# Catalant Community Champions – Principle Subject Matter Expert (PSME)





Context behind the PSME role



Detailed description and how PSMEs plug in to sales process





PSME deliverables



Ways of working



Compensation model

# **Principle SME – The anchor and utility player**



#### **Context behind the role**

 Often times during client development, deeper credibility or knowledge is required. The Principle Subject Matter Expert role was created to ensure that in any configuration of client development teams, there is complete coverage of topics and a deep roster of experts who have led similar efforts previously



### **Expectations / tactics**

- Join client meetings when needed and enrich conversation
- Supplement initial insights with tribal knowledge and deep experience
- Support benchmarking, and top-down opportunity sizing based on high level signs of opportunity
- Provide well-articulated case studies and example projects that will give client confidence that we can successfully execute



#### **Benefits**

- Wide audience to radiate your deep expertise (including publications, co-branding and forums)
- Low hands-on effort needed during development and execution
- Flexibility to create role for self and accumulate expert days across a wide range of clients

# **Principal SME: Expectations & Benefits**

★ Initial focus / highest value



#### **Marketing & Branding**



#### **Business Development**





#### **Proposal & Conversion**



#### **Project phase**

# Catalant's Expectations

Is an **evangelist** for the Consulting 2.0 model and for Catalant in general (both in **personal network** and on **LinkedIn**)

Speaks at panels & conferences

Makes (warm) introductions to their connections

Showcases their **deep expertise** in our comms (bio/profile, case study)

Joins high-stake client proposal calls to show credibility and build rapport

**Scopes the project** (translates requirements into a robust plan)

**Provides** (sanitized) written materials for use in proposal or project: frameworks, examples, etc.)

**Sparring partner** for problem-solving discussions

**Builds rapport** with senior client stakeholders, **socializes** project results to 'smoothen' buy-in



Exposure of Expert's name & brand (brand equity)

Meaningful referral bonus

Ability to 'scope in' their capacity/time (allows them to 'staff' themselves' on the project they are pitching)

**Agreed-upon compensation** (hourly, daily, weekly)

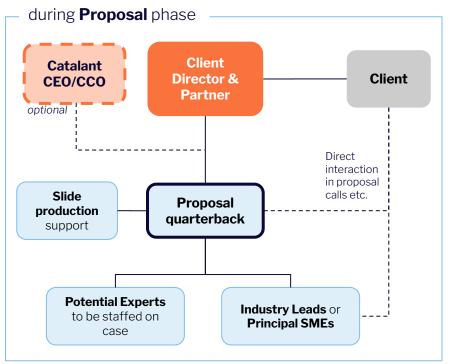


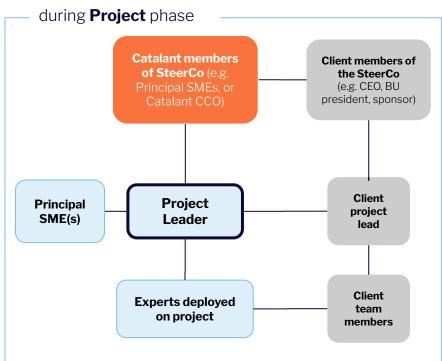
# **Typical Catalant role configurations**

external

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Client



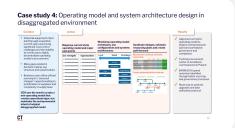




# **PSME** deliverables – Have these ready, and enjoy a smooth process



**Well articulated and organized**, description of the problem, what exactly you did, the quantitative impact you drove – should be easily understandable by anyone





<u>Take a stand</u> on the expected effort, timeline and impact based on the client's current situation





<u>Make time</u> to join client meetings, team problem solvings and present views on top of mind issues (eg. tarrifs) – be a valuable problem solving partner that leaves the team wanting more



# Principal SME: Ensure alignment with the project team

### Ensure to align with...

### **Level of Support**

Different **projects** or **proposals** require a **different level of support**. For large proposals, for example, we start early to collate input material, and ensure we have enough time for iterations.

### **Communications**

Some teams prefer **email chains**, others **Slack** or **WhatsApp**. Clarify channels, distribution lists, etc.. Make sure notifications are set up correctly

### **Formats**

At Catalant, most work is done in **Google Slides**. The biggest advantage vs. **PowerPoint** is real-time, collaborative editing and avoiding of compatibility issues across systems and platforms. Some teams prefer to work with PowerPoint files, though.

## **Timelines & Availability**

Many proposals require **tight turnaround time**, perhaps only a few days. Clarify what is expected, and communicate your availabilities. A calendar-sync tool such as Calendly can save a lot of time!

### Confidentiality

Ensure you are handling **sensitive data** appropriately.

# **Comp/Incentivization for the Champions Program**

