upstream: Up to 5.0		

Types of Service: Support:			Cable	
		Live Chat, Phone Support, Email Support		
Internet Plan	Plan Price	Connection Speed (Mbps)	Features	
Charter Lite	\$19.99/mo	Downstream: Up to 1.0 Upstream: Up to 128.0 Kbps		
Charter Express	\$29.99/mo	Downstream: Up to 12.0 Upstream: Up to 1.0	- Charter Security Suite protects against	
Charter Plus	\$39.99/mo	Downstream: Up to 18.0 Upstream: Up to 2.0	viruses and spam - Access to Charter net	
Charter Max	\$54.99/mo	Downstream: Up to 25.0 Upstream: Up to 3.0	- 10 Email Addresses	
Charter Ultra60	\$99.99/mo	Downstream: Up to 60.0 Upstream: Up to 5.0		

### ISP SUMMARY

### Charter Communications Ultra 60 plan

- most download and upload
- provides web access using their network so there would be no need for an additional web page expense.
  - Storage could be outsourced on the cloud
- Email accounts could be allocated as more employees are hired
- Support is available at all hours of the day which is extremely helpful when performing activities for all parts of the world.

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### **CONCLUSIONS / LESSONS LEARNED**

- We are now fully prepared to research and develop an E-Commerce business of any scale and caliber.
  - Much work is involved in the research and development of key ideas and forms.
- Ideas become the foundation of the company, and much work is needed on a daily basis to enact the principles and lessons learned outlined in this proposal.
- With full confidence our team can approach any E-Commerce opportunity with a quality top level design and project management approach, designed to succeed and sustain itself amidst an ever changing Technological world.



