Process checklist for meeting lead

At notification/ project manager (PM) assignment	 Send PM any meeting details: agenda, time, location/software platform, attendees, number of printed copies needed Determine attendees; inform PM of those already secured Confirm if we must strictly adhere to agenda (if applicable)
Strategy call	 + Discuss background (opportunity details, pricing, deal nuances, hot buttons etc.) + Review attendees and confirm if executive sponsor should be named + PM can assist in securing any needed attendees or senior leadership + Determine material and data needs + If in-person, discuss hotel options + PM to assist with booking prep space at desired hotel + If virtual, discuss meeting details: software platform, attire, camera use, who will drive content, and who will send invite
Kickoff call	 + Review overview document. Discuss pertinent background info (opportunity details, pricing, deal nuances, hot buttons) + Stress the requirement prep + In-person: one virtual prep and one on-site prep. Presenters should arrive and prep the evening before the meeting. + Virtual meetings: two dry runs in the correct software + Discuss agenda, win themes and differentiators, as well as process timeline + Set expectation that each presenter defines key takeaways for their section + Make expectations clear to presenters (meeting role, key topics/strategies, deliverables needed, timeline)
Final deck review	 Review win strategy, agenda, and presentation materials Compare slides with agenda and ensure content matches win themes, differentiators, and presenter takeaways Make final edits to presentation content Finalize handouts and equipment needs Review prep and meeting logistics
Pre-meeting prep	 + PM to schedule and coordinate two in-character dry runs + Reiterate that content and talk track must match win themes, differentiators, and presenter takeaways + On-the-ground prep (in-person meetings) + Pre-departure virtual prep before deck/materials finalized + Arrive, prep night before the meeting; arrange morning prep if time allows + Review overview document and meeting prep guide + Work through client-tailored transitions between presenters + Perform in-character dry run + Dry runs for virtual meetings to be conducted in same platform as meeting
Meeting	 + Arrive 20 minutes before start time or join virtual software 10–15 minutes early + At meeting start, secure agreement on meeting objectives + Take detailed notes, keep time, and capture follow-up questions + Promote interaction throughout meeting + Seek commitment from consultant/opportunity on decision timeline + Confirm follow-up items
Post-meeting	 Debrief immediately after meeting; discuss any items requiring follow-up Connect with consultant to determine impression and additional follow-up Send PM follow-up items and deadline Send thank you notes

