

# "Web Design with the Small Business in Mind"

# What Do I Do to Design A Website?

This is a 10-step process from Meeting with the customer to signing a contract.

- 1. Meet with the customer via Email, Phone, or Face-to-Face.
- 2. Establish whether they want a new website or a redo of an existing one.

#### **New Site:**

- 3. Discuss with the customer their reason for a web site
- 4. Explain the costs involved
  - a. Fixed Costs
    - i. Domain Name
    - ii. ISP
    - iii. Setup Fee (One Time only)
  - b. Variable Costs (what you pay me to do)
    - i. Procurement of Domain Name
    - ii. Procurement of ISP
    - iii. Email setup
    - iv. Web design
    - v. Graphics design
    - vi. Navigation design
    - vii. Web page creation
    - viii. Upload/download pages to ISP
    - ix. Submission to Search Engines
    - x. Analyzing Log Files
    - xi. Preparing reports
- 5. Get their ideas about web sites they like and find easy to use
- 6. Find out who their competition is
- 7. Get any brochures, sales literature, price lists, product descriptions, etc.
- 8. Create a Demo site attached to my website, for example http://corycomputersystems.com/cvletip/
- 9. Write a proposal
  - a. Reiterate what we discussed
  - b. Describe the website that I created
  - c. Discuss pricing
- 10. Sign a Work for hire agreement

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## **Existing Site**

- 3. Find out the URL of their current site
- 4. Determine the types of changes they want
- 5. Find out if they want to change ISP or keep their current one.
- 6. Explain the costs involved
  - a. Fixed Costs
    - i. ISP
    - ii. Setup Fee (One Time only)
  - b. Variable Costs (what you pay me to do)
    - i. Procurement of ISP
    - ii. Email setup
    - iii. Web design
    - iv. Graphics design
    - i. Navigation design
    - ii. Web page creation
    - iii. Upload/download pages to ISP
    - iv. Submission to Search Engines
    - v. Analyzing Log Files
    - vi. Preparing reports
- 7. Steal their site (make a copy on my web server)
- 8. Modify it as per discussion
- 9. Write a proposal
  - a. Reiterate what we discussed
  - b. Describe the website that I created
  - c. Discuss pricing
- 10. Sign a work-for-hire agreement

## The next part is modifying the Demo Site to reflect what they want

Add material

Then publish and deploy the site to the ISP