# REVOLUTIONIZING ONLINE AUCTIONS: ELEVATE YOUR EDGE

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## WHAT SEPARATES YOU FROM YOUR COMPETITION?

01. Immedicay

02. The Customer Experience

03. Reviews

04. Innovation





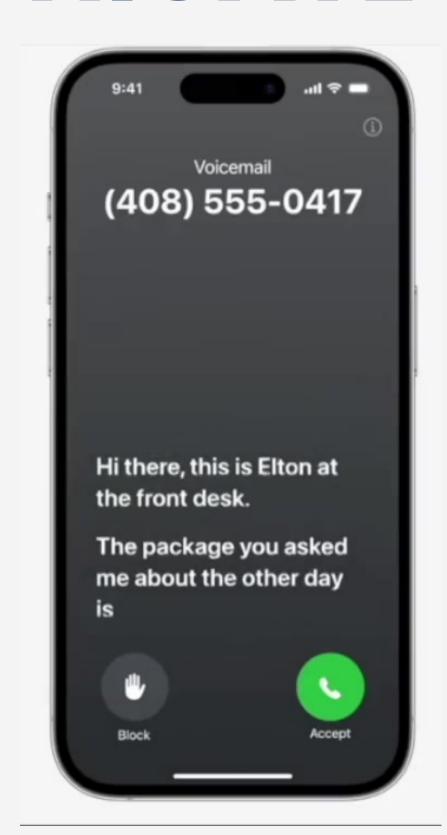
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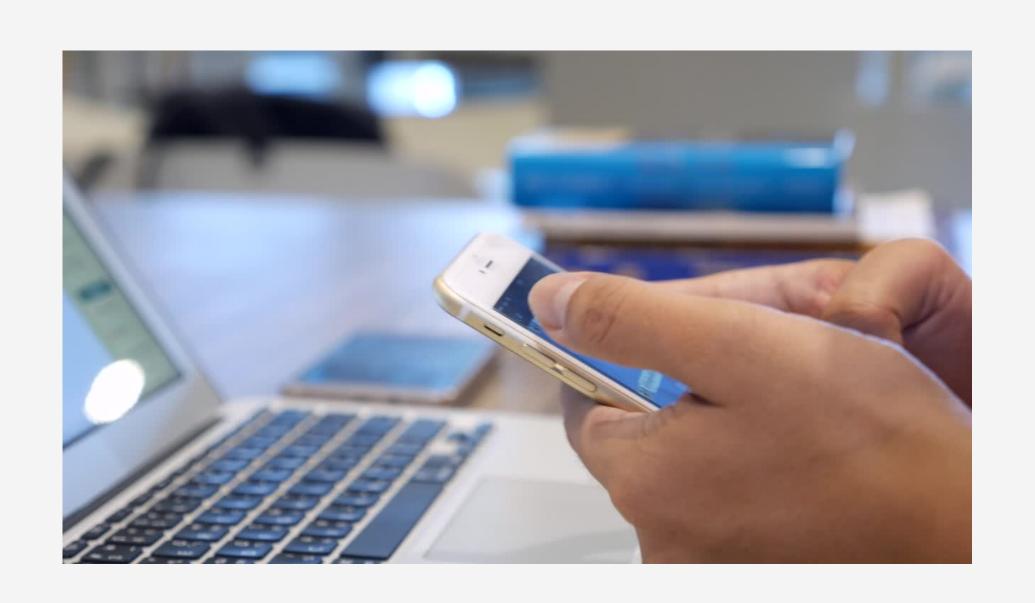
# THERE ARE NO RULES!

## HOW DO PEOPLE COMMUNICATE TODAY?



## COMMUNICATING TO CLIENTS THROUGH TEXT

- 1. Real Time
- O 2.Rapid
  - 3. Efficent
  - 4.Informal

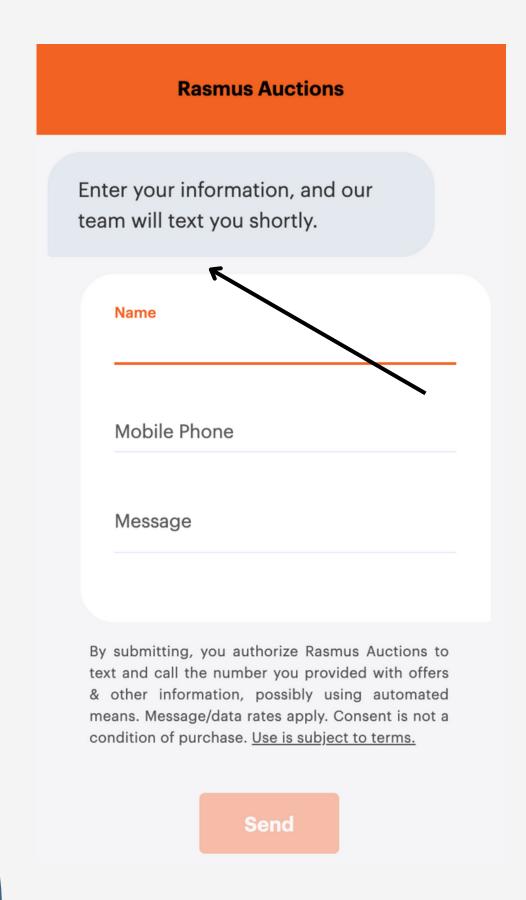


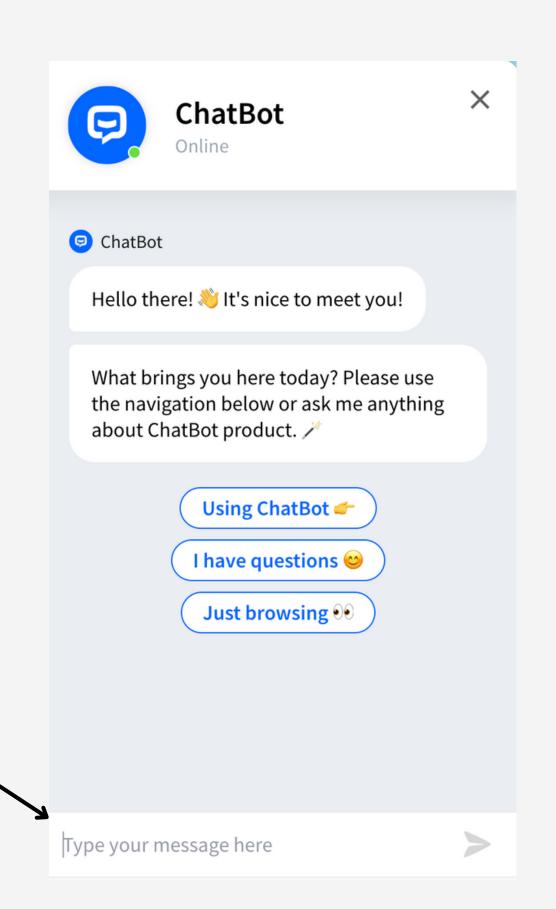






## TEXT CHAT VS. WEB CHAT





#### WEB CHAT

#### **Positives**

-Customizable

-Integration of Chatbots

-Support is not readily available to the keyboard warriors 24/7

#### Negatives

-Not always a continuous thread

-Not as personable

-Hard to navigate



# HOW DO WE GET CLIENTS TO USE TEXT CHAT?

**CLOSED TODAY** PURCELLVILLE, VA 20132

Late Model Exercise Bikes



**CLOSES TOMORROW WASHINGTON DC 20004** 

Purcellville, VA 20132

600+ Aeron Chairs Designer Offices





Go

Hi there, need help? Text us here!

Washington, DC 20004



OSES TUE, FEB 25 11:37 AM **RICHMOND VA 23235** 

**CLOSED TODAY** STERLING VA

Office Furnishings & Business Equip



**CLOSES TOMORROW OLD TOWN MANASSAS VA 20109** 

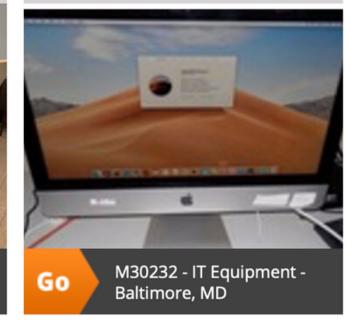
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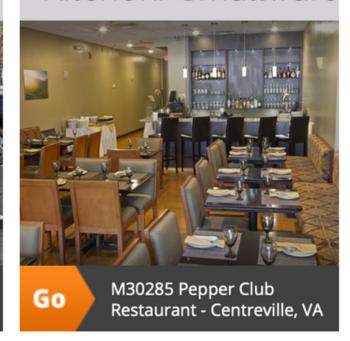
**CLOSED TODAY BALTIMORE MD 21212** 

IT Equipment



CLOSES MON, FEB 24 10:07 AM CENTREVILLE VA 20120

Rest./Bar/Caterino Kitchen/Smallware



CLOSES WED, FEB 26 10:07 AM STERLING VA 20166

New Ceramic

**CLOSES TODAY CHESAPEAKE VA 23322** 

Sportsman's Collector Inventory



CLOSES TUE, FEB 25 10:07 AM MANASSAS VA 20110

1000+ Tools Trucks Forklifts & Eauip



One Of The DC Areas Largest Mechanical Contractors Has Closed And Will Liquidate A Large Selection Of

M30282 - Dominion Go Mechanical Contractor -

> CLOSES THU, FEB 27 10:07 AM STERLING VA 20166

**CLOSES TODAY** SAN DIEGO CA 92102

Surf & Coffee Shop



CLOSES TUE, FEB 25 11:07 AM WASHINGTON DC 20005

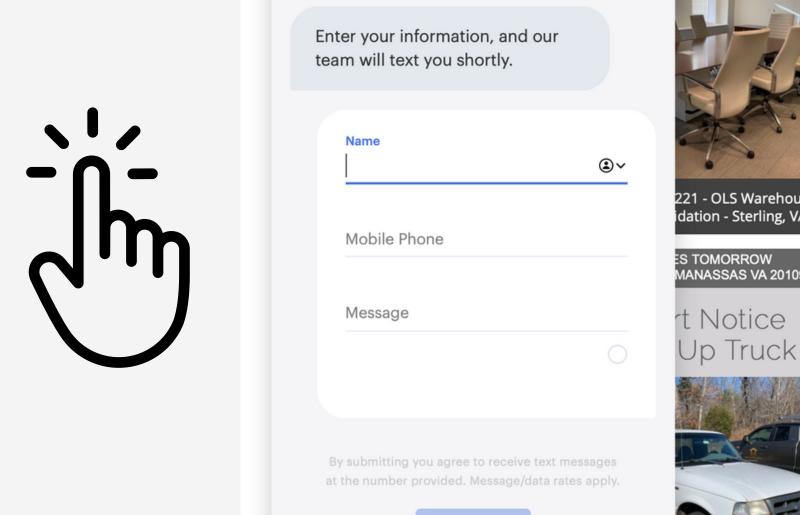
Cafe & Coffee Shop



M30253 Cafe & Creperie -Go Washington, DC 20005

CLOSES THU, FEB 27 10:37 AM **BALTIMORE MD 21230** 

## WE GET THEIR NAME AND THEIR PERMISSION TO TEXT THEM FOREVER



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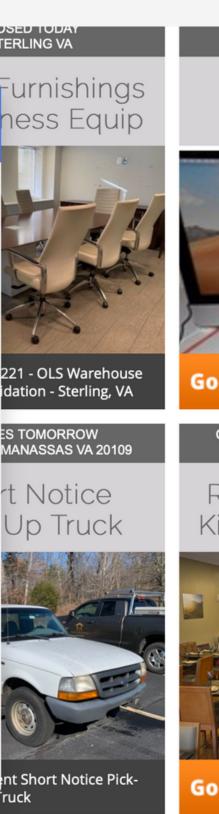
We'll text you.

**PODIUM** • use is subject to terms

washington, DC 20004

OSES TUE, FEB 25 11:37 AM

**RICHMOND VA 23235** 



STERLING VA

Up Truck

CLOSES TUE, FEB 25 1:37 PM

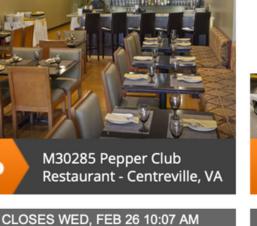
**LEMON GROVE CA 91945** 

CLUSED TUDAY **BALTIMORE MD 21212** IT Equipment M30232 - IT Equipment -Go Baltimore, MD CLOSES MON, FEB 24 10:07 AM **CENTREVILLE VA 20120** Rest./Bar/Caterino



STERLING VA 20166

New Ceramic



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SAN DIEGO CA 92102 Surf & Coffee Shop CA376 - Surf and Coffee

> CLOSES TUE, FEB 25 11:07 AM **WASHINGTON DC 20005**

Shop - San Diego, CA

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Cafe & Coffee Shop



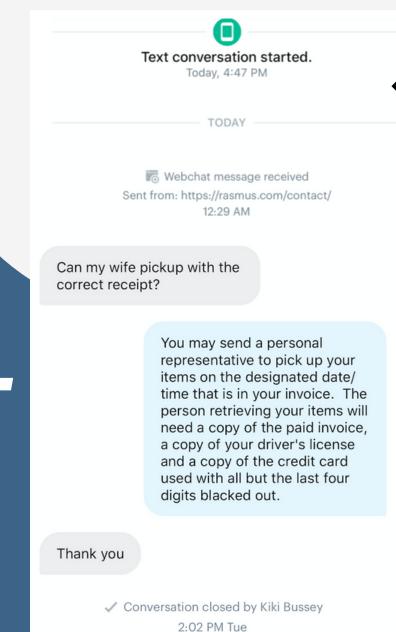
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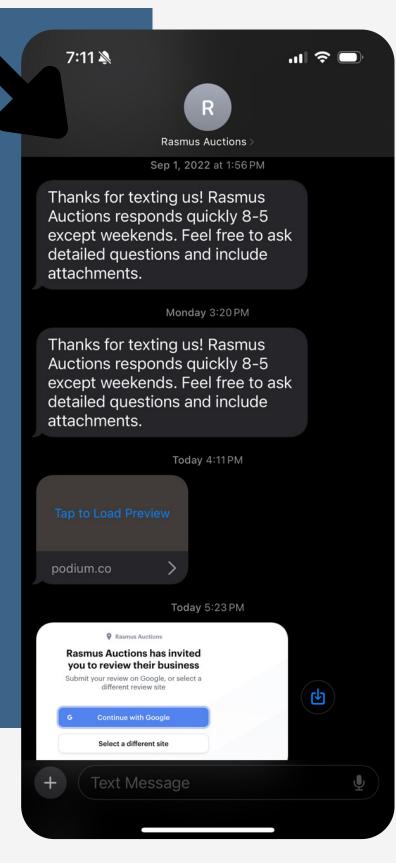
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## PODIUM MOVES A CHAT TO A TEXT STREAM ON THEIR PHONE





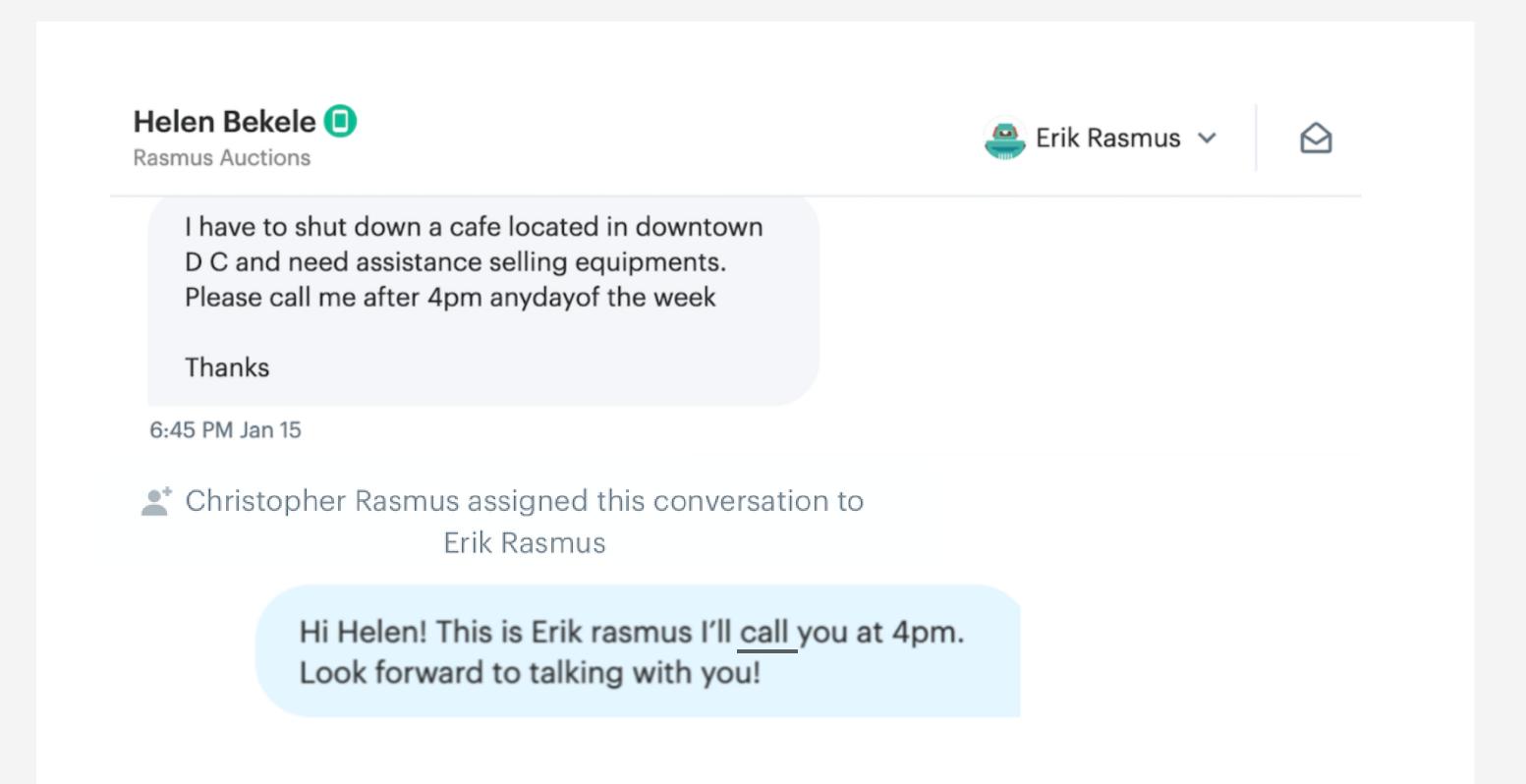


#### WHY USE TEXT?

- Calling to liquidate can be emotional
- It's easy to act
- They can communicate on their own terms
- Not intimidating
- It's <u>Immediate!</u>

## IMMEDICAY MATTERS

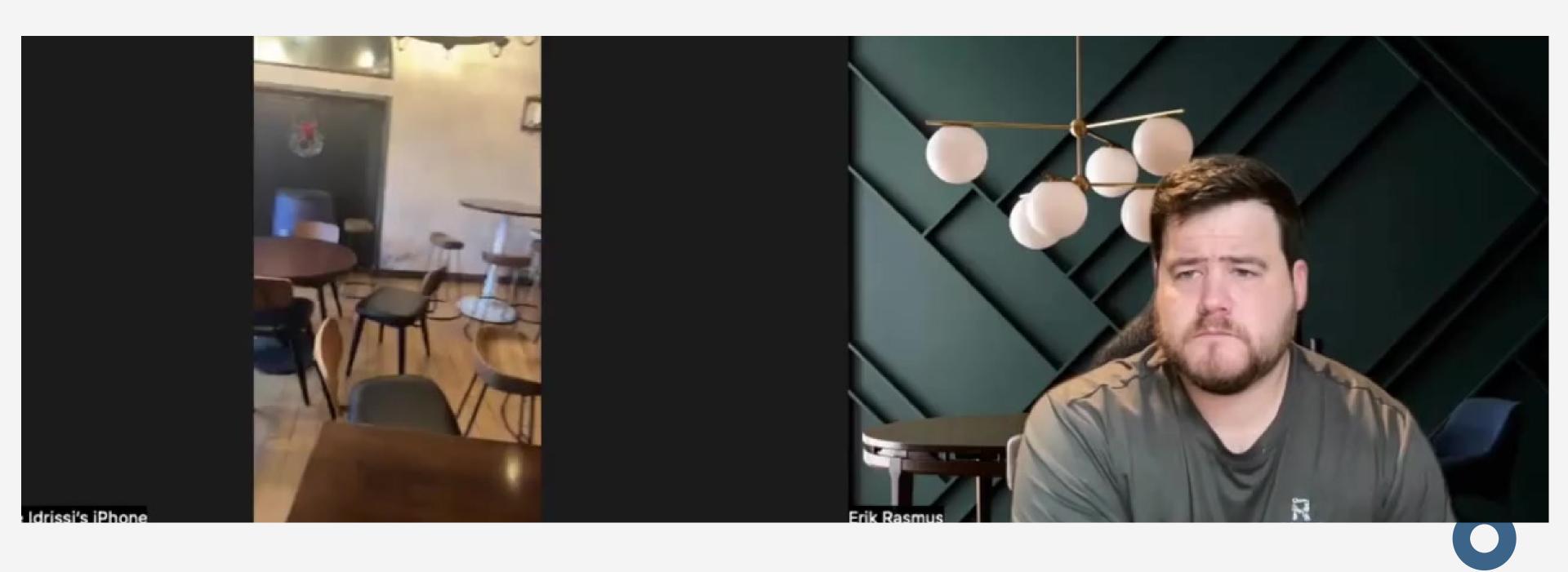
#### IT CLOSES DEALS-CREATES CONFIDENCE-IT FITS OUR BRAND



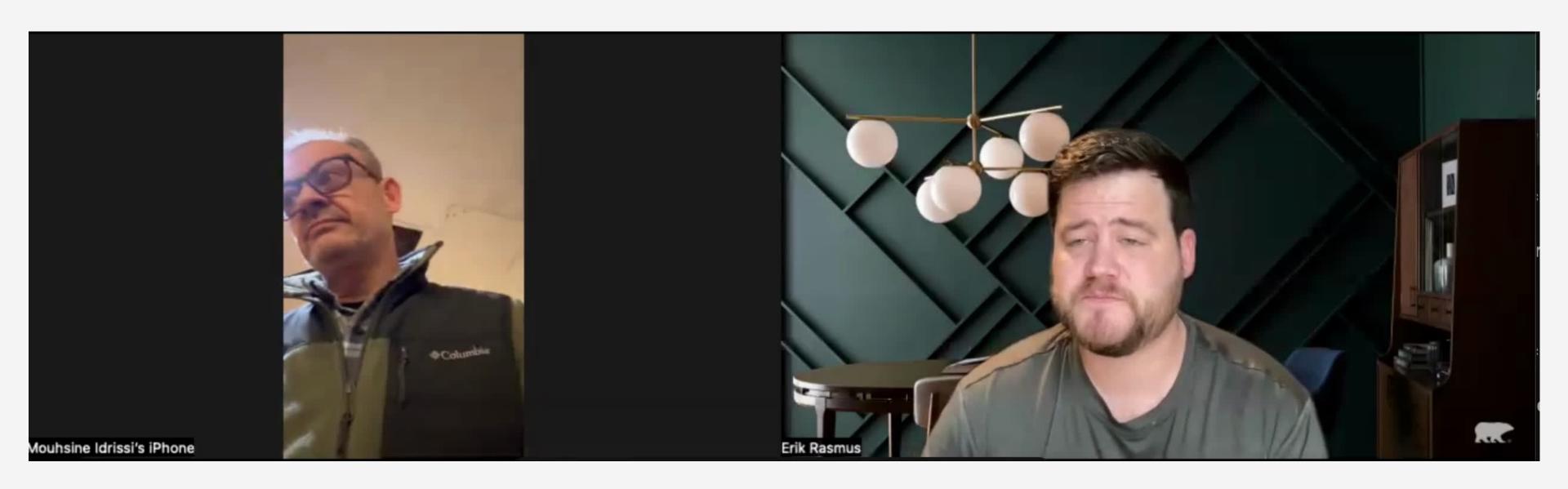


## CLOSING A DEAL IN THE MOMENT

WEBFORM>TEXT>FACETIME



## DONE DEAL

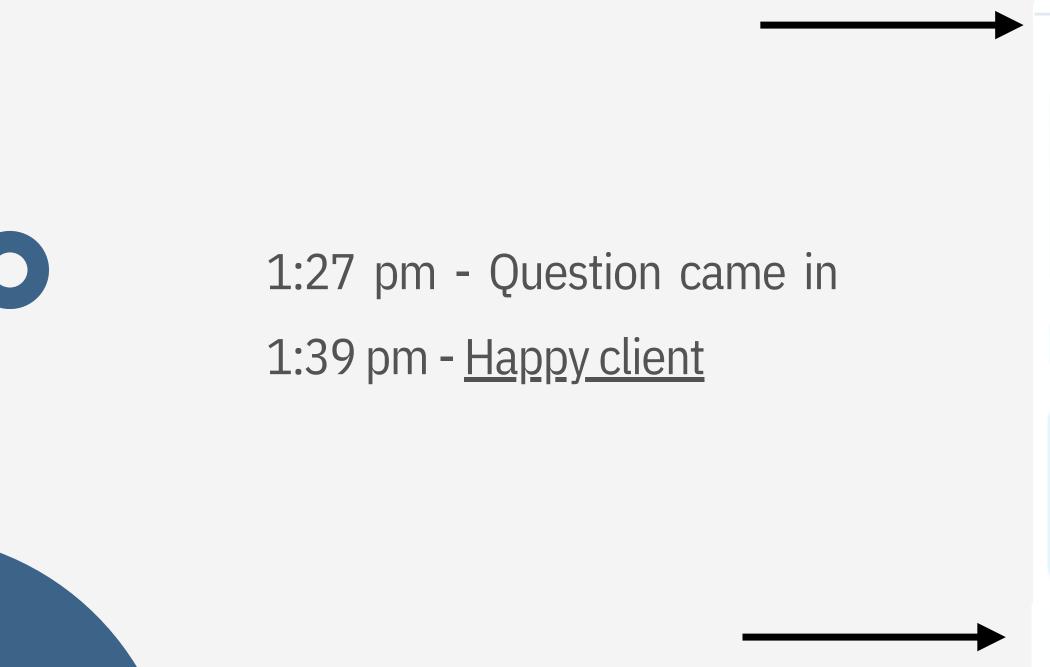


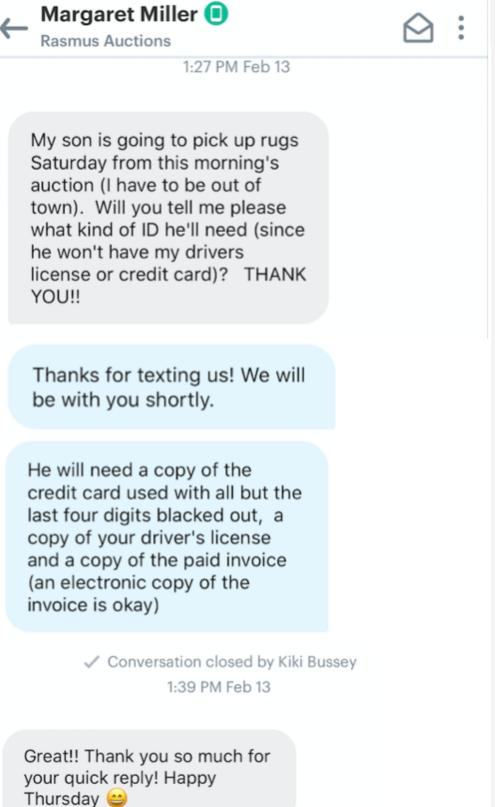


## QUESTIONS?

**OPEN DISCUSSION** 

## CREATING TRUST, COMFORT, AND CONFIDENCE THROUGH IMMEDIACY IS HUGE!





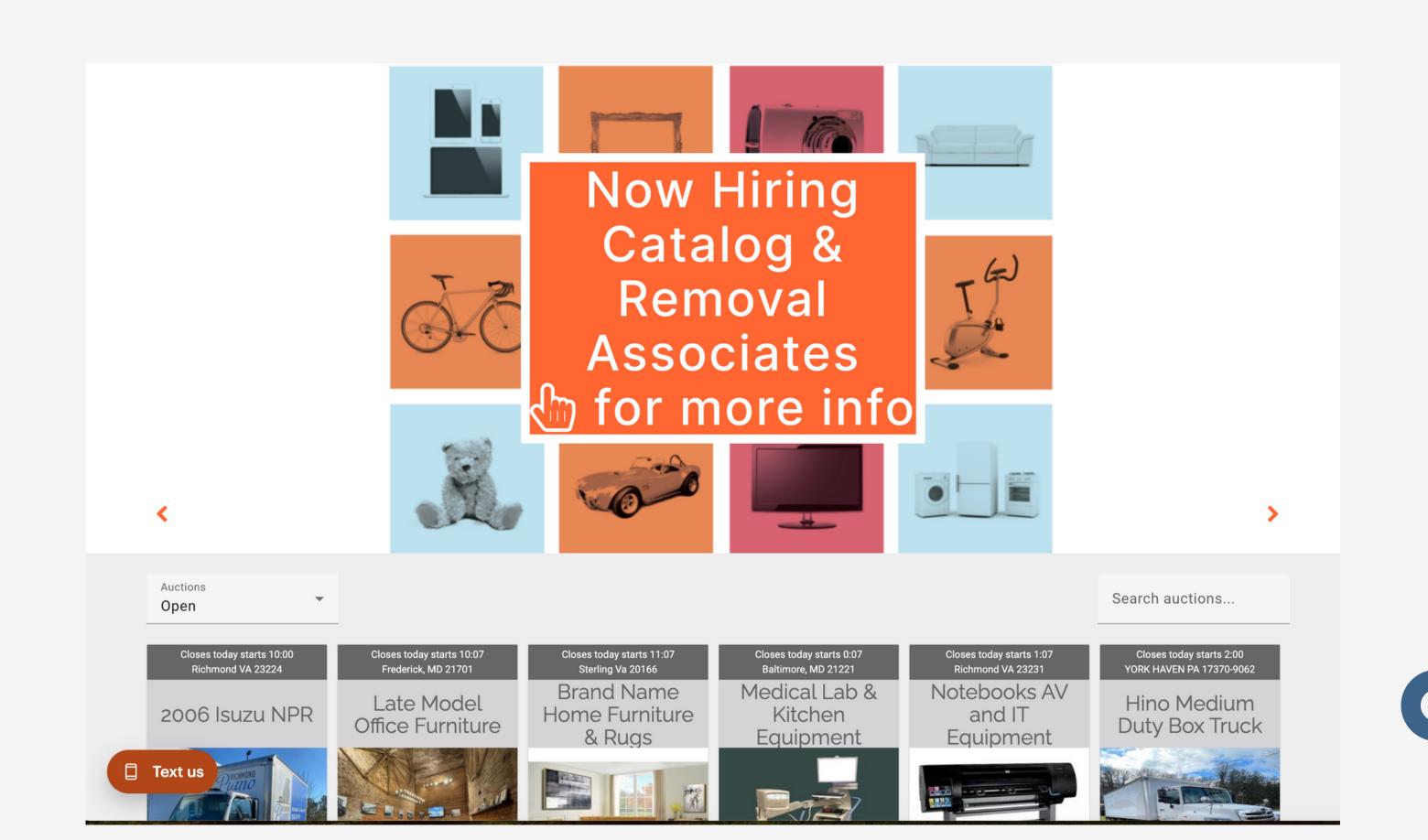


## HOW TO SOLVE THE HIRING PROBLEM!!!





#### HIRE THAT HAPPY CLIENT!



## HIRE YOUR COMMUNITY

They know what you do and how you do it!

Explaining who you are and what your about is already done!

These are the people who would make great team members

They LOVE auctions



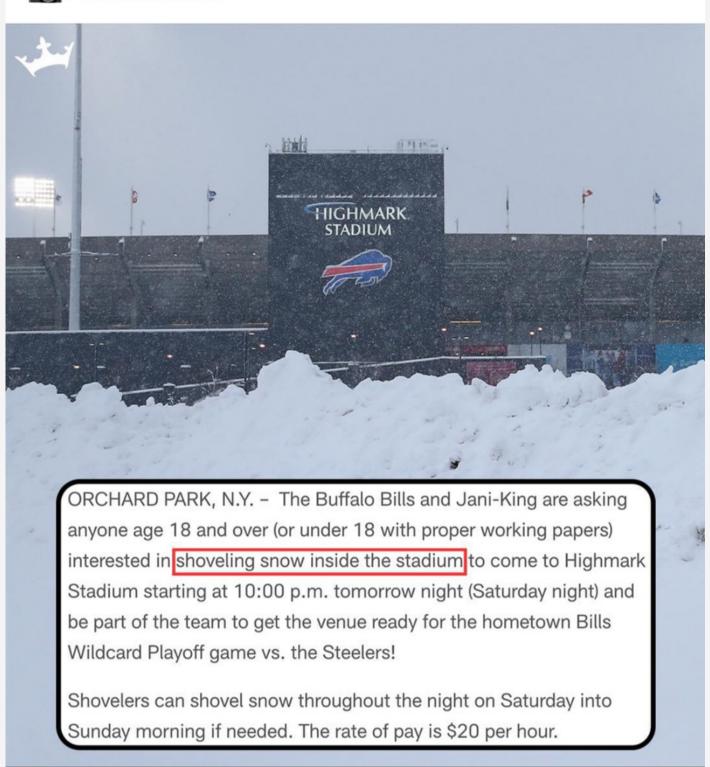
## HIRE YOUR COMMUNITY



Break out the shovels, Bills Mafia 🔆 😳



**\*\***: Buffalo Bills



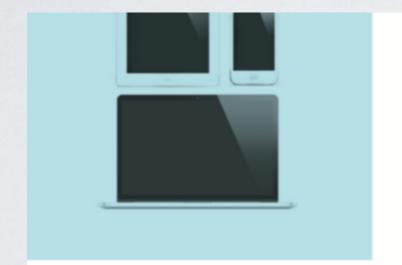
#### Winter Storm Warning

Northern Erie; Genesee; Wyoming; Southern Erie 4 hours ago - National Weather Service

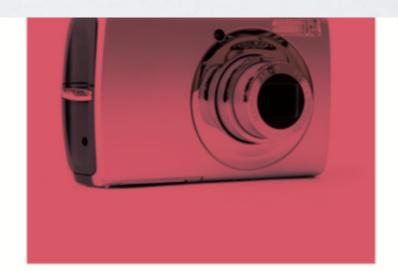
WINTER STORM WARNING IN EFFECT FROM 10 AM SATURDAY TO 7 AM EST MONDAY \* WHAT...Heavy lake effect snow and very strong winds expected. Total snow accumulations of 1 to 3 feet



## ISTAFF



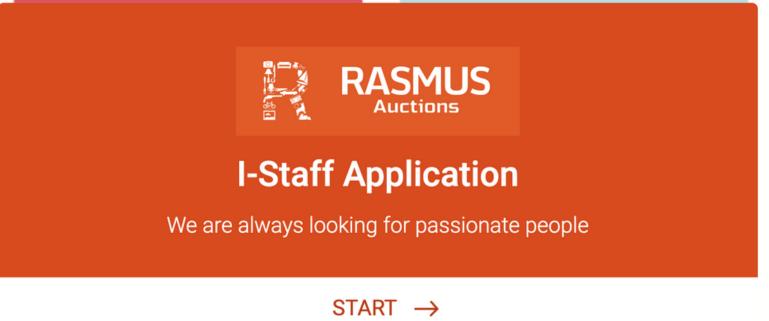


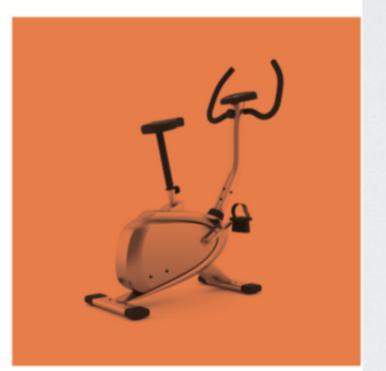




















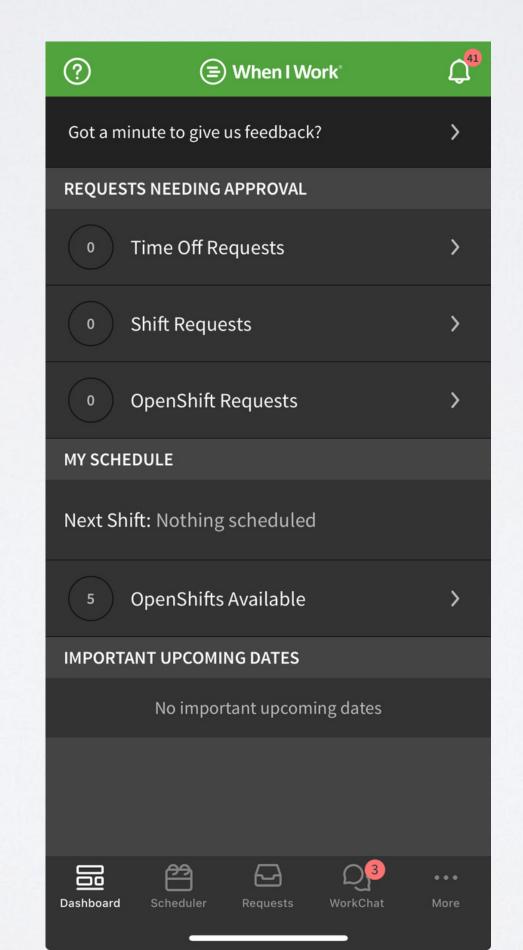
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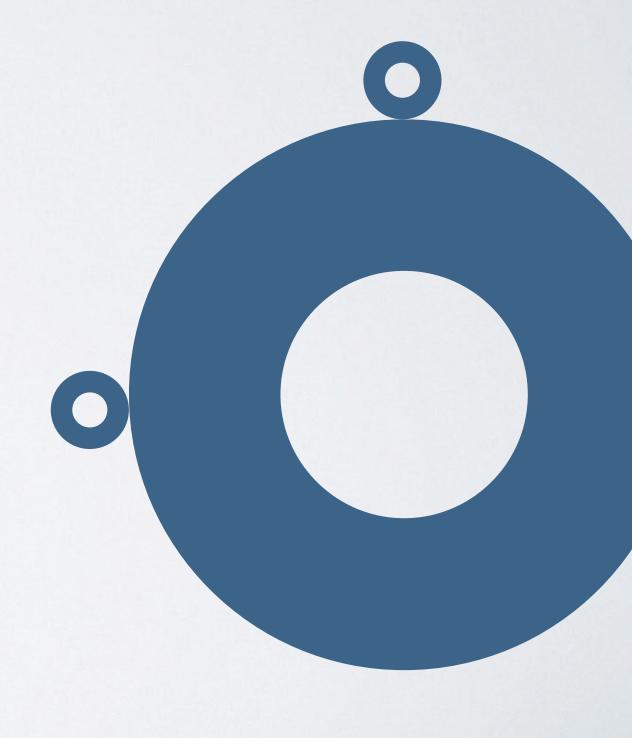
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7	Werik Rasrasmus	Jan 11, 2024	CccBryebRtgb, CC	(703) 571-237857	c.rasmus@rasmus.com	YES		Monday-Friday
7	Cliff Wilke	Jan 6, 2024	3713 Merrimac Trail	(202) 409-0875	cawilke@usa.net	YES		All of the above
7	Isaac Acheampong	Jan 5, 2024	122 Reservoir rd	(304) 578-9969	ikeauto@yahoo.com	NO		Monday-Friday Saturday
7	larry martin	Jan 3, 2024	20646 Spring Creek Dr	(540) 222-5420	dirt868@gmail.com	YES		Monday-Friday
7	Judi Stull	Jan 1, 2024	2005 Four Vines Ct	(410) 599-5955	judistull@gmail.com	YES		Monday-Friday Saturday
7	Jacqueline Piro	Dec 30, 2023	314 N Main Street	(240) 447-5115	pbpiro@gmail.com	YES		Monday-Friday
7	Kim Will	Dec 29, 2023	1122 Skank	(494) 864-5645	kim@gmail.com	YES		All of the above
7	Tonya Boyce	Dec 29, 2023	2041 Rosewood Dr	(240) 603-3916	tonyaboyce73@gmail.com	YES		Saturday Sunday
7	Hossam Gad	Dec 28, 2023	14511 Ravenscar Ct	(571) 320-0456	hossamsgad@gmail.com	YES		Saturday Sunday
7	Gabriel Perez	Dec 28, 2023	2511 20TH RD N. #103	(703) 899-5846	gabriel_perez10@yahoo.c	YES		All of the above
7	Gahmeir Cooper	Dec 28, 2023	3025 Birch Bark dr	(757) 269-8616	reeza1284@gmail.com	NO		All of the above
7	Juwan Green	Dec 28, 2023	2344 Barkley Place	(301) 908-0027	juwangreen96@yahoo.com	YES		Monday-Friday
7	Felix Santiago	Dec 27, 2023	45285 Gable sq	(703) 209-5099	prtransport82@gmail.com	YES		Monday-Friday
7	Christina Garcia	Dec 27, 2023	37296 Tanyard Drive	(240) 431-7471	krsygarcia@gmail.com	YES		All of the above
7	Jacquelyn Moore	Dec 25, 2023	8393 Pine Bluff Rd	(803) 662-5100	wjacquelyn@yahoo.com	NO		Monday-Friday Saturday
7	Ronald Fiel	Dec 25, 2023	9925 Talley Rd	(571) 237-0382	ronfiel@msn.com	YES		All of the above
7	Jimmie Cuevas	Dec 24, 2023	6403 May Blvd	(703) 987-5217	jimmie.cuevas@gmail.com	YES		Monday-Friday
7	shubha siddaramaiah	Dec 22, 2023	43573 Helmsdale Terrace	(571) 212-4823	shubhasid@gmail.com	YES		Monday-Friday
7	Myron Chase	Dec 22, 2023	9510 Fox Run Drive	(301) 537-5778	myronchase@gmail.com	YES		Saturday Sunday
7	Christopher ROTHE	Dec 19, 2023	707 Kenyon st	(443) 771-0311	cwriston81@gmail.com	YES		All of the above
7	Avis Freeman	Dec 11, 2023	17 Currituck Court	(240) 364-4910	Integrityf06@gmail.com	YES		Monday-Friday
7	Connor Hurson	Dec 7, 2023	3600 Glenmore Ave	(240) 274-8061	jc.hurson@gmail.com	NO		All of the above

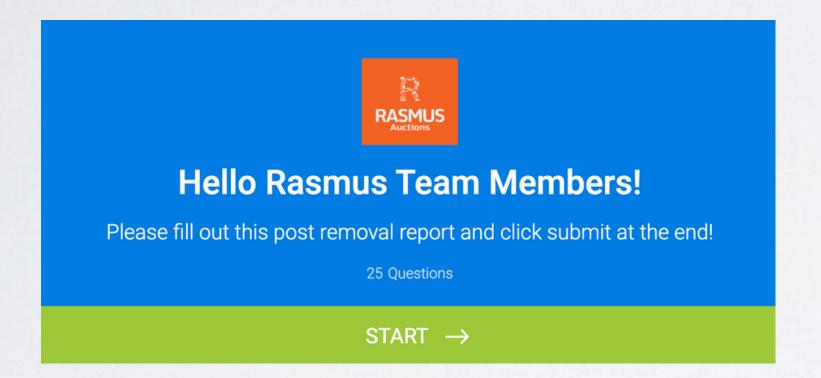
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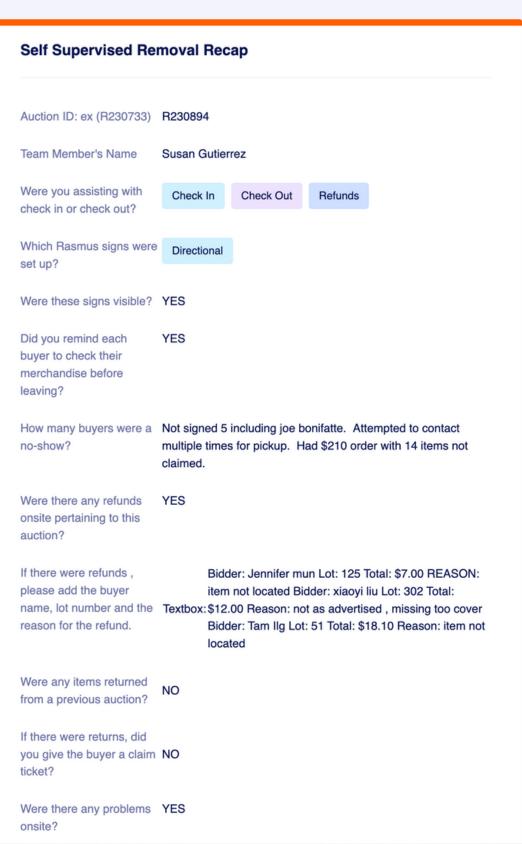




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## QUESTIONS?

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## THIS GETS YOU OUT OF THE WAY!

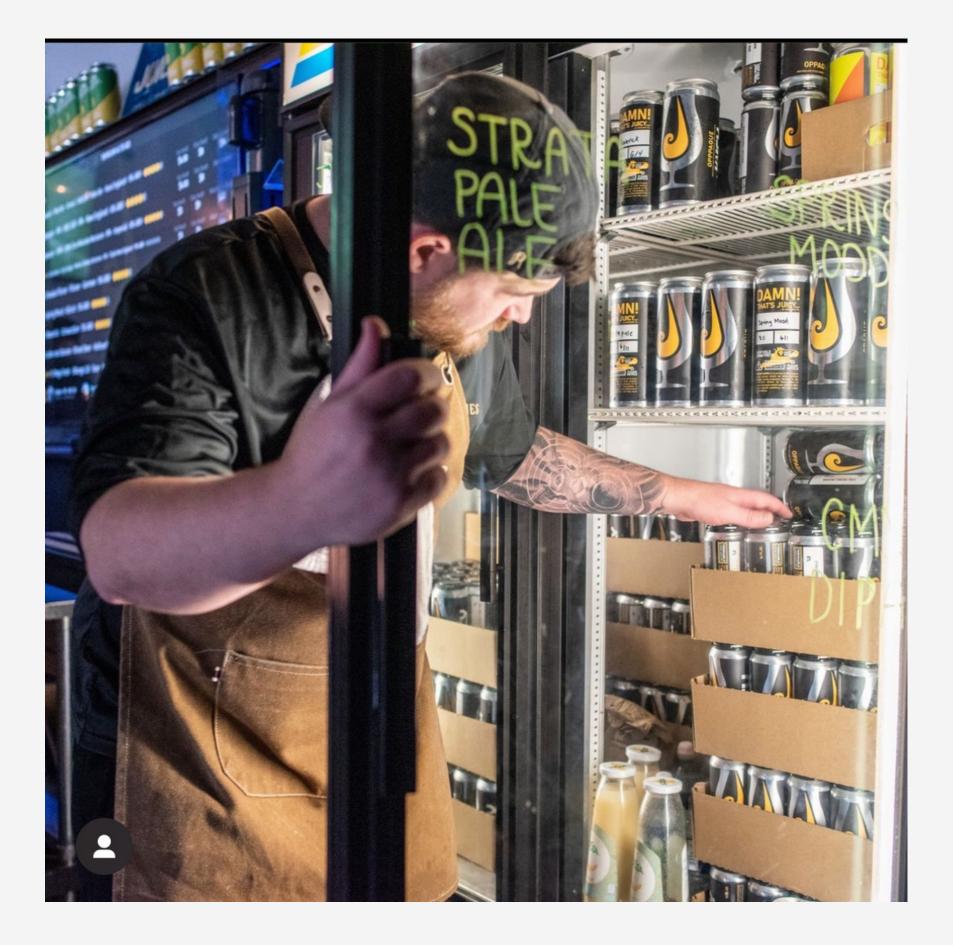
1ST STEP TO BUILDING
A DEDICATED
AUCTION TEAM













## KEYS TO A DEDICATED TEAM

- 1. They truly believe they make a difference (Branded T shirt)
- 2. Feel like they are apart of the team
- 3. You can't be everywhere all at once (Get out of the way)
- 4. Don't hire another you, your not the only one who can do a good job
- 5. Effective Communication (Email? Text? Phone Call?)
- 6. Shared Vision (What is your company's mission statement?)



## KEYS TO A DEDICATED TEAM CONTINUED

- Hold break out calls (Let your team work)
- Turn team members into managers
- Feel Appreciated ("I appreciate you")
- A dedicated team leads to a well run oiled machine which leads to 5 star reviews.



## **REVIEWS MATTER**

 If your not set up for reviews your not ahead of your competition

• Encourage honest reviews, bad reviews are great!









## REVIEWS MATTER



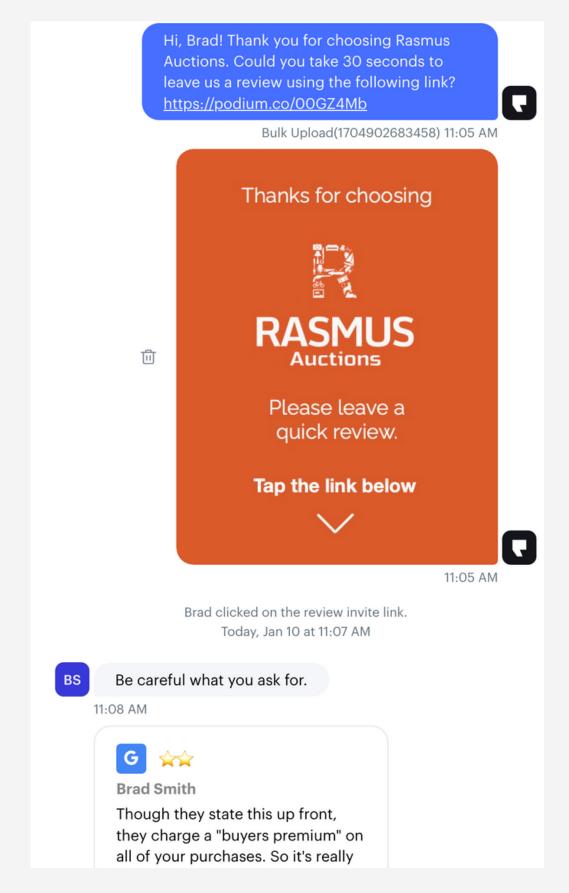




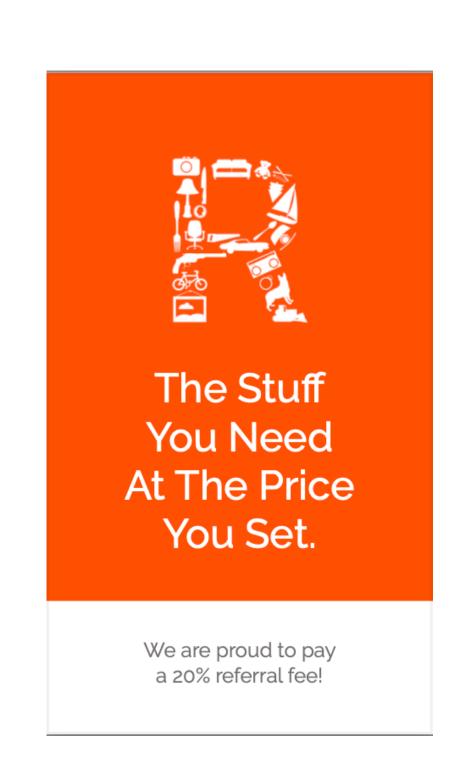
## WE REACH BACK TO OUR CLIENTS ON TEXT FOR REVIEWS

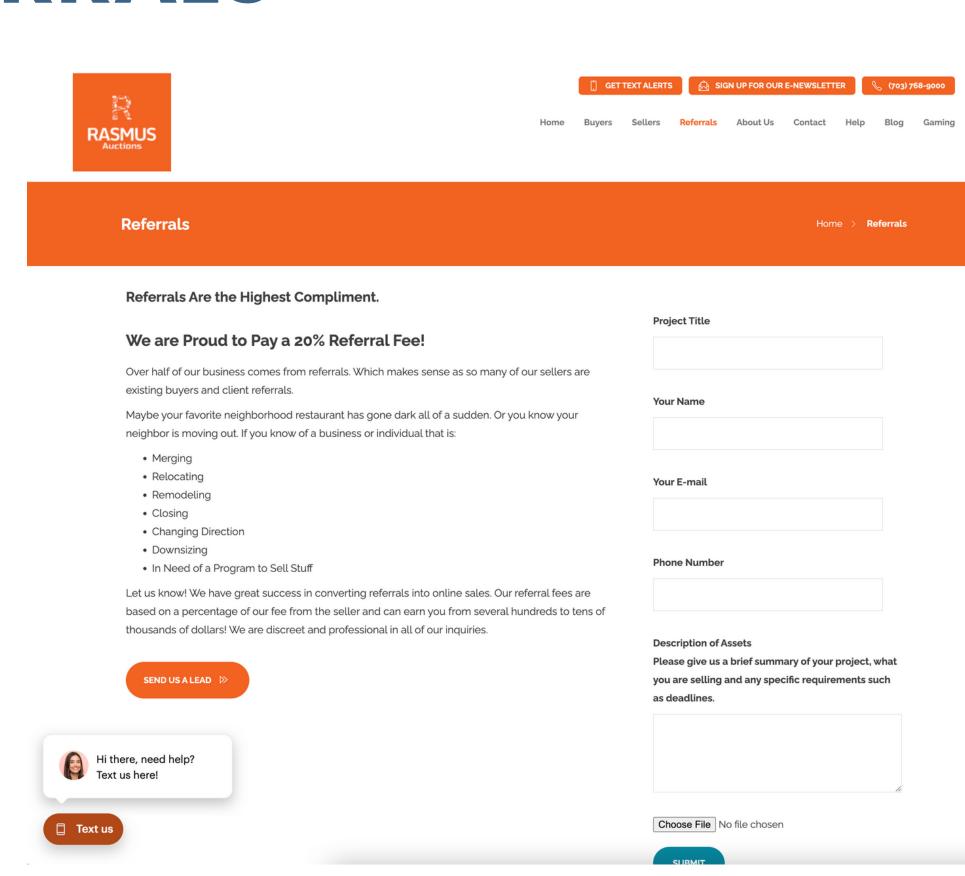
REMEMBER THAT TEXT CHAT?

ASK FOR REVIEWS AFTER EVERY SALE!



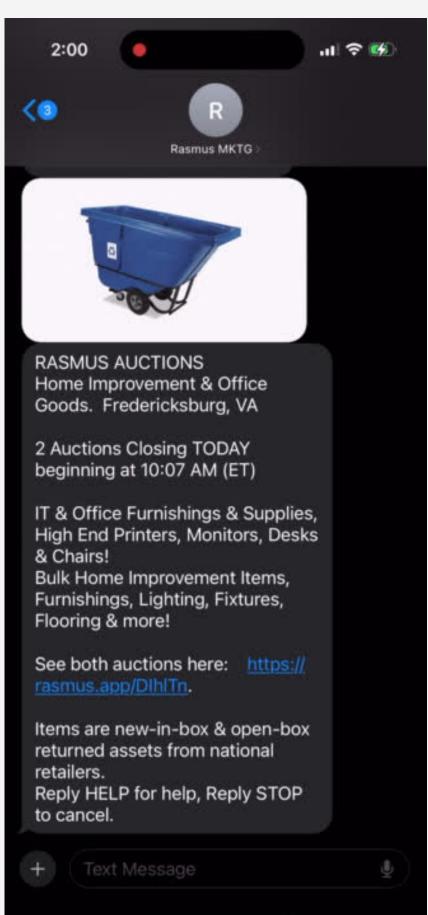
# 30% OF OUR BUSINESS COMES FROM REFERRALS





# MMS TEXT REMINDER MARKETING

- Now that they are comfortable with text...we market through text!
- Sends live Updates
- Make aware of short notice auctions
- \*\*\*Remind Them About An Auction Closing
  That Same Day\*\*\*

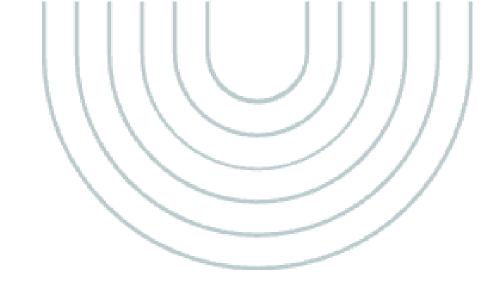


#### **SMS TEXT**

(Rasmus Auctions)
Closing Today At 12:07
PM Jewelry Fashion And
Home Goods. Springfield,
Va.

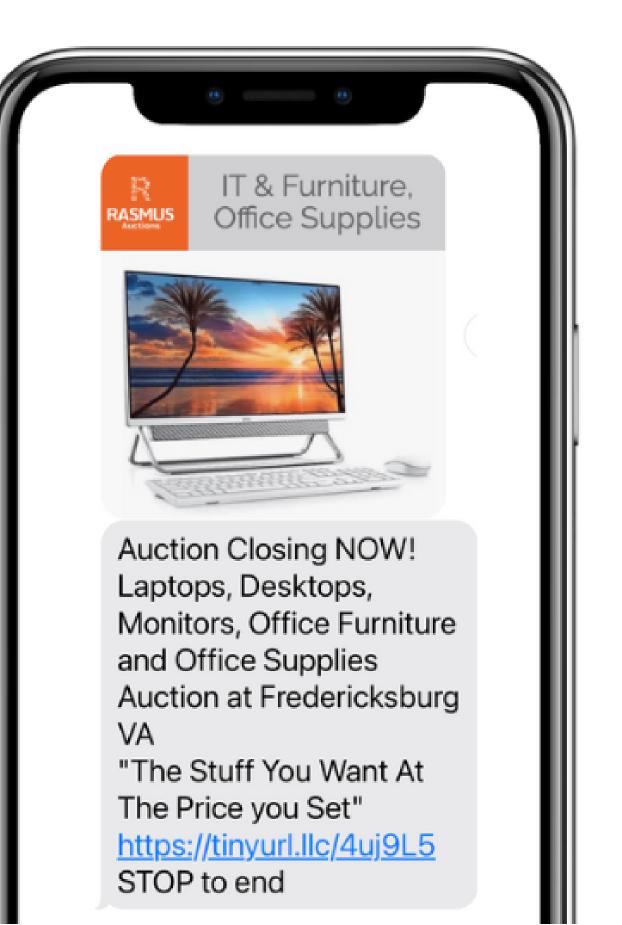
"The Stuff You Need At The Price you Set" https://tinyurl.llc/NVDaoF STOP to end

SMS 160 characters no attachment about 3 cents per text



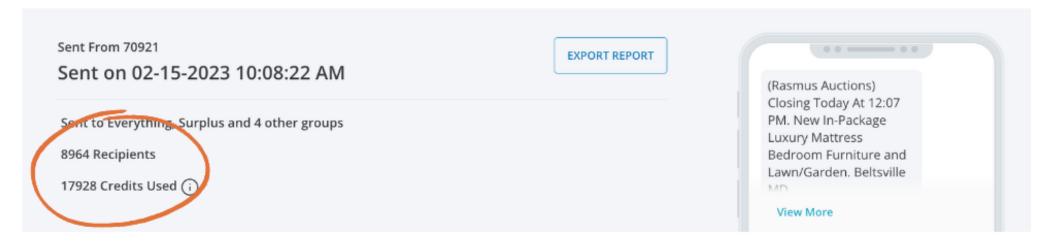
MMS
1600 characters with
attachments including
pictures video or gif
about 9 cents per text

#### **MMS TEXT**



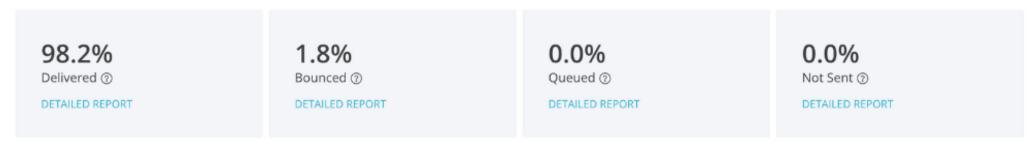
# Auction Buyers Don't Opt Out

OVERVIEW DETAILS



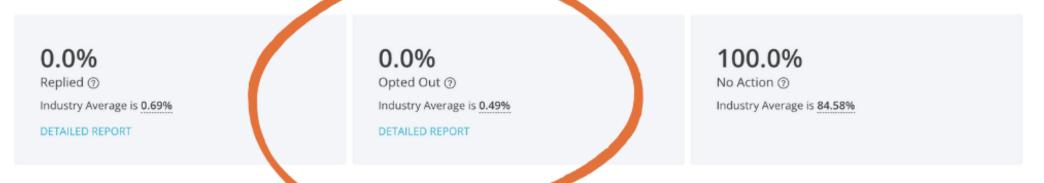
#### Delivery statistics

Get basic details about the delivery of your message. Learn more.



#### **Engagement Statistics**

Take a deeper look at how users interacted with the message you sent. Learn more



#### Link Statistics

Link Reports are available for Campaigns that utilize Link Tracking in their text message.



# CLIENT MANAGED AUCITONS

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# COMMUNITY = CLIENT MANAGED SELLERS

- Turn your community into sellers
- You host the platform they host the content (send i staff)
- Equipbid has over 100 affiliates now
- 80% or more of our auctions are now either <u>client managed</u> or syndicated sales.

#### CLIENT MANAGED VS RASMUS MANAGED

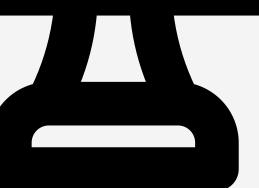
HOW DO YOU DETERMINE THE BEST FIT?



- a. Estate vs construction company
- b.20 items vs. 200 items
- c. Labor intensive vs non labor intensive
- d.Penny pincher vs get it gone
- e.\$5,000 auction vs \$50,000 auction

Under \$10k=Client Managed

If the deal is good content but not a \$ maker, request a minimum commission rate



#### MAINTAINING YOUR BRAND

- Send a Rasmus team member to each removal
- Provide signage directional signage
- Ask each seller to wear their companies branded shirt



# SUPER SELLERS RETAIL RETURNS

- The retail return business at this current point and time is booming.
- Some of our super sellers do an auction a week.
- Buy from B stock, Amazon, overstock from retailers, etc.
- A lot of these sellers were previous buyers who wanted to replicate these types of auctions and conduct them in their own city.
- Its an easy start up







## SUPER SELLERS CO-BRANDING

- We want these seller to succeed
- We market for them
- We have recurring facebook ads for each sellers geographical area
- "Best for less powered by Rasmus Auctions"
- Set parameters. 10th item review









and earn more money!

#### OI TAKE PROMO PHOTOS

We've learned through extendsive auction marketing that promo photos perform better than individual item photos when we advertise your auction.

Give us a wide shot of your warehouse or group some appealing items together. Step back and get a shot of your restaurant dining room or fully furnished office or waiting area for the best results.

#### **GOOD PROMO PHOTO:**

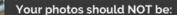


#### YES! GOOD!

#### NO, BAD

#### **02** QUALITY ITEM PHOTOS

The better the photo, the higher the bids.



- Grainy
- Small
- · Have the item cut off
- Contain more than one item or things that are not included
- Weird angles

#### **QUALITY ITEM PHOTOS** CONTINUED... DO

- For the additional item images after the first, take pictures of any details of the items including:
- SKUs
- o make and model
- numbers,
- back and side views of the item, etc.

#### **QUALITY ITEM PHOTOS** CONTINUED... DON'T

- Stand in the reflection of mirrors when you take photos! Stand off to the side and take it at a slight angle (enough so that you aren't in
- · Forget about the lighting of the photo. Try to avoid taking images in the direct sunlight that look washed

#### **03** PROMOTE YOUR SALE

You know better than anyone those who are most likely to buy your stuff. We recommend:

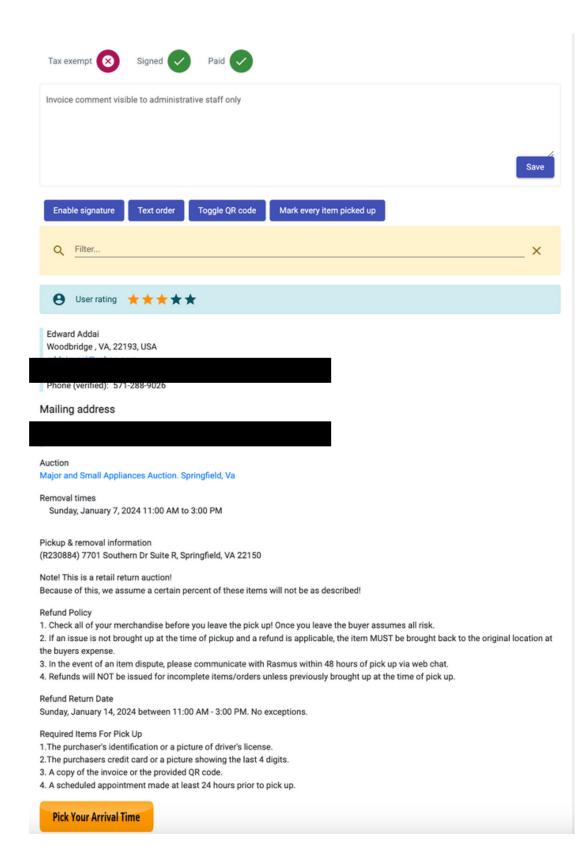
- Promoting your sale on your own social media channels & tagging us so that we can share your content. We are happy to create graphics for you to use on your social channels.
- https://www.facebook.com/RasmusAuction
- o instagram.com/rasmusauctions/
- Linking to the sale on your website
- Sending out an email to your current customers letting them know that the sale is coming up. We recommend doing this both as soon as the sale goes live and the day before it closes as a reminder.

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# QUESTIONS?

**OPEN DISCUSSION** 



#### REFUNDS

# WE ARE ONE OF THE FEW AUCTIONEERS THAT ACCEPT RETURNS



#### REFUNDS PARAMETERS

#### FOR RETAIL RETURNS

#### Refund Policy

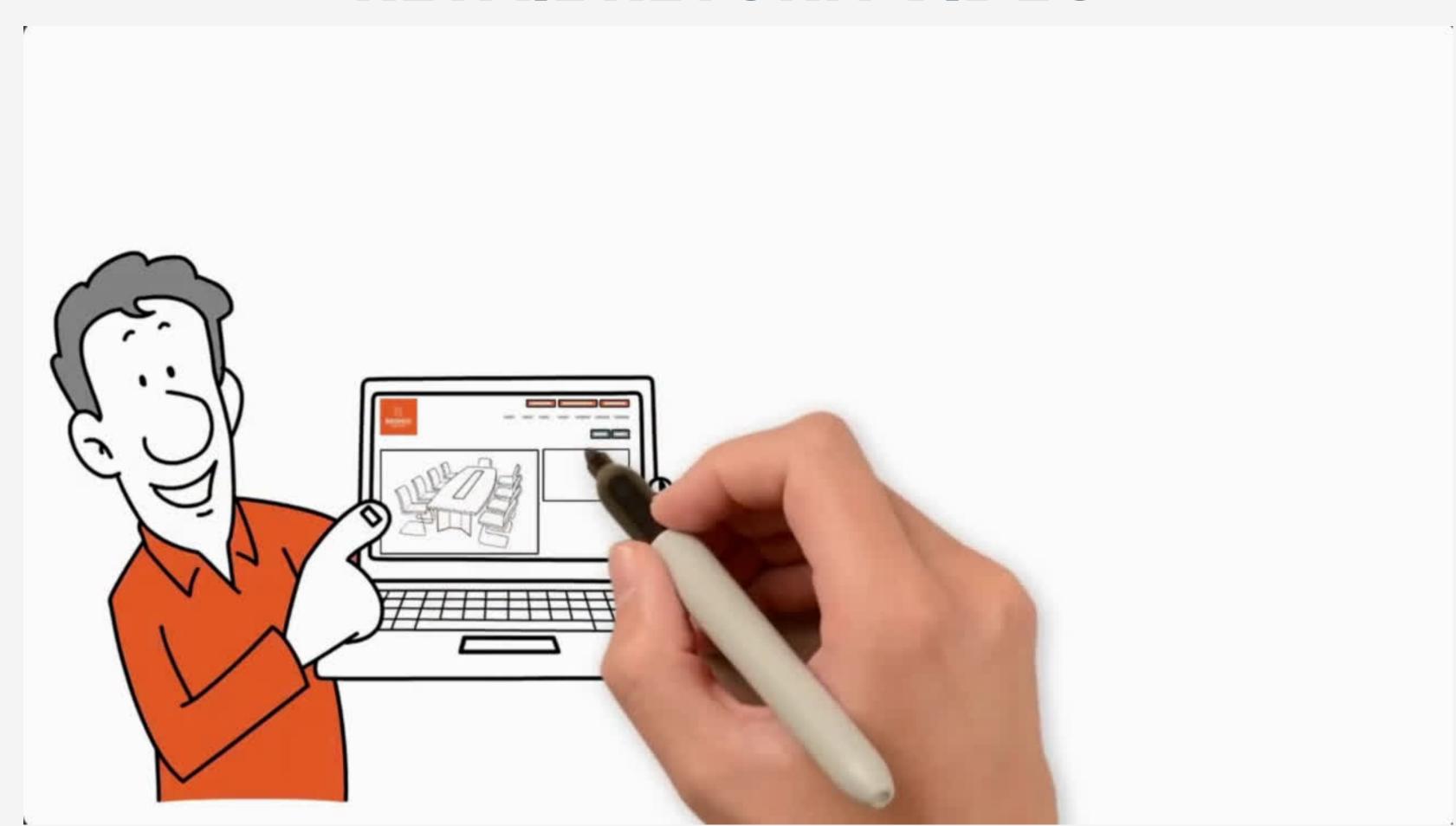
- 1. Check all of your merchandise before you leave the pick up! Once you leave the buyer assumes all risk.
- 2. If an issue is not brought up at the time of pickup and a refund is applicable, the item MUST be brought back to the original location at the buyers expense.
- 3. In the event of an item dispute, please communicate with Rasmus within 48 hours of pick up via web chat.
- 4. Refunds will NOT be issued for incomplete items/orders unless previously brought up at the time of pick up.

#### Refund Return Date

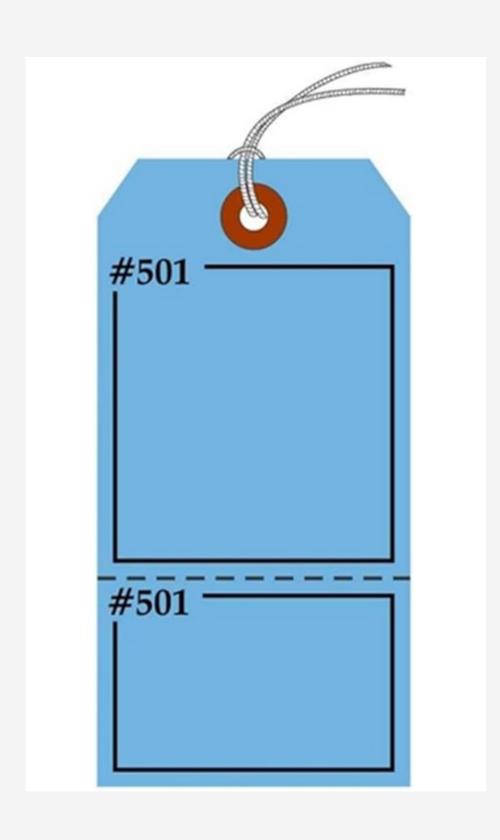
Sunday, January 14, 2024 between 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. No exceptions.



#### RETAIL RETURN VIDEO



#### **CLAIM TICKET**



#### "AS IS WHERE IS"

INDUSTRY IS CHANGING

THE DAYS OF GET YOU STUFF AND GO ARE BEHIND US

#### REFUNDS PARAMETERS

FOR RASMUS MANAGED AUCTIONS

ONCE THE BUYER LEAVES THERE ARE NO REFUNDS OR RETURNS

ANY INCIDENT MUST BE BROUGHT UP BEFORE THE BUYER LEAVES THE REMOVAL



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#### VETTING A DEAL

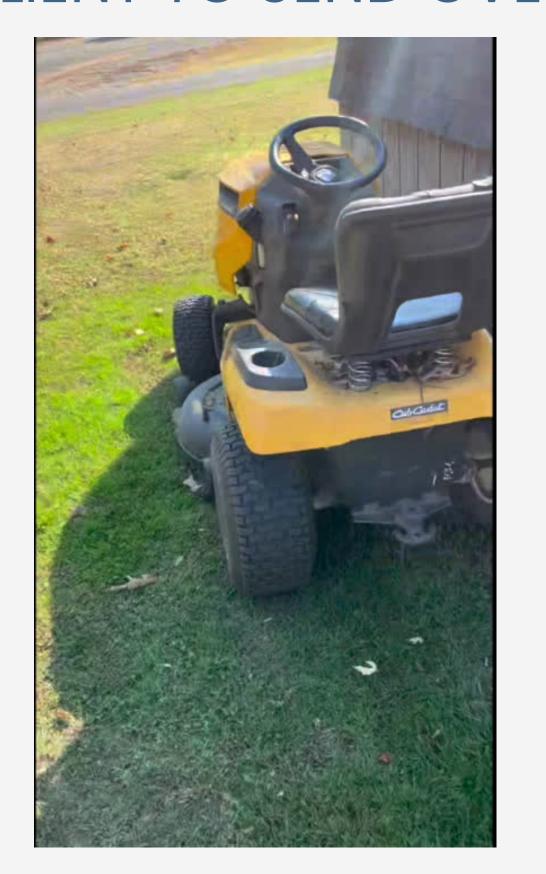
- Sniff out a bad deal.
- The best deal is sometimes the one you don't take.
- If a lead comes in that we feel like is not worth our time, we ask for pictures.
- This helps vet the project.
   If the pictures tell the story,
   let them down easy.
- Ask for a video especially if...





### CLIENT NOT TECH SAVVY. AREA WITH NO SERVICE.

#### ASK THE CLIENT TO SEND OVER A VIDEO







# DEVELOPMENT: SYNDICATION WITH OTHER AUCTIONEERS











#### AUCTIONEER SYNDICATION CONT.

#### **COLLABORATE & SHARE**

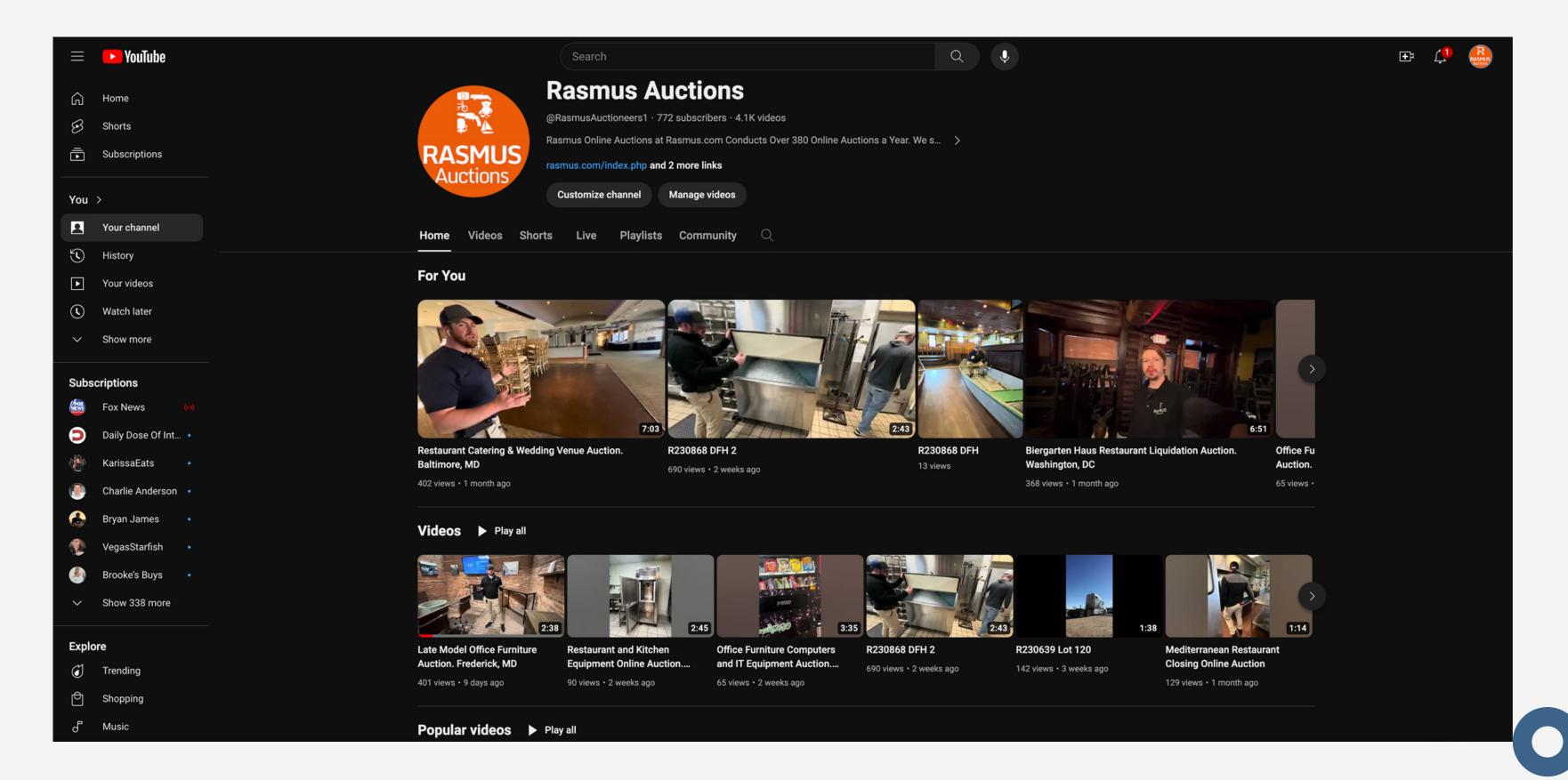
- Technology (Filemaker, EZtexting, Podio)
- Contracts, Proposals, Marketing Tools
- Content
- Buyers



#### BEST PRACTICES

- "Photograph like there is no description and describe like there is no photograph"-Jack Christy Jr.
- Have good backgrounds (Ararity & USLH)
- Once you have brand awareness inspections become less important. (Ebay) Obtain an estimated value for every auction

#### CREATE A YOUTUBE CHANNEL



#### VIDEO WALKTHROUGHS





#### SOCIAL MEDIA SNEAK PEAKS





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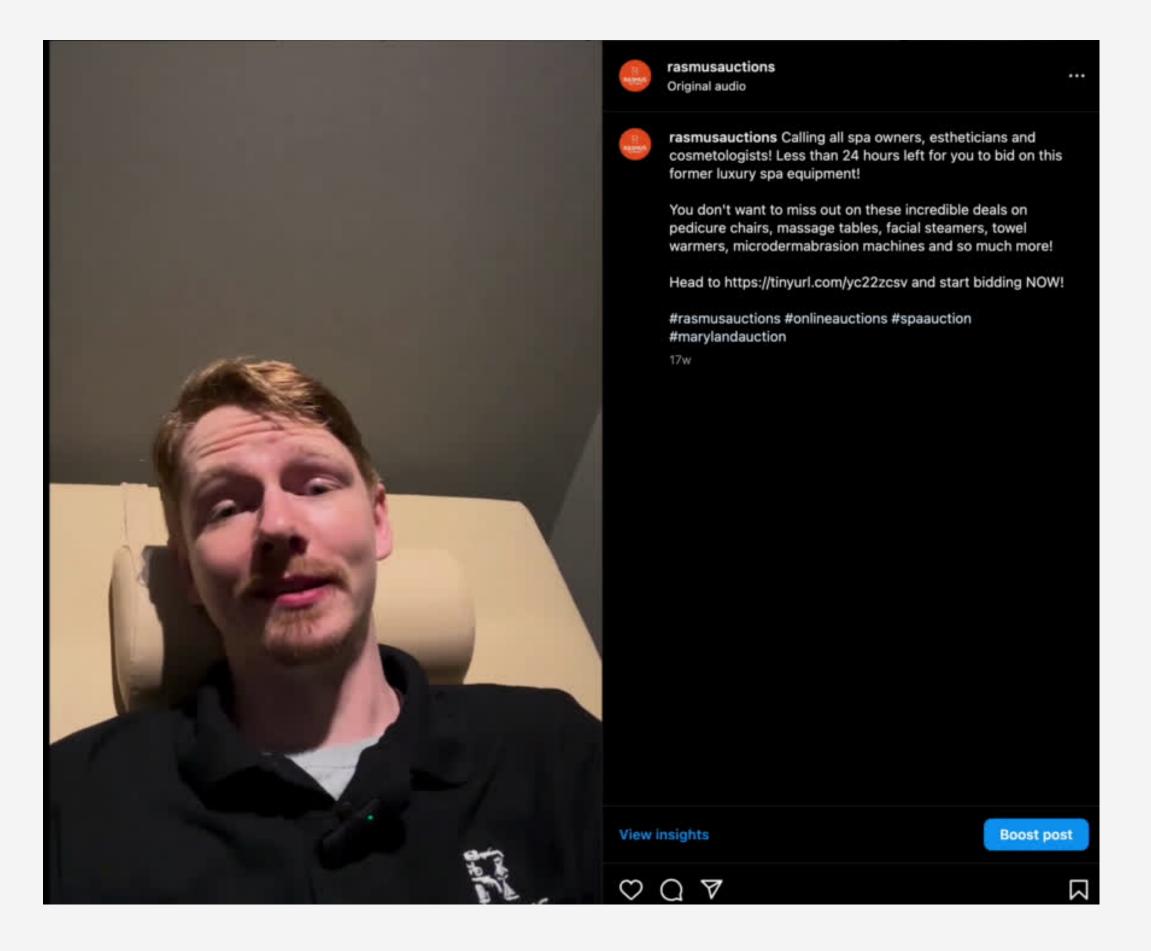
Tag your favorite brewer and let them know items include a 10 Barrel Brewing System, Uni Tanks, Brite Tanks, Refrigeration Systems, Canning Lines, Keg Cleaners, Taproom Furniture AND SO MUCH MORE!

HURRY! Auction ends Monday 5/1. Bid online at the link in bio.

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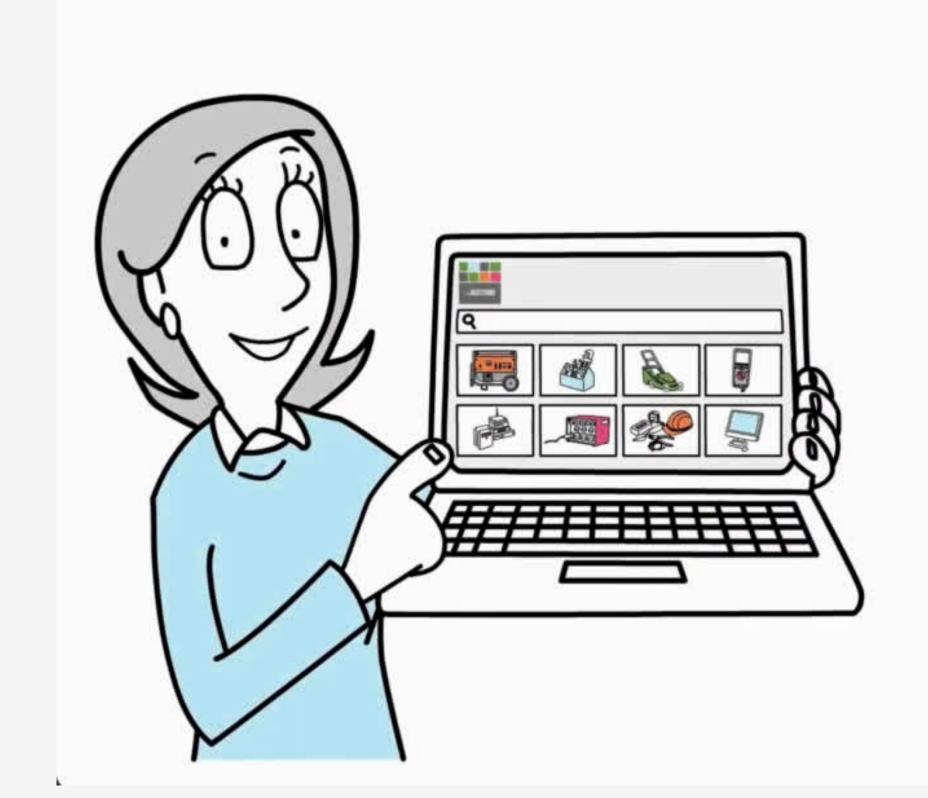
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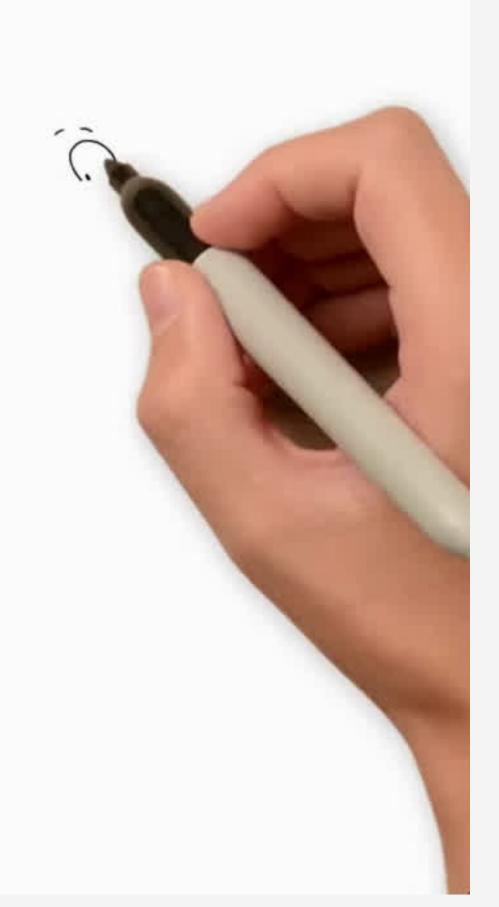






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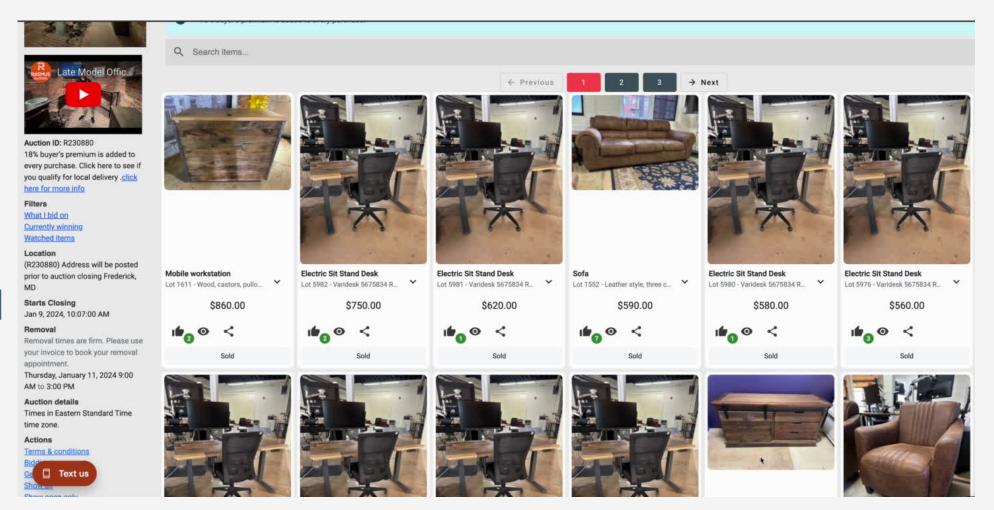




#### KEEP PAST AUCTIONS PUBLIC

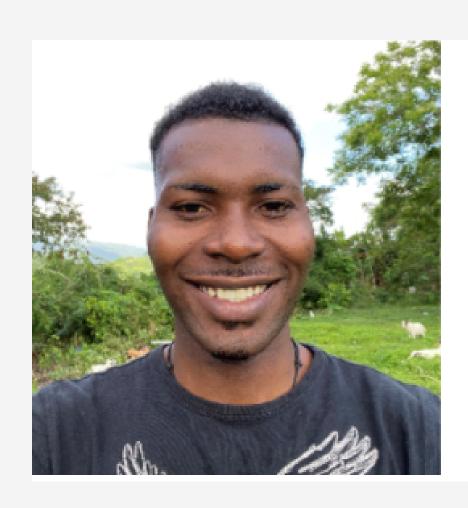
Assists with booking a deal.

"Take a look at our past auction results and let me know what you think."





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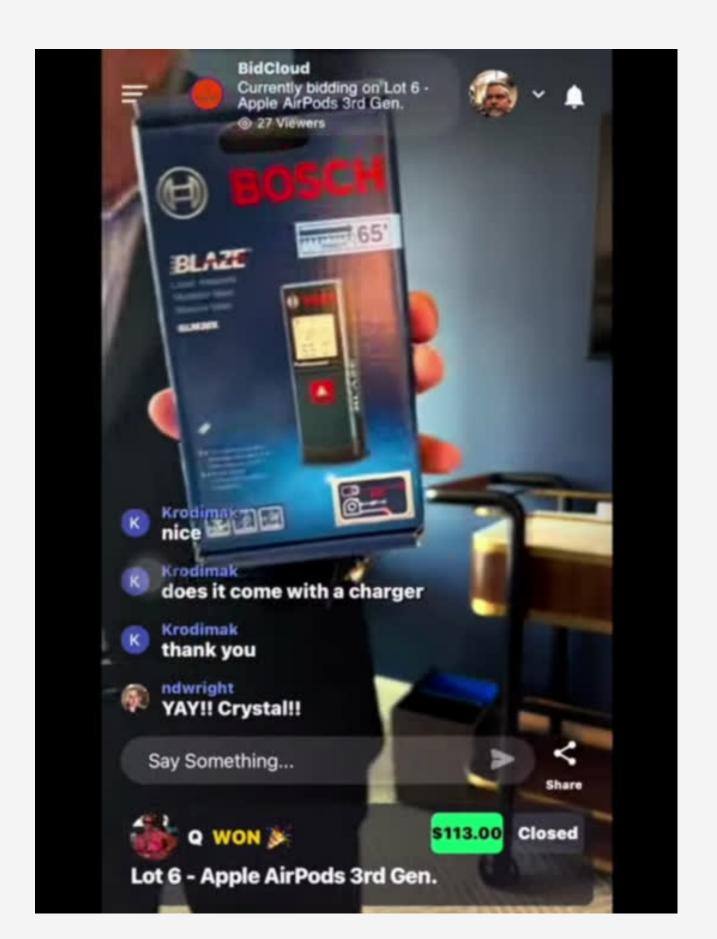




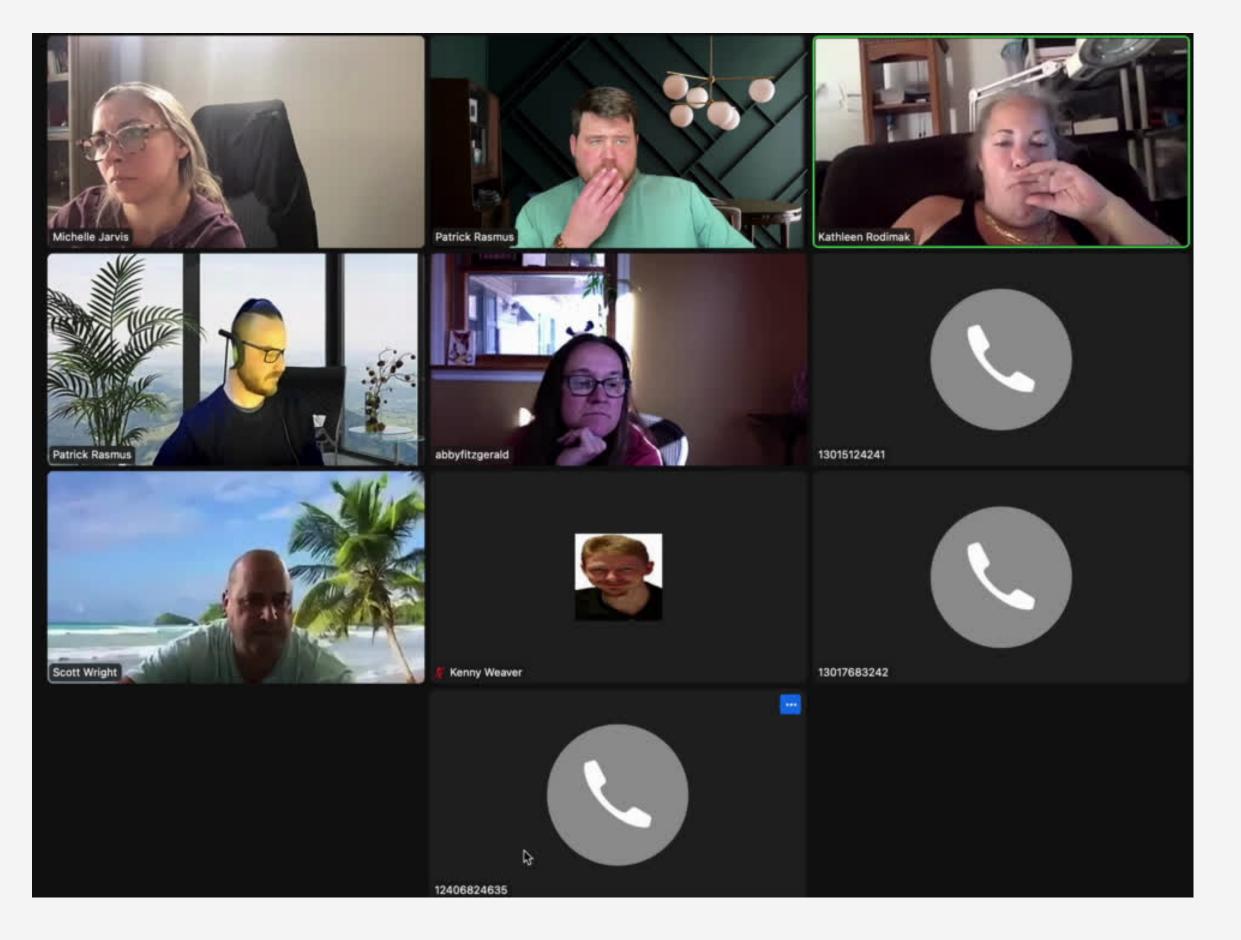
#### STAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE

**BID CLOUD** 

- Live auction streaming platform
- Need to be out in two days?
- Creates buyer engagement
- Gaming & Giveaways



#### CONDUCT A DAILY CALL





#### WORK ON YOUR BUSINESS NOT IN IT

Most teams spend their resources tactically working <u>in their</u> <u>business.</u>

I would encourage you and your team to take the time to work on it.

Share your ideas, syndicate with other auctioneers and stay ahead of the curve.



# QUESTIONS?

**OPEN DISCUSSION**