



When IT buyer's are ready to talk to vendors, what do I do?

How long before a purchase would you talk to a vendor sales rep.

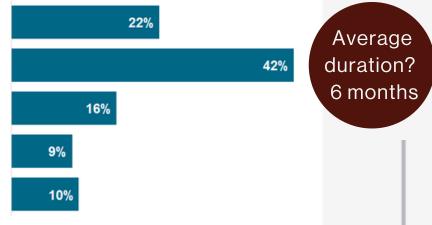
Less than 3 months before the purchase

3-6 months before the purchase

7-9 months before the purchase

10-12 months before the purchase

More than a year before the purchase







would prefer an unsolicited email over an unsolicited phone call from a vendor sales rep



73% screen incoming calls

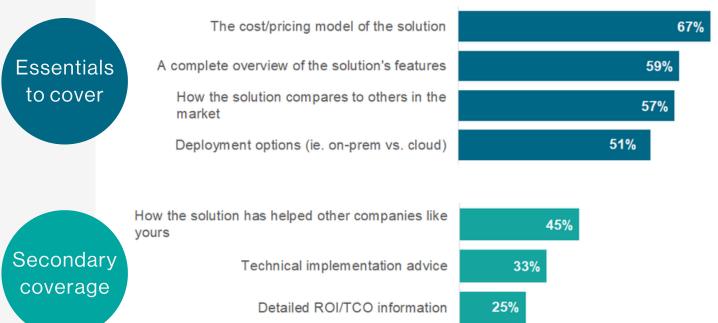
until their far enough along in the process to talk to vendors

This makes sense during Covid when many prospects are working remotely and are more difficult to reach by phone

Prepare for that first meeting



In the first meeting with a vendor sales rep, what do you expect to learn?





Persist through the silence. Sales MUST play a role throughout the entire buying journey, not just the purchase phase.