

# **Strategic Planning**

An MRA member wanted to create a long-term vision for its brand with a strategic plan and process for growth over the next five years.

### Challenge

The manufacturing firm's leadership team felt they could not articulate the long-range plan they had in mind. They had conducted a strategic planning process the prior year, but realized that the direction was too vague and employees were not connecting individual work to company growth.

## Objective

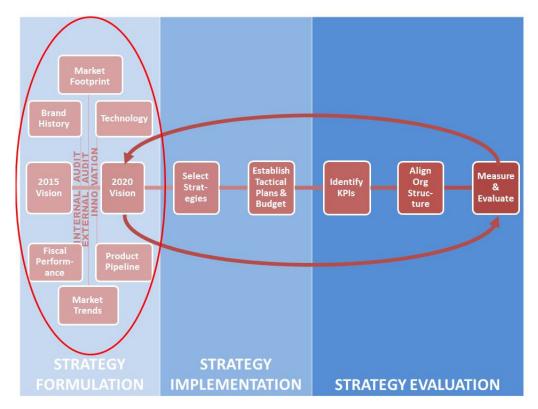
The company engaged MRA's Organizational Development group to advise their executive team on the strategic planning process. The objective was to develop a five-year strategic vision that would be clear and easily understood by managers and employees throughout the organization.

#### Results

MRA Organizational Development experts partnered with the CEO and conducted one-onone meetings with management team members to get an indepth perspective of the organization and growth goals.

They reviewed company history and market information, and facilitated a leadership team planning session.

During the planning session, MRA and the team:



- Created a focused definition of the company vision and brand ... five years in the future.
- Identified the company's presence in the marketplace–past, current, and future.

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- Examined past, current, and future state of the organizational design and succession plan imperatives.
- Identified a four-year strategic growth path, which included new product rollouts, product enhancements, and potential acquisition or strategic partnership.
- Set key company and departmental performance indicators with yearly goals using a multiphased approach that would elevate the company to its five-year target.

The company has launched the strategic vision and implemented the five-year plan, and is looking forward to promising market returns.

Find out how MRA can help your organization with strategic planning. Contact Member Relations at <u>MemberRelations@mranet.org</u>, or call 800.488.4845.