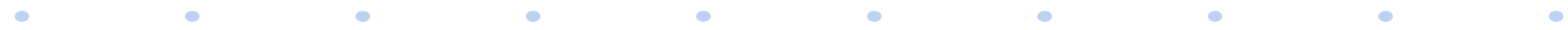




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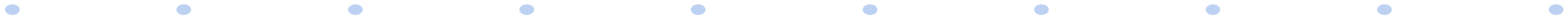
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*Small Biz Thoughts*  
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# Thank You for Choosing Small Biz Thoughts!

**Small Biz Thoughts** is a technology training company geared specifically for the Managed Service Provider (MSP) and Small/Medium Business (SMB) Consultant communities. Our mission is to match the best technology vendors with Value-Added Resellers in their target audiences around the world. Whether through seminars, workshops, digital media advertising, or direct mail campaigns, our goal is to match you up with more of the people you want: customers!

It has never been more important for leading brands to work with other voices of authority who can help spread their message with credibility. By partnering with the properties that make up Small Biz Thoughts, you'll reach as many as 100,000 people with Karl W. Palachuk's enthusiastic participation and endorsement.

Many top brands, including Fortune 500 companies, have reached their audiences –and their business objectives – through partnerships with Karl W. Palachuk and Small Biz Thoughts.

Karl is the author of more than twenty books, including ALL of the best-selling book on managed services for more than fifteen years. He has an extremely popular blog, and speaks to thousands of IT Professionals each year at conferences around the globe. The consultants who attend his events are exactly the kind you've been looking for: **Buyers!**

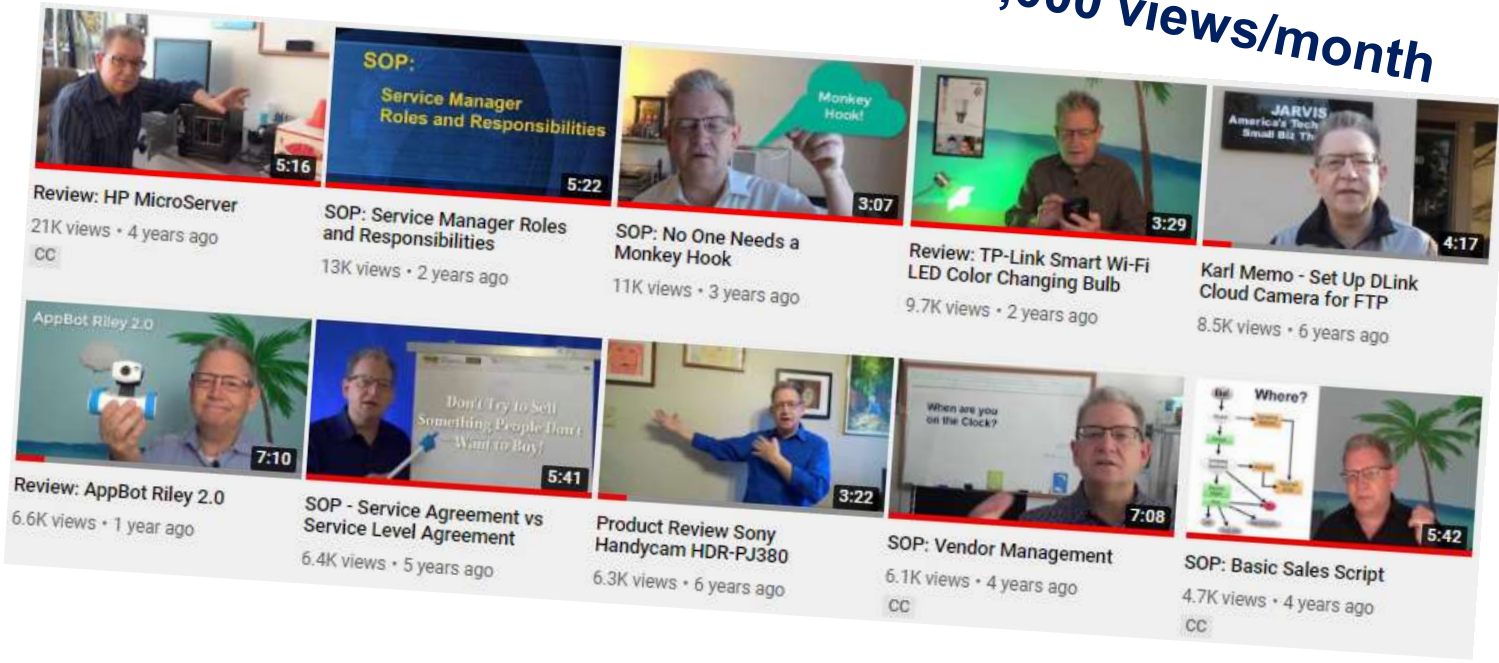
Many organizations put on “ free” events, paid for by the vendors. Karl takes a different approach. Almost no one gets in free. Karl always charges attendees – frequently hundreds or thousands of dollars. The result is powerful: Karl's audience consists of buyers who don't expect to get everything for free! Have a look at our services, and keep in mind that if there's something you'd like to do that you don' t see, we're always open to new possibilities. We look forward to working with you!

– Small Biz Thoughts

# The Audience

**YouTube.com/SmallBizThoughts**  
**2,400 Subscribers / 800+ Videos / 6,000 views/month**

- 10,000+** Weekly Newsletters  
20-25% Consistent Open Rate  
Rigorous Standards  
- We do not over-use our list
- 32,000** Social Media  
Twitter - 7,000 followers  
LinkedIn - 12,300 followers  
Facebook - 3,000 followers  
Plus Pinterest, Instagram, etc.  
*6,000 YouTube Views / Mo*
- 50,000** Blog Followers / Mo  
The Most Powerful and Influential Blog in the MSP community since 2006
- 1** Community  
Large and growing community of paid subscribers willing to invest in success



# Active and Engaged!

# Karl W. Palachuk

**Karl W. Palachuk** is a speaker and author who has trained technology consultants and business owners all over the world. He's the author of more than twenty books, including **ALL of the best-selling books** on the topic "managed services."

Karl speaks on work/life balance, best business practices, and the emerging trends of small business technology. In an average year, Karl speaks to 30-40 groups in four countries.

Karl has built and sold two managed services businesses as well as other companies in Sacramento, CA. He has managed million-dollar projects for Fortune 10 companies and met payroll in his own companies for 25 years.

He is one of the most popular speakers, bloggers, podcasters, social media influencers the SMB and IT communities worldwide.

## Community Awards include

- BizTech Magazine top 30 Influencer 2020
- Channel Pro 20/20 Visionary
- Member, SMB Nation's "SMB 150"
- MSP Mentor 250 - Multiple Years
- MSP Mentor Top 100 MSPs
- SMB Nation SBS-er of the Year
- Microsoft Retail Application Developer Award
- Recognized by Jay McBain (Forrester Research) several times as one of the most visible Channel Leaders



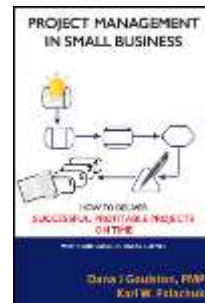
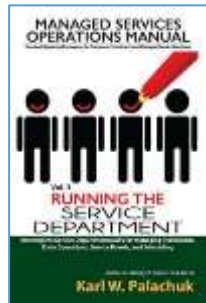
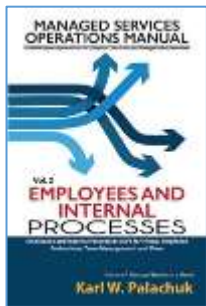
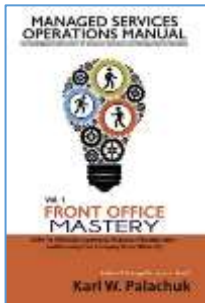
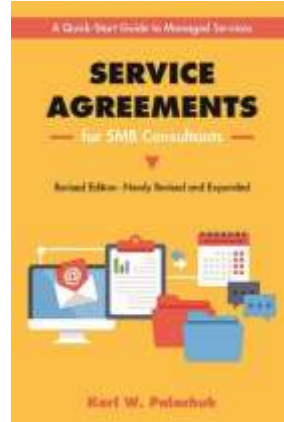
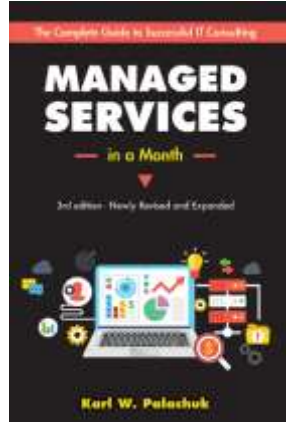
Read more about Karl on his Wikipedia page.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl\\_Palachuk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl_Palachuk)

**As a speaker, he has a Net Promoter Score of 88**  
– which is outstanding!

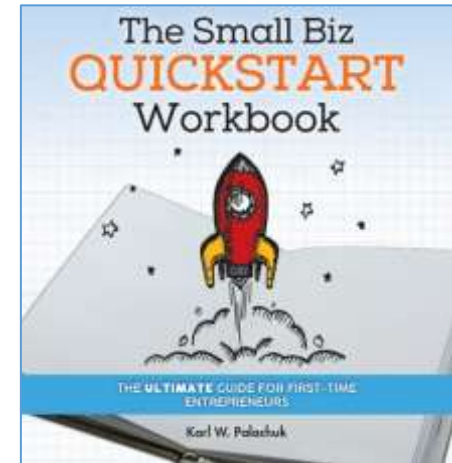
# Karl W. Palachuk

The Most Widely Published Authority on Managed Services



Plus:

- *The Network Documentation Workbook*
- *The Network Migration Workbook*
- *Relax Focus Succeed*
- *The Nonfiction Book Publishing Plan*
- *Publish Your First Book*
- *The SAN Primer for SMB*
- *Business Plan in a Month*
- ... and More!





# The Audience - Demographics

While we have a significant number of one- to five-person shops (66%), our followers also include a significant number of larger consultants.

Over 75% have been in business more than five years, and the average consultant supports almost 700 endpoints.

So these are consultants large enough to have money to invest in their business. And as we all know, no one supports 700 endpoints without investing in the right tools.

Summary Stats	Small Biz Thoughts Mailing List			
Respondents:	1,233	out of	7,108	in the database = 17.35% Response Rate
<b>Longevity</b>				
Mean Years in Business:	12.27		Percent	Respondents
21 or more	N =	95	12.70%	748
16 - 20	N =	131	17.51%	
11 - 15	N =	179	23.93%	
6 - 10	N =	163	21.79%	
1 - 5	N =	180	24.06%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>748</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
<b>Employees</b>				
Mean # of Employees:	12.61			Respondents
21 or more	N =	57	7.53%	757
16 - 20	N =	25	3.30%	
11 - 15	N =	44	5.81%	
6 - 10	N =	132	17.44%	
1 - 5	N =	499	65.92%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>757</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	
<b>End Points</b>				
Mean # of End Points:	696			Respondents
2,501 - or more	N =	23	3.42%	673
1,001 - 2,500	N =	52	7.73%	
501 - 1,000	N =	98	14.56%	
251 - 500	N =	142	21.10%	
101 - 250	N =	134	19.91%	
1 - 100	N =	224	33.28%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>673</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

# Our Properties

Find out who we are. Explore the Small Biz Thoughts properties:

- **The Small Biz Thoughts Technology Community** – An interactive community build on Karl’s content.
  - Vendors welcome!
- **SMB Roadshw** – A unique event targeted 100% on the SMB IT Channel
- **Blog.smallbizthoughts.com** – One of the oldest and most popular blogs in the SMB and MSP communities
- **GreatLittleSeminar.com** – Home of our very popular 5-week online courses. We produce ten courses per year.
- **YouTube.com/smallbizthoughts** – Karl’s SOP videos. Currently over 800 videos posted.
- **Karl’s Weekly Newsletter** – 10,000 subscribers – 25% open rate
- **SMB Community Podcast** – A 30-minute interview format that’s been going strong since 2012
- **And more.** We are constantly producing podcasts, online trainings, and other educational events. All of our sites are interconnected and cross-promoted. In all, Karl writes four blogs and actively maintains 50+ web sites to attract IT Professionals.



# Previous Clients Include . . .

SolarWinds MSP	Tech Data Canada	Cisco Systems	Authority Publishing
Autotask	HP	The ASCII Group	MSP Services Network
Microsoft	Intel	Dell / Packet Trap	Dental Integrators Assoc.
SMB Nation	Axcient	Vision Service Plan	Business Solutions Magazine
CompTIA	The Tech Tribe	SMB IT Pros (Australia)	SMB Technology Network
MSP University	Zynstra	Sacramento Speakers	Nonfictions Authors Assoc.
SMB TechFest	EH Media	Results Software	MicroAge
ConnectBooster	ChannelPro SMB	California Writers Club	FleishmanHillard
Technology Marketing Toolkit	Sherweb	Auvik	The Channel Company
Zyxel	Datto	Continuum	IT Glue
IT Owners Compass	SyncroMSP	Virtiant	Invarosoft
Beachhead Solutions	Computer Troubleshooters	Acronis	ConnectMeVoice
Nerdio	PCMatic	Gozynta	Zix/AppRiver

[... And More!](#)

# Karl Speaking

## Keynote and General Session Speaking

Karl W. Palachuk has been speaking to audiences of consultants for more than 15 years. Karl is a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer with a Bachelor's Degree from Gonzaga University and a Master's Degree from The University of Michigan. He is also a Microsoft Small Business Specialist and has been a Microsoft Hands-on Lab instructor.

Karl's sense of humor and ability to engage with his audiences lends itself to higher retention of the information presented. You can be sure your audience will have a great time when Karl is in front of the room!

## Small Biz Thoughts On-site Workshops

SBT on-site workshops are the answer to all your training needs. Whether you're trying to share a new product with a local users' group or train a new client in its implementation, we can help. If you're not sure about how we can best help you, send us an email.

## Workshop Options

Half-day workshops presented by Karl W. Palachuk are available on a variety of pre-planned topics or can be customized to your specific requirements and will include any handouts or classroom materials required to make the presentation effective.

**Full-day workshops are also available.**

Discounts may be available if workshops are combined with other activities, including speaking, online marketing, etc.

We're totally flexible: You can handle all the details of room set-up and pre-workshop promotion or hand all the planning over to us. **It's your call!**

Discounts available for vendors within the SMB/IT community. Inquire.

# Speaking and Training

## Pricing Reference Guide

Keynote or General Session Up to 90 Minutes	\$12,500
Half Day Up to Four Hours (any combination of our events or yours)	\$15,000
Full Day Up to Eight Hours (any combination of our events or yours)	\$17,500
Webinar or Internet Seminar - You Provide Content (Does not include webinar promotion)	\$7,500
Webinar Promotion - Banner ads, newsletter, blogs, etc.	\$7,500

## Travel Information

Flat Rate Travel Within United States and Canada Includes airfare, all meals, gratuities, and ground transportation  Hotel is on your master account.  I require two nights within the U.S. and Canada. Three nights in other countries.	\$1,200
Actual Travel Expenses If you wish, you may arrange all travel expenses to be paid directly by you or billed to your master account.	Varies
Travel Outside U.S. and Canada	Email Us

# Digital Media Advertising

## Web Advertising at SmallBizThoughts.com

SmallBizThoughts.com is the home of Karl Palachuk’s wildly popular blog, written specifically for the SMB consultant. Karl currently has nearly 1,000 daily subscribers and over 30,000 views per month on his blog feed, creating opportunities for advertisers to have ads embedded directly in the RSS feed as well as banner advertising on the site itself. The Small Biz Thoughts blog feed is also republished on other websites, including US News & World Report and Channel Pro magazine’s SMB web site.

## Banner Advertising

Banner ads are featured at the top of every page on the website. Because we sell based on 33% rotation, these are very exclusive spots, providing your company with maximum exposure throughout the site. Banners are located adjacent to the navigation bar so as to be easily seen and clicked by visitors.

Banner Advertising – 728 x 90			
Rotation	Quarterly	Semi-Annual	Annual
33%	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$16,000
66%	\$11,000	\$20,000	\$36,000
100%	\$17,000	\$30,000	\$54,000

# Email Newsletter Advertising

## Banner Ads – 10,000 / week

Banner advertising in Karl’s weekly SMB-focused email (circulation 10,000 and climbing). Rates are based on placement within the newsletter. Only three banner ads will be placed in each newsletter, at the top, before the first article, and between the first and second articles.

This email list reaches Managed Service Providers of all sizes and has a consistent 20-25% open rate per Constant Contact reports.

Advertisers can count on a minimum of 2,500 impressions or more per week. And that number is climbing all the time.

## Focus on New Names

We have major campaigns to find new names in the consulting community. Through our marketing efforts, we are consistently adding new names to our list. A large percentage of these names are new to the “connected” SMB community. That means fresh prospects for you!

Email Newsletter Advertising			
Ad Placement	13 Weekly Appearances	26 Weekly Appearances	52 Weekly Appearances
Top Slot	\$10,000	\$18,000	\$33,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Slot	\$ 7,500	\$14,000	\$25,000
3 <sup>rd</sup> Slot	\$ 5,000	\$ 9,000	\$16,000

# Blogging Opportunities

There are three opportunities for you to advertise via “content marketing” with blogs.

## 1) By Karl on Your Blog

These articles will be copyrighted by Karl W. Palachuk with perpetual rights for you to use and reprint as you see fit. This is a great way to build natural content-based authority from search engines. It works well with a marketing strategy of being a thought leader in the Managed Services and SMB consulting communities.

Blog posts are generally 800-1200 words and we can agree on some general topic areas. You have the right to reject any blog posts submitted.

## 2) By You on Karl’s Blog

This blog has about 30,000 page views per month and is republished on several sites, including channelpronetwork.com. This blog has almost 1,900 posts that go back more than thirteen years. The content of this blog is 100% managed services and small business technology consulting. It is very focused and **much-loved by Google!**

Your blog post will conclude with your bio information and a link to your web site or landing page.

## 3) Sponsored by You on Karl’s Blog

A sponsored post will be written by Karl but will have your tagline at the bottom and say that the post is sponsored by your company. Of course there will be a link to your web site or landing page.

Blogging			
	One Time	2-5 Times	6 or More Times
Any of these options	\$4,000/Post	\$3,500/Post	\$2,500/Post

# Podcast Appearance

**SMB Community Podcast** is a popular podcast that has been on the air since 2012.

The format is 30 minutes. This is a very relaxed interview format. It is not a webinar or a hard sales pitch format. Our goal is to attract listeners via education.

The audio is posted to iTunes, Stitcher, and other podcast aggregators. The podcast postings live forever, so you can permanently point to it for your own purposes, via your emails or web site. And, of course, the audio is posted on our blog at [www.SMBCommunityPodcast.com](http://www.SMBCommunityPodcast.com).

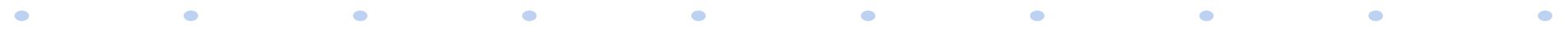


**NOTE:** Your first podcast appearance is **FREE**.  
 Try before you buy. See what the experience is like. Experience feedback and get a real hands-on experience so you can start thinking about ways to use this format in conjunction with your larger marketing goals.

We encourage you to provide a link and an offer.

**100% ok to “sell from the stage” here!**

Podcast Appearance			
	One Time	2-5 Times	6 or More Times
Price per Podcast:	\$4,000	\$3,500	\$2,500
Audience: About <b>2,500</b> downloads per month!			



# Podcast Advertising

**SMB Community Podcast** has been around for nine years and continues to be more popular each year.

See [www.SMBCommunityPodcast.com](http://www.SMBCommunityPodcast.com).

**This podcast gets results!**

Advertisement includes a 30 second spoken ad that Karl will read, plus the text of the ad in the show notes with a link to your web site, which should include your ad tracking code.

Limit: Two ads per show.

Podcast Advertising – once a week		
13 weeks (Quarterly)	26 weeks (Semi-Annual)	52 weeks (Annual)
\$7,000	\$13,000	\$25,000



"When Karl asks me if I want to guest on his podcast, I always say yes! Why? Once the episode has aired, I nearly always see a surge in sales of my books and some delightful emails from his listeners with kind feedback. Karl has a great community who want to learn!"

→ Richard Tubb



# Podcast Advertising Bundle



**The Killing IT Podcast** is the hottest new podcast in the SMB community. We all got together one day to talk about working together, figuring out how we could contribute to the broader IT Community . . . and have fun doing it. Episodes with timely delivery but longer tail.



**The Business of Tech** is a daily news-and-commentary show. Multiple appearances in the Top 50 ranking for US Tech News Podcasts. Consistent 97%+ “consumption” — the listeners listen to the whole thing, including the ad spot! Quick Impact: Significant listenership within 7 day launch window



**SMB Community Podcast** is an interview format, highlighting interesting vendors and personalities in the IT channel. Evergreen content where the topics are relevant for extended period of time.

## Reach 5,000 listeners across Killing IT, Business of Tech, and the SMB Community Podcast

**Bundles start at \$2000**

Business of Tech	5 episodes /week	Timely, quick download
Killing IT	1 episode /week	2 Month relevancy with long tail
SMB Community Podcast	1 episode /week	Evergreen content with long tail



# Special Event for 2021:

- Spring: Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Providence
- Summer: London, Manchester, Cardiff, Berlin
- Half Day of Education
- Massive social media exposure

### Platinum Sponsorship with 50 minute speaking slot

- ❖ Featured speaking slot
- ❖ Banner ad at SMBRoadshow.com
- ❖ Attendee list

### Gold Sponsorship with a table in the room

- ❖ Your representative in the room. Five minute live speaking slot.
- ❖ Logo on all slides decks
- ❖ Banner ad at SMBRoadshow.com

### All Sponsorships include:

- ❖ Dedicated “page” to download materials you would like distributed to attendees. This can include PDFs, audio programs, links to your site, offers, or whatever you wish.

# The SMB Roadshow

[www.smbroadshow.com](http://www.smbroadshow.com)

Conference Sponsorship		
Platinum	One per city	\$5,000
Gold	Five Available	\$ 2,500
Webinar Add-On	Price only available to Conference Sponsors	\$ 3,500

# Book Marketing

## Opportunity One: Book Give-Aways

- Buy books (ebook or paper) in bulk
- Distribute at your events
- Use for lead generation

## Opportunity Two: Co-Branding

- Create a customized book cover co-branded with your logo
- Buy co-branded books in bulk

## Opportunity Three: YOUR Custom Foreword

- Super-charge your custom book with a custom foreword signed by YOU



## Opportunity Four: Advertise in Karl's Books

- \$2,000 per full page ad for 12 months
- Limited availability

# Customized Book Covers

## Co-Branded Books

**Managed Services in a Month** is the most popular book ever written on managed services. It is currently in its 3<sup>rd</sup> edition and is available in both English and German languages.

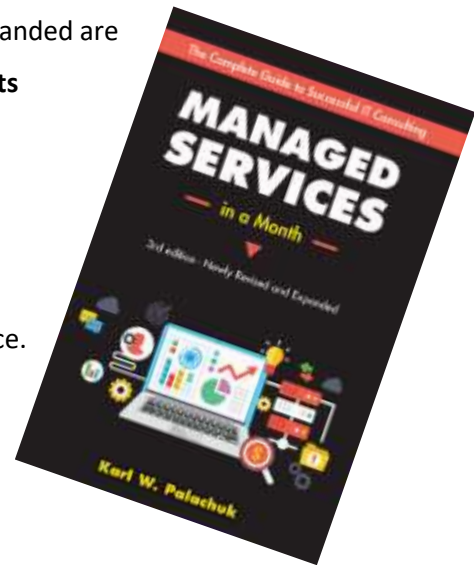
This is also our most popular book to co-brand for give-aways.

Other popular books we have recently co-branded are

- **Service Agreements for SMB Consultants**
- **Project Management in Small Business**
- **Cloud Services in a Month**

There is a \$1,500 setup fee per book.

Book prices depend on the original book price.



Co-Branded Books			
Book	Quantity:	100-299	300 or more
<b>Managed Services in Month</b>		\$ 20 each	\$ 15 each
<b>Service Agreements for SMB</b>		\$ 25 each	\$ 20 each
<b>Project Management</b>		\$ 20 each	\$ 15 each
<b>Cloud Services in Month</b>		\$ 25 each	\$ 20 each
<b>Absolutely Unbreakable Rules</b>		\$ 15 each	\$ 12 each
Setup Fee: \$1,500 per book			

# Content Licensing Opportunities

## You want to try something unique?

### Content is King!

It is literally true that no one has written more about Managed Services than Karl Palachuk! No one has produced more content on Managed Services:

- Four active blogs
- Over 800 YouTube videos
- Thousands of hours of audio training
- Thousands of hours of seminar training
- Hundreds of e-products (at SMBBooks.com)
- Over 2,000 blog posts
- More than twenty books – Including THE biggest selling books on Managed Services for more than fifteen years!

... Now you can **license all this** for use in your marketing!

### How Companies Use Karl's Content

We are open to new and unique ways to use this content, so don't be shy about asking. Here's what some companies have done:

- Reprint book chapters as white papers
- Develop training materials
- Reprint content as blog posts
- Have Karl generate new, unique content for web sites and blogs
- Build Karl's "best practices" into software
- Reprint Karl's information in PowerPoint slides for sales reps
- Create custom branded books with your logo on the cover

Got an idea? Email [sales@smallbizthoughts.com](mailto:sales@smallbizthoughts.com)

# Custom White Papers

**Your message – from the most widely published authority in Managed Services . . .**

## Content is King!

One of the most valuable “handouts” you can give your partners is knowledge: Not just about your products and services, but about their business and how to run it better.

Karl has produced custom white papers on pricing strategies, how to survive in a down economy, building cloud bundles, designing backup strategies, retirement resources, and more.

We can work together to create informational white papers that work hand-in-hand with your market strategies and messaging.

## How Companies Use Karl’s Content

White papers are a GREAT **lead gen tool!**

Many companies send a PDF white paper in response to webinar sign-ups. White paper topics can be coordinated with webinar topics as a great themed marketing program.

Under the right circumstances, white papers can be licensed for re-publication on you blog or inside conference programs or other publications.

Pricing starts at just \$15,000. Ask about custom content.





SMALL BIZ THOUGHTS  
COMMUNITY

Just because you're in business for yourself  
doesn't mean you have to go it alone.

# Connect directly with IT Consultants, MSPs, and VARs inside the Small Biz Thoughts Community

**The Small Biz Thoughts Technology Community** is a unique resource center and gathering place for MSPs. The Community is built around Karl W. Palachuk's books, blogs, training, white papers, videos, checklists, and SOPs. It's also a place for MSPs and IT professionals to meet each other and discuss what's going on in our industry.

We do not accept advertising inside the Community, but vendors are welcome to join, the same as anyone else. **A single logon is \$999/year.** A group membership with up to ten logons is only \$2,999 per year.

Find out more at: [www.SmallBizThoughts.org](http://www.SmallBizThoughts.org)



# Specialized Vendor Services

As a thought leader in the SMB and Managed Services industries, Karl W. Palachuk is available to help you:

- Build your brand recognition
- Launch a new product
- Promote monthly marketing campaigns
- Manage focus groups
- Work with your advisory panel for SMB Consultants
- Speak at your events
- Provide training on your products
- ...and more

In the last few years, we have been deeply involved with vendors who want to build a rich relationship with the SMB community. We've organized vendor roadshows, created and run advisory panels, and "coached" companies to develop a unified strategy for introducing products into the U.S. market.

Because Karl is so "connected" into this niche market, his association with your brand will be visible across the entire community, even beyond the specific activities you pay for. It will be mentioned at conferences, in our blog posts and others, on conference calls, and in technical forums over which we have no control whatsoever (such as Spiceworks, ASCII Forums, various Yahoo groups, and Experts Exchange).

**Karl and his staff have experience** designing, marketing, and executing "roadshow" campaigns in Europe, North America, and Australia. Activities such as roadshow campaigns, focus groups, and advisory panels create a community buzz that grows on its own. Activities like this are engaging and NOT seen as advertisements.

## Customized Engagements

Whether you have an idea for deeper engagement with the community or you need ideas for deeper engagement, please talk to us. We would love to help you develop a program that stands out from the crowd.

Let us help you do something that no one else has done before!

To discuss a project, please email [sales@smallbizthoughts.com](mailto:sales@smallbizthoughts.com).