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## **BUSINESS ACQUISITION SYSTEM**





The Street-Smart Way to Buy a Business™

A Step-by-Step Guide in use by Thousands of People since 1974

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# The Street-Smart Way to Buy a Business ®

The program has been in use since the 1970s by thousands of people throughout America. We offer experienced, personal counsel tailored to your circumstances. Our clients can receive these reference guides: **The Street-Smart Way** 

The Street-Smart Way to Buy a Business ®

Business-For-Sale Locating & Screening System™ and

**Business Acquisition System**™.

Introduction

#### **Acquisition Planning**

Business Buying Don'ts
22-step buying sequence avoids problems
Perspective on buy/sell transactions
Easy way vs. hard way to grow a business

### **Preliminary Analysis & Valuation**

Adjustments for a realistic valuation
Fundamental financial statement analysis
Steps in appraisal and deal structure
Company analysis
Benchmarks against which to compare a business
Important financial ratios
Valuation vs. Pricing
Accurate way to compute your return on investment
Appraisal requirements of the courts & IRS
Reliable methods of valuation
Factors to VALUE a privately held company
More insight into factors that influence value
Computing the market value of the business' lease

#### **Due Diligence & Deal-Making**

Pitfalls in purchase contracts

Avoid fraudulent conveyance

Creative financing

Example of a loan application

Business plan to accompany a loan application

Tactics business sellers use to inflate market value

How to verify the tax return

How to investigate a business or a person

Four proven ways to build wealth in business

27 common business mistakes

Premise's lease

Goals to achieve in negotiating a lease

Due diligence

102 due diligence issues

Questions seller answers during due diligence

Data collection forms for due diligence

Company documents and buyer analysis

Reports & correspondence

Must-do process for a winning acquisition

Escrow – The silent partner in a business sale

#### STREET-SMART RULES FOR BUSINESS BUYERS

- 1. A systematic search of the "hidden market" of sellers is essential.
- 2. It usually does not pay to buy a loser "with potential".
- 3. Use impeccable written and oral communication tools.
- 4. The business owner must have a compelling reason to sell.
- 5. If you do not have expertise, hire it; your team enhances you.
- 6. Adhere to a specific 22-step sequence during analysis and deal making.
- 7. Resist giving a personal guarantee on seller financing of your purchase.
- 8. A nonbinding letter of intent should precede the purchase offer and contract.
- 9. Obtain a third-party appraisal of value from which to negotiate price and terms.
- 10. Don't agree to pay more than 50% of after-tax profit to service acquisition debt.

#### A TESTIMONIAL

"Although most people think of the typical legal and accounting help, the notion of having an expert in the process of business acquisition is eminently sensible. Having your assessments of the issues and valuation to present to the seller during negotiations added immeasurably to my offer's credibility. Thanks again." R.B.

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