

# At a Glance

- Founded in 1985
- Certified M/WBE (local and state)
- More than 375 awards
- Clients range from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies



# **Integrated Services**

- Branding
- Marketing Communication
- Web/Multi-Media
- Graphic Design
- Strategic Public/Community Relations
- Crisis/Issues Management
- Social Media
- Events

# Industry Expertise

- TransportationNon-profit
- Professional Services
- Legal/Medical
- Banking/Financial Services
- Real Estate and Development
- Retirement Communities/Senior Living
- Energy/Public Utilities
- Technology
- Education

### Names You Know

- LYNX
- Florida Department of Transportation
- Darden Restaurants
- · Siemens Power Generation
- Lockheed Martin
- Florida Hospital
- · Burnham Institute
- Rollins College
- OUC The *Reliable* One
- · The Orlando Magic
- Walt Disney Attractions



WEBSITE **DEVELOPMENT** & PUBLIC **INVOLVEMENT** 

# **Public Involvement** OBO Florida Scenic Highways **Martin MPO** Scheduled to Launch October 2010 www.floridascenichighways.com Encourages the public to get involved in something they are not already interested in Goal is to inform Serves as a resource to the public for interest/education

# Florida Scenic Highways



Provides a service

- Eye-catching, colorful design
- Complex programming
- Beautiful photography
- Something of interest for every age group

  The "tourism" version of the website integrates a custom CMS with a WordPress platform and Flash elements
- Detailed mapping component to highlight the more than 25 byways throughout Florida
- Interactive features for both kids and adults (e.g., games, videos and the ability to post stories from the road)

#### Martin MPO

- Provides county officials and staff with important information and access to reports Encourages public involvement of local residents
- Community forum where citizens can address issues of concern
- Organizes all meeting minutes and planning documents for easy reference
- Equipped with SEO components and Google Analytics to track visitor statistics

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# **Website Components**

- Design (good vs. bad)
- Navigation
- Social Media
- SEO



# Good Design

- Clean lines
- Simple design
- Thoughtful organization



# Good Design



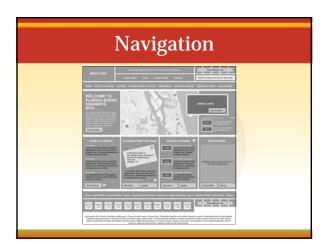
- Clear call to action
- Easy registration
- Clutter-free

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# Bad Design Cluttered Text is hard to read Bad Design Copy heavy Lacks organization





# Navigation Visit Section 1997 Caters to multiple audiences Features clearly labeled boxes for easy use

# SOCIAL MEDIA

"It took radio 38 years to reach 50 million listeners. TV took 13 years to reach 50 million users. The Internet took four years to reach 50 million people. In less than nine months, Facebook added 100 million users.

-Erik Qualman Socialnomics.net

# Social Media is Here to Stay

#### "Grown Up Digital"

- 77 million Baby Boomers (born 1946-1964) = 23% of U.S. population
- 81.1 million Gen Y/Millenials (born 1977-1997) = 27% of U.S. population
- "Echoing" effect = largest swell in U.S. population



# **Always Connected**

• Percentage of Americans that sleep with their cell phone



# **New Ways to Communicate**

Where do consumers get information?

- 70% social media websites
- 68% corporate websites
- · 45% share content via social media
- Information sharing via Facebook surpasses e-mail







### Search Engine Optimization

- · 42% of search users click the top-ranking link
- Only 23% of searchers progress to the second page
- Attracts prospects from organic listings on Google and Yahoo and drives them to your website using keyword/phrase strategies
- Provides presence on social media websites, such as Twitter, Facebook and MySpace, as additional lead generation tools
- Primary focus is to create additional leads and new customer conversions



# Website Traffic/Google Ranking



#### **Benefits of Social Media**

#### **Build brand awareness**

- · Genuine interaction with clients/potential clients
- · Increase your online presence and website traffic
- Build better connections with others in your industry
- · Learn and share information
- Establish yourself as an authority (75% of journalists start their research online)

### Social Media Isn't...

- Traditional marketing "digitized"
- An easy opportunity for new business
- Free
- Stand alone



## Social Media Is...

- Conversational (e.g., not "100% polished")
- Strategic
- Valuable... when done correctly



# **Getting Started: Five Steps**

- 1. Create measurable objectives
- 2. Research and listen
- 3. Choose the right tools
- 4. Create meaningful, real content
- 5. Stay with it and measure what is working for you

# Questions to Ask

- Who are you trying to reach?
- How are they using social media?
- What are people saying?
- Where are they saying it?
- Are they talking about you?

# Based on the Answers...

- Choose the right tools
- Create interesting, helpful content (think information not sales)
- Cultivate influencers
- Promote others
- · Share, share, share

Questions?

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