

# OPERATING YOUR In Excellence

Take a Step Back to Gain Clarity on Your Business Processes

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Hey Friends!

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When Sean isn't building frameworks for success, he's empowering diverse founders to achieve their goals and advocating for equitable economic development.

# Operating Efficiency Essentials: Plan of Action

Before you can scale or streamline your business, you need to slow down and look honestly at the systems running behind the scenes. This guide will help you identify the one process that's slowing you down—and begin building a better way forward.

#### **Review Your Business**

Here are some questions aimed at helping you assess your business, which you can use while evaluating any problem areas. Please fill in your one-sentence response.

What gives you your edge, your competitive advantage?

What is the driving purpose behind your business?	
Which process in your business is crying out for change?	



# **Business Process Analysis Question Framework**

Every business has a few processes holding it back. The trick? Knowing which ones. Use this framework to dig deeper into one core process and understand how it's working—or not. Be honest. Be specific. The clearer you are here, the easier it will be to shift from chaos to clarity.

#### **Understanding Your Process**

Process Elements to Define	This category of questions is directed at understanding how the process works	Response
Process Name	How do you refer to this process?	
Trigger Events	What event or action starts this process?	
Process Steps/Activities	What are the steps involved in this process?	
Constituents	Who are the main participants in this process?	
Process Objective	What is the objective of the process?	
Process Status	Is the process effective?	



# Defining Business Process Optimization

Process optimization is about boosting efficiency by making tasks simpler, reducing redundant tasks, and trimming wasteful activities. Consider the following questions to take an inventory of your business resources.

	YES	NO
Do you understand your value chain?		
Is the process built with the customer in mind?		
Do you sometimes forget to bill a customer because it was never tracked or captured anywhere?		
Are your employees empowered to make decisions within their roles and responsibilities?		
Have you incorporated technology into your business processes?		
Are all your current business processes aligned with your business strategies?		
Do you have a reliable system for tracking your prospects from first contact through the final sale?		
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Can you automate your repetitive tasks?		

# Glossary

Use this glossary as a guide to review key terms and how they show up in the real world.



## What It Means at VSNWKS:



#### Why It Matters to You:

#### **Automate**

Putting technology to work for you—not the other way around. Automation isn't about replacing people. It's about giving founders their time, energy, and sanity back.

If your calendar is full of repetitive tasks, you're not leading—you're surviving. Automation frees you to focus on the work only you can do: building vision and driving change.

#### **Business Efficiency**

Every process, system, and decision aligned with your bigger purpose—nothing extra, nothing wasted.

Efficiency means you're not paying for chaos. It means your team knows what to do, when to do it, and why it matters.

#### Checklist

Structure in its simplest form. A tool for clarity, consistency, and accountability.

Your brain is for strategy. Your checklist is for memory. The more you document, the more you delegate, the more you scale.







#### **Effectiveness**

The degree to which something is successful in producing a desired result: success.

Effectiveness tells you the level of quality with which a task or process is executed.

#### **Efficient**

Achieving maximum productivity with minimum wasted effort or expense.

Designing efficient processes will help your business reach its full potential.

#### **Outsourcing**

Obtaining a good or service from an outside supplier, especially in place of an internal source.

Your business may leverage third parties to perform a task if you don't have the right internal resources.



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#### **Productivity**

Time + energy = momentum. It's not about being busy it's about making progress that actually moves the needle.

Every hour should either protect your peace or push your business forward. If it's not doing either, it's draining you.

# Return on Investment (ROI)

The proof that what you're doing is worth it. Not just in money, but in time, freedom, and strategic outcomes.

Great businesses don't guess. They measure. If you're putting effort into something, you deserve to know exactly what you're getting back.

#### **To-Do List**

Your short-term accountability partner.

It's not just a list. it's a commitment to momentum. A visible contract between your intention and your execution.



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