## **#SoloPR Transcript - 4/25/2012**

- 1. What are your favorite online research tools? (both secondary and primary sources)
- 2. I want my proposals to win over the client. I'm not sure if I'm including too much/not enough info. How do you handle?
- 3. Who would be your dream speaker(s) at the Solo PR Pro event in Feb 2013?



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:55pm via TweetGrid.com

Remember, we keep chatting on the hashtag all week -- transcript will be posted tomorow. If you have any further thoughts, @ me! #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:55pm via TweetDeck

@jgombita interesting, i didn't realize this was such an issue. thanks for bringing it to my attention #solopr



igombita Apr 25, 1:55pm via web

@JanetLFalk that was my point, exactly, Janet. Book a bunch of male speakers to address a mainly female audience? No thanks. #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:55pm via web

@jgombita One male speaker would be nice.... #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:55pm via TweetGrid.com

OK, since we only have a few minutes left, not really time for another Q. Thanks everyone for joining today! #solopr



JasMollica Apr 25, 1:54pm via ÜberSocial for iPhone

I think @dbreakenridge would make a great speaker for the #solopr event.



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:54pm via TweetChat

Must run folks. Next mtg in 5 and I'm not ready. Story of my life. Have a great week! #solopr



jgombita Apr 25, 1:54pm via web

@mlaffs sure, the female-specific ones. But there's still the need for @SheTalksTED .... #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:54pm via web

If I may make so bold - I'm looking for guest bloggers on "managing reputation" Usual links back and bio. Tweet me if interested. #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:54pm via TweetDeck

I need to get something finished up here. Thanks for another fun hour of <u>#solopr</u> smarts.



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:53pm via TweetDeck

@KellyeCrane @SoloPR what about inviting PRs who've spearheaded great internet communities, like @prtini, @ginidietrich, etc? #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:53pm via TweetGrid.com

This is all excellent input, everyone. Happy to see that we have a similar vision - a truly different event! #solopr



syndi7 Apr 25, 1:53pm via TweetDeck

@AerialEllis And u should..stop over extending urself..ur word is important to ME #SoloPR



deegospel Apr 25, 1:53pm via TweetGrid.com

a3 dream editors from NYT, AJC, Essence, #solopr



JanetLFalk Apr 25, 1:53pm via TweetDeck

Gotta hop to prep for a call. Later team. Always a pleasure with @KellyeCrane et al. #soloPR



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:53pm via TweetChat

A3 - Are we looking at improving our skills at running our biz, or our PR/comm skills? Different speakers depending on which goal. #solopr



igombita Apr 25, 1:52pm via web

@mediacoach yes but, realistically, the <u>#solopr</u> conference makeup will probably be similar to the typical Twitter chat. All-male speakers?!



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:52pm via TweetDeck

@jgombita there was a whole series of TEDx event that were women-only #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:52pm via web

@mlaffs @jgombita Excellent - why not a TEDx SOLOPR event? #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:51pm via TweetChat

A3 Or maybe some business coaches that can inspire/push us out of our comfort zones. #solopr



jgombita Apr 25, 1:51pm via web

@mlaffs possibly. Except that TED speakers tend to be male.... #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:51pm via TweetDeck

Ditto RT @deegospel: a3: Sarah Evans #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:51pm via TweetDeck

@ AerialEllis Hee- thanks. Obviously, I'll be there, though maybe not in an official "slot." #SoloPR



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:51pm via web

@jgombita #solopr Apologies - I was trying to redress the imbalance in here ;-) #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:50pm via TweetDeck

@syndi7 LOL I feel bad. There's just so much to do. #SoloPR



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:50pm via TweetDeck

@jgombita sounds like something TED offers #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:50pm via TweetGrid.com

a3: Sarah Evans #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:50pm via TweetChat

@SoloPR Ah! Gotcha.:-) #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:50pm via TweetChat

A3 Maybe @copyblogger? His ascension to content marketer supreme is interesting. #solopr



jgombita Apr 25, 1:50pm via web

A3. Exceptional entrepreneurs (role models). #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:49pm via TweetGrid.com

@pronouncedALJ The theme is, Solo PR Pros rock! (I kid) It's our first ever, so we'll look to cover a lot of ground. #solopr



syndi7 Apr 25, 1:49pm via TweetDeck

@AerialEllis SLACKER! #soloPR



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:49pm via TweetChat

RT @3HatsComm: A3 My dream speaker would be a leader, innovator not nec #soloPR .. maybe someone whos of the next Steve Jobs milieu? #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:49pm via TweetDeck

I nominate @KellyeCrane as speaker for the #SoloPR Pro 2013 event.



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:49pm via TweetDeck

@SoloPR it would be great to have some media figures present that attendees can network with - provide access/resources #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:48pm via web

@KellyeCrane Thanks - you should listen to my radio show - mediacoach.libsyn,com #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:48pm via TweetChat

RT @mdbarber: A3 As fast as things've been moving lately wonder if we can answer that ? today. Do we know what'll be hot then? #solopr



jgombita Apr 25, 1:48pm via web

@mediacoach all male...: -( #solopr



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SoloPR Apr 25, 1:48pm via TweetGrid.com

A3: We'll have speakers who can tell us about running our businesses better. But any PR, social media, or marketing-types? #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:48pm via TweetChat

A3 Is there a theme yet for the event? #solopr



John\_Trader1 Apr 25, 1:48pm via TweetChat

A3: I'd like to see Dan Pfeiffer as the "dream" speaker. #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:47pm via TweetChat

A3 - As fast as things have been moving lately I wonder if we can really answer that question today. Do we know what'll be hot then? #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:47pm via web

A3 Seth Godin, Bill Marriott, Richard Branson, Jay Carney, Alastair Campbell #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:47pm via TweetDeck

@SoloPR i want to pick @WildKatPR's brain, and she's hard to get ahold of #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:46pm via TweetDeck

@mediacoach I have a feeling you have an accent that makes everything you say sound smart! #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:46pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @dariasteigman: A3 Hmm.. Need to think about that. Key for me (duh) is ppl w/ high-level smarts. And FRESH content. #solopr



3HatsComm Apr 25, 1:46pm via TweetDeck

Good one! RT @mlaffs: @garyswart quote: "Experience is what you get when you don't get all the other things you want" #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:45pm via TweetDeck

@deegospel You so silly! :-) #solopr



JasMollica Apr 25, 1:45pm via ÜberSocial for iPhone

RT @KellyeCrane: RT @SoloPR: Q3 is a fun one. Who would be your dream speaker(s) at the Solo PR Pro event in Feb 2013? #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:45pm via TweetChat

@3HatsComm Exactly. I got one yesterday. the answers completely contradict each other. But she tried. & no wonder she's struggling. #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:45pm via web

Ahem. Modesty forbids. Though I was Global President of the professional speaking world last year.... #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:44pm via TweetChat

The time spent being devious, she could have... never mind. RT @<u>AerialEllis</u>: @<u>deegospel</u> Bless her heart. You live and you learn... <u>#solopr</u>



deegospel Apr 25, 1:44pm via TweetGrid.com

a3. outside of @KellyeCrane?hmm...#solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:44pm via TweetDeck

@deegospel I keep rehashing this @garyswart quote: "Experience is what you get when you don't get all the other things you want" #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:44pm via TweetDeck

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KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:44pm via TweetDeck

RT @SoloPR: Q3 is a fun one. Who would be your dream speaker(s) at the Solo PR Pro event in Feb 2013? #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:44pm via Mobile Web

RT @SoniaWilson: @AerialEllis People like that just want to steal your ideas and not pay for your expertise. Watch out for other #solopr folks also



3HatsComm Apr 25, 1:43pm via TweetDeck

@mdbarber It's our job (or will be when hired) to help find the best answers; but gotta be willing to try. #solopr



SoniaWilson Apr 25, 1:43pm via Mobile Web

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AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:43pm via TweetDeck

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pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:43pm via TweetChat

Gasp! RT @deegospel: a3 @AerialEllis past assistant try to duplicate biz based on old rfp. didnt know each rfp was client specific #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:43pm via TweetGrid.com

a3 @mlaffs she's out of business #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:43pm via TweetGrid.com

Q3 is a fun one. Who would be your dream speaker(s) at the Solo PR Pro event in Feb 2013? #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:42pm via TweetDeck

@deegospel @AerialEllis sounds like she learned very quickly! #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:42pm via TweetDeck

@LeydaHernandezV Hi! #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:42pm via TweetChat

@3HatsComm Completely agree. If they won't I walk. I always tell them, though, they should feel badly if they can't answer all. #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:42pm via TweetDeck

Remember we had this list a few weeks back? I offered to add my client questions, I haven't. Call me a slacker! bit.ly/I1K32a #soloPR



LeydaHernandezV Apr 25, 1:41pm via TweetDeck

Extra late to **#solopr** Hi everyone!



deegospel Apr 25, 1:41pm via TweetGrid.com

a3 @ <u>AerialEllis</u> i've had past assistant try to duplicate my biz based on an old rfp. she didn't know each rfp was specific to client <u>#solopr</u>



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:41pm via TweetGrid.com

Excellent discussion - thanks all! Q3 is up next... #solopr



jgombita Apr 25, 1:41pm via web

@deegospel oh, that is so spot on! I've "fired" financial advisors I didn't feel comfortable with. Relationship very "intimate." #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:41pm via TweetDeck

A2: If a prospect doesn't respect your boundaries, that's a warning sign. You wouldn't ask a lawyer to review something w/o a fee #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:41pm via TweetChat

@WolcottPR That would be hard. Can you parallel process both? #solopr



3HatsComm Apr 25, 1:41pm via TweetChat

@deegospel @mdbarber Agree re: taking time to answer few questions; if they can't.. maybe can help; but if won't, red flag. #solopr



WolcottPR Apr 25, 1:40pm via TweetDeck

Always fun to do #solopr chat at same time I'm listening to a webinar!



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:39pm via TweetGrid.com

Excellent! MT @mdbarber: Here's a link to a post I did including some of the questions I ALWAYS ask clients: barbergp.com/738 #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:39pm via TweetGrid.com

@LoisMarketing right. i work in a referral market. my mom taught me that. she runs a financial service. #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:39pm via TweetChat

@KellyeCrane @mlaffs. Here's a link to a post I did including some of the questions I ALWAYS ask clients: barbergp.com/738 #solopr



LoisMarketing Apr 25, 1:39pm via TweetDeck

@WolcottPR In a word, yes. That's the idea. :) #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:39pm via TweetDeck

@mdbarber Exactly! #soloPR



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:38pm via TweetDeck

I'm certain I've seen evidence of an attempt from someone else/other firm carrying out strategies we proposed. You know your idea! #solopr



LoisMarketing Apr 25, 1:38pm via TweetDeck

@mlaffs Again, having them as a referral is the best key, but responding to RFPs can keep you on your toes #soloPR



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:38pm via TweetGrid.com

@\_SoloDovePR Nice and relevant link - thx for sharing! #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:38pm via TweetDeck

@KellyeCrane thanks, look forward to reading it! #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:38pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @ <u>AerialEllis</u>: We've all heard of proposals getting passed around. Some verbiage should be included that warns against sharing #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:37pm via TweetGrid.com

a3. i use a 3 step process. partly because i run a niche pr service. 1. complete ?aire 2. chat 3. rfp & contract review #solopr



JasMollica Apr 25, 1:37pm via ÜberSocial for iPhone

RT @LoisMarketing: Don't be held captive to RFPs. Have confidence to request a phone convo , email questions etc. #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:37pm via TweetChat

A good questionnaire should turn gears. Gives room to drop jewels. RT @mlaffs: @KellyeCrane what about clients who dont know needs? #solopr



WolcottPR Apr 25, 1:37pm via TweetDeck

Your "brand" should create opps RT @<u>LoisMarketing</u>: I'm blessed to work on a referral basis but I never dismiss an RFP.<u>#solopr</u>



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:37pm via TweetDeck

@AerialEllis Oops. And then would be long process to try to get any remedy. #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:36pm via TweetDeck

@LoisMarketing besides RFPs, what are some ways to tell whether the client is serious, understands their needs? #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:36pm via TweetDeck

@AerialEllis Good luck with that. I'm not sure you'd get far--and then who' #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:36pm via TweetChat

RT @SoloPR: RT @LoisMarketing: Dont be held captive to RFPs. Have confidence to request a phone convo, email questions etc. #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:36pm via TweetChat

@AerialEllis I figure I'm lucky with the ones it scares away. #solopr



JasMollica Apr 25, 1:35pm via ÜberSocial for iPhone

Lots of great info being shared in #solopr chat today. Join in even if your aren't a solo pro!



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:35pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @LoisMarketing: Don't be held captive to RFPs. Have confidence to request a phone convo , email questions etc. #solopr



SoloDovePR Apr 25, 1:35pm via HootSuite

Good tip RT @JasMollica Always do this! RT @mediacoach: A2 Have a pre-proposal chat with client - "how much detail would you like?" #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:35pm via TweetDeck

A2 I respond to few RFPs. Typically when I know I'm at least one of firms in real consideration. #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:35pm via TweetDeck

@mlaffs A questionnaire, of the sort @deegospel is mentioning, can be helpful in that situation. Will work on a #solopr blog post on that!



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:35pm via TweetDeck

@joeldon True #soloPR



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:35pm via TweetChat

So true! If they take that time...RT @deegospel: i always use a questionnaire. i need to know are they serious about needing me #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:35pm via TweetDeck

@mdbarber Same here. Scared some, redirected others. #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:35pm via TweetChat

RT @deegospel: a2 @AerialEllis i always use questionnaire. need to know are they serious about needing me & assess media outreach #solopr



SoloDovePR Apr 25, 1:35pm via HootSuite

RT @tressalynne: Stop Giving Away the Cookies: How to Woo Prospects Without Giving Away Your Ideas bit.ly/JrU4tf #PRtips #solopr #PR



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AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:34pm via TweetDeck

@dariasteigman @pronouncedALJ Can't stop it but can enforce via intellectual property, similar to disclaimer in an email signature #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:34pm via TweetChat

@mlaffs They get at targets, messages, what's working/not, how they'll know success, barriers, etc. #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:34pm via TweetDeck

Do you write the plan separately? RT @akenn: And remember: a proposal is not a plan #solopr



LoisMarketing Apr 25, 1:34pm via TweetDeck

I'm blessed to work on a referral basis but I never dismiss an RFP. You just never know. #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:34pm via TweetDeck

A2: In many industries, the proposal is more of a formality where you lay out programs/costs - sometimes they're 80% in the bag. #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:34pm via TweetDeck

@KellyeCrane ok but what about clients who don't know their needs? #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:34pm via TweetGrid.com

a2 @ <u>AerialEllis</u> i always use a questionnaire. i need to know are they serious about needing me & to assess their media outreach <u>#solopr</u>



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:33pm via TweetDeck

@mlaffs Experience. Is it prospect you really want? Is proposal easy to write (e.g., limited effort)? Sometimes it's worth a shot. #solopr



3HatsComm Apr 25, 1:33pm via TweetDeck

RT @akenn: And remember: a proposal is not a plan #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:33pm via TweetChat

@AerialEllis I just started using it but so far it's scared a couple away and helped me focus others. #solopr



joeldon Apr 25, 1:33pm via TweetDeck

Flips side is RFP submitted & never read. Way 2 prove if you are sly ;-) @ <u>AerialEllis</u>: ...proposals getting shared & passed around. #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:33pm via TweetDeck

@mlaffs Re: RFPs, I rarely answer them. Best opps for me are when we've already chatted and I'm one of 2-3 they're considering. #solopr



LoisMarketing Apr 25, 1:33pm via TweetDeck

Don't be held captive to RFPs. Have confidence to request a phone convo, email questions etc. #soloPR



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:33pm via TweetDeck

@mdbarber what sort of questions go into it? #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:33pm via TweetGrid.com

@KellyeCrane correct a part of my services is to build a plan w/client. I give enough freebies away on blog not giving pr campaigns #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:32pm via TweetDeck

@mdbarber Been considering a formal questionnaire for future consultations. #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:32pm via TweetChat

How do you enforce? RT @ AerialEllis: ...Some verbiage should be included that warns against sharing. #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:32pm via TweetChat

That questionnaire also helps discourage the tire kickers. If they aren't sure what they really want, it's a clear sign. #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:32pm via TweetDeck

@AerialEllis You can try. But you can't really stop it. #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:32pm via TweetDeck

@dariasteigman any tips for predicting whether first 2 are going to be effective or it's going to be a waste of time? #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:31pm via TweetChat

If not a formal RFP process, I have started asking people to complete a "questionnaire." It tells me a lot about what they want. #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:31pm via TweetDeck

We've all heard of proposals getting shared & passed around. Some verbiage should be included that warns against sharing. #solopr



MollyBorchers Apr 25, 1:30pm via HootSuite

Great tips! RT: @PaulaJohns Helpful tips from @MrMediaTraining: 9 ?s to Ask Before Every Media Interview: bit.ly/rinzAu #solopr #pr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:30pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @pronouncedALJ: A2: Address RFP reqs fully, but write in a way that makes potential client want to hear more from you in person #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:30pm via TweetChat

Agreed. Don't drill down to tactical level just yet. RT @KellyeCrane: A2: In proposals, its important to include... #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:30pm via TweetDeck

@KellyeCrane Great point. Always add something a la "we understand that..." #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:30pm via TweetDeck

@mlaffs Yes- the strategy/specifics are furnished as part of the plan (once working together). #solopr



joeldon Apr 25, 1:30pm via TweetDeck

Spot on. @akenn: And remember: a proposal is not a plan #solopr



MollyBorchers Apr 25, 1:29pm via web

RT @tressalynne: Stop Giving Away the Cookies: How to Woo Prospects Without Giving Away Your Ideas bit.ly/JrU4tf #PRtips #solopr #PR



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:29pm via TweetDeck

@mlaffs When RFP isn't clear, can try to get more info. Or respond based on what you see as the real need. Or skip. #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:29pm via TweetDeck

With RFPs, its different. You have to cover all the touchpoints. It's just part playing of the game. #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:29pm via TweetDeck

@mediacoach whoa you just changed your photo in the middle of the chat! Broadway stars don't turn around that quickly! #solopr



JasMollica Apr 25, 1:29pm via ÜberSocial for iPhone

Always do this! RT @mediacoach: A2 Have a pre-proposal chat with client - "how much detail would you like?" #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:29pm via TweetGrid.com

a2. what i also do before i create the rfp is chat with the client and have them answer my questionnaire. #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:29pm via TweetChat

@mlaffs Not sure I understand your question. #solopr



akenn Apr 25, 1:29pm via TweetChat

And remember: a proposal is not a plan #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:29pm via TweetDeck

A2: Along the lines of @WolcottPR's point, a 2-3 para "situation analysis" at beg can show you understand what they've told you #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:28pm via TweetDeck

Once had a potential client who wanted to see the "how" in the proposal. I explained, we'll show you how when you sign the contract. #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:28pm via TweetGrid.com

a2. i work by referrals so I don't have to convince potential clients. however, i do create rfps, but not share specifics. #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:28pm via TweetDeck

@pronouncedALJ @mdbarber would you advise avoiding contracts w/o clear RFPs? #solopr



akenn Apr 25, 1:28pm via web

Examples of past work are good way to do this RT @pronouncedALJ write in a way that makes client want to hear more from you #solopr



JasMollica Apr 25, 1:28pm via ÜberSocial for iPhone

RT @SoloPR: Great Q to ask RT @JanetLFalk: A2 Will your proposal be shared with anyone outside the agency/company requesting RFP? #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:28pm via web

A2 Always begin the proposal with a one-page summary. Add fine detail in appendices. #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:28pm via TweetChat

A2 - Sometimes I will do research, among friends, to show I've taken the initiative to learn more. Survey Monkey has been my tool. #solopr



jgombita Apr 25, 1:28pm via TweetDeck

RT @WolcottPR: Smart. RT @mediacoach: A2 Have a pre-proposal chat with client - "how much detail would you like?" #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:28pm via TweetDeck

A2: Say the first step once you're working together is development of a complete plan, w/objectives, milestones, etc. #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:27pm via TweetChat

RT @pronouncedALJ: A2: Address RFP reqs fully, but write in a way that makes potential client want to hear more from you in person. #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:27pm via TweetDeck

A2 I think you always have to assume a wide audience. Kinda like with your tweets. :) #solopr



WolcottPR Apr 25, 1:26pm via TweetDeck

Smart. RT @mediacoach: A2 Have a pre-proposal chat with client - "how much detail would you like?" #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:26pm via TweetDeck

@SoloPR @KellyeCrane maybe a follow up to this is distinguishing the proposal process from customizing strategy for new clients #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:26pm via TweetChat

@jgombita Thanks! #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:26pm via TweetChat

A2: Address the RFP reqs fully, but write in a way that makes potential client want to hear more from you in person. #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:26pm via TweetDeck

We give detailed proposals that show "what" & not the actual "how." #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:26pm via TweetChat

RT @KellyeCrane: A2: In proposals, its important to include \*what\* you plan to do, but keep \*how\* to yourself until they sign. #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:26pm via web

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+1 RT @KellyeCrane: A2: In proposals, impt. to include \*what\* you plan to do, keep \*how\* you'll do it to yourself until they sign. #solopr



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jgombita Apr 25, 1:25pm via web

This one @mdbarber: Picking and Choosing: Content Strategy in the Age of Opportunity Overload prsa.org/Intelligence/T... (login needed) #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:25pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @dariasteigman: A2 Always a balance b/w showing process, showcasing smarts & not giving someone a roadmap to write a better RFP. #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:25pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @KellyeCrane: A2: ... it's important to include \*what\* you plan to do, but keep \*how\* you'll do it to yourself until they sign. #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:25pm via TweetDeck

A2 Impt to demonstrate results. That you have the expertise & the experience. #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:25pm via TweetGrid.com

Imp tip! RT @deegospel: a1 i use highbeam to legitimize a media outlet. sometimes people who contact me aren't who they say they are #solopr



joeldon Apr 25, 1:25pm via TweetDeck

+1 @KellyeCrane: A2: keep \*how\* you'll do it to yourself until they sign. #solopr



WolcottPR Apr 25, 1:25pm via TweetDeck

A2: Proposals must "speak" to their unique need. Prospects are seeking results, deliverables. Extra info can be posted online #solopr



JanetLFalk Apr 25, 1:25pm via TweetDeck

A2 Will your proposal be shared with anyone outside the agency/company requesting RFP? #soloPR



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:24pm via TweetDeck

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joeldon Apr 25, 1:24pm via TweetDeck

A1: Don't forget LinkedIn Answers. It's free and extensive. #solopr



igombita Apr 25, 1:23pm via web

@mdbarber it's on content strategy. Fellow's agency works w/ a (Texas, I think) museum on designing unique content. Two pages long. #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:23pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @deegospel: a1 i use a variety of twitter based secondary sites to learn and monitor my clients they're so many #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:23pm via TweetDeck

@SoloPR great question! #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:23pm via TweetChat

RT @SoloPR: Q2: I want my proposals to win over the client. Im not sure if Im incl too much/not enough info. How do you handle? #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:23pm via TweetChat

@joeldon Cool! My husband @osanders is a software architect, so I appreciate the level of effort required. #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:23pm via TweetDeck

@SoloPR @stuartmcfaul @invesp lists include Alexa, Google, RSS data about blogs, all in one place #solopr



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mdbarber Apr 25, 1:22pm via TweetChat

@jgombita what's the Strategist article? Title or link? Don't have my latest issue yet. #solopr



igombita Apr 25, 1:22pm via web

@dariasteigman no, he mentions two Google tools. (One of which I wasn't even aware of.) Sorry, don't have the magazine at hand. #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:22pm via TweetGrid.com

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JasMollica Apr 25, 1:22pm via TweetDeck

RT @<u>KellyeCrane</u>: @<u>deegospel</u> I think we <u>#solopr</u> pros tend to default to free tools a lot, but some tools are obviously worth paying for.



joeldon Apr 25, 1:22pm via TweetDeck

Initially, yes, then hired a coder. @pronouncedALJ: ... an app. Did you do the programming yourself? Impressive! #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:21pm via TweetDeck

A1 So I'm guessing "Twitter" is 1 answer, to judge by @jgombita's comment... #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:20pm via TweetGrid.com

Some great ideas and tips on Q1 everyone - thanks! Q2 is up next... #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:20pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @<u>mlaffs</u>: @<u>SoloPR</u> my friend @<u>stuartmcfaul</u> turned me on to @<u>invesp</u> this week - centralizes various kinds of web data #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:20pm via web

@pronouncedALJ @AerialEllis Rule Britannica, as we say over here. #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:19pm via TweetChat

Yes! >> RT @jgombita: @pronouncedALJ still banned at both the secondary and post-secondary school level in Canada.... #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:19pm via TweetDeck

@jgombita I have it in my "to read" folder. Looked interesting, for sure. #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:19pm via TweetDeck

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mdbarber Apr 25, 1:19pm via TweetChat

<u>@KellyeCrane</u> <u>@dariasteigman</u> -- Oy is right re: microfiche! Took so much time & crummy copy. Times have changed! <u>#solopr</u>



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:19pm via TweetDeck

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pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:19pm via TweetChat

They think Wiki=Britannica. Not. So. >> RT @ <u>AerialEllis</u>: I told my students just yesterday to double source anything on Wikipedia <u>#solopr</u>



jgombita Apr 25, 1:18pm via web

@<u>KellyeCrane</u> see article in @<u>PRSA</u>'s The Strategist (re: content strategy) where the fellow talked about the LEAST USED Google tools? #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:18pm via TweetDeck

@KellyeCrane Eeks! My research job 1 semester in grad school was all going through old newspapers -- microfiche. #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:18pm via TweetGrid.com

Any tools! Paid/offline OK, too.:-) RT @deegospel: a1. i didn't realize the question asked for free online research tools #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:17pm via TweetDeck

@mediacoach i have noticed several errors/one-sided content for current figures #solopr



igombita Apr 25, 1:17pm via web

@pronouncedALJ still banned at both the secondary and post-secondary school level in Canada.... #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:17pm via TweetDeck

@dariasteigman Remember microfiche? Oy! #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:17pm via TweetChat

@joeldon Hey I see from your profile you have an app. Did you do the programming yourself? Impressive! #solopr



deegospel Apr 25, 1:16pm via TweetGrid.com

al. i didn't realize the question asked for free online research tools #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:16pm via TweetDeck

A1: Speaking of Google, their keyword search tool can help you see the volume of searches for various terms- helpful. #solopr



igombita Apr 25, 1:16pm via web

Side note to #solopr peeps: I'm quoting a whole bunch of you smartypants in Employee Byte: Insourcing Social PR, which publishes tomorrow.



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:15pm via TweetChat

Indeed. Used to ban use in students' research papers. RT @joeldon: Caveat: double-verify info from wiki. @mlaffs #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:15pm via TweetGrid.com

\*waving hello to Ann!\* RT @MarketingProfs: @KellyeCrane Thanks, Kellye! Hi, #solopr folks!



joeldon Apr 25, 1:15pm via TweetDeck

Trust, but verify. @mediacoach: @mlaffs Interesting. I avoid Wiikipedia for biographical data in particular - too many errors. #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:15pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @John\_Trader1: A1: I use Alexa and seomoz a lot to check strength of Web sites and their relevance to audience I'm pitching. #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:15pm via TweetChat

@dariasteigman Spring is definitely springing. Each day there's less snow in the garden. Still a ways to go though. 50s all week! #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:14pm via TweetDeck

@joeldon @mediacoach yes, but as a starting point, or to cheat at #operaplot, it's a goldmine #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:14pm via TweetChat

Agree RT @KellyeCrane: A1: Another terrific source of free data is the Pew Research Center - bit.ly/crbvR #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:14pm via web

@mlaffs @joeldon Interesting. I avoid Wiikipedia for biographical data in particular - too many errors. #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:14pm via TweetDeck

@mdbarber Ha. Great minds.:) Is spring finally springing in Anchorage? #solopr



joeldon Apr 25, 1:14pm via TweetDeck

Caveat: double-verify info from wiki. @mlaffs: i am always impressed by the depth & quality of info available on wikipedia, #solopr



MarketingProfs Apr 25, 1:14pm via web

@KellyeCrane Thanks, Kellye! Hi, #solopr folks!



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:13pm via TweetChat

A1 - Always start with a Google search but sources I also look at incl Pew, WSJ, NYT, local trad'l media #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:13pm via TweetDeck

A2 Don't discount Google Search. Great window on what's out there -- saves all that time you used to have to spend at library. #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:13pm via TweetDeck

A1: Another terrific source of free data - on a variety of topics - is the Pew Research Center - <u>bit.ly/crbvR</u> #solopr



John\_Trader1 Apr 25, 1:13pm via TweetChat

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mlaffs Apr 25, 1:12pm via TweetDeck

@joeldon i am always impressed by the depth & quality of info available on wikipedia, especially for specific niches, like composers #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:12pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @mediacoach: A1 Google Alerts, Twilert.com Socialmention.com, Eyes and Ears. #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:11pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @jgombita: A1. Search engines. (Just had a convo w/@nealshaffer about how Google still the LARGEST driver of blog traffic, by far #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:11pm via TweetChat

A1: Google search and news definitely #1 for client research. LinkedIn/Twitter to track down contacts/verify contact info. #solopr



joeldon Apr 25, 1:11pm via TweetDeck

Wiki probably still yields the fastest result. It's user supported, so please donate a few bucks if you can. #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:11pm via TweetDeck

A1 LinkedIn Qs can be very helpful. I've used for researching topics, soliciting advice. Like Twitter, but allows more depth. #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:11pm via TweetGrid.com

RT @ Aerial Ellis: Research sources: Google, Nielsen, Qualtrics, and even Twitter #solopr



mdbarber Apr 25, 1:11pm via TweetChat

Joining a bit late. Mary from Anchorage; 30 year pro with 12 as indy. #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:10pm via web



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:10pm via TweetDeck

A1: For marketing-related info, eMarketer, @MarketingProfs, Neilsen all have helpful data. #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:09pm via TweetChat

@dariasteigman Ok! I'll give you a call. #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:09pm via TweetGrid.com

@mlaffs @pronounedALJ Any and all research types are helpful - share away! #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:09pm via TweetDeck

RT @SoloPR: Q1: What are your favorite online research tools? (both secondary and primary sources) #solopr



3HatsComm Apr 25, 1:09pm via TweetChat

Agreed... IF you have right audience list. RT @KellyeCrane: A1: For a general survey, SurveyMonkey is hard to beat. #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:08pm via TweetChat

Would be helpful. >> RT @mlaffs: @KellyeCrane @SoloPR i think maybe you should clarify what kinds of research youre talking about? #solopr



jgombita Apr 25, 1:08pm via web

A1. Search engines. (Just had a convo with @nealshaffer about how Google still the LARGEST driver of blog traffic, by far.) #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:08pm via TweetDeck

@pronouncedALJ Let's talk next week. I ran it in early yrs, can def. help. #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:08pm via TweetDeck

A1: I know a lot of folks also like using LinkedIn for surveys. But when doing your own survey, it's rarely a representative sample #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:07pm via TweetChat

@dariasteigman Yep! Hitting some snags. Any guidance would be appreciated. #solopr



AerialEllis Apr 25, 1:07pm via TweetDeck

Research sources: Google, Nielsen, Qualtrics, and even Twitter #soloPR



JanetLFalk Apr 25, 1:07pm via TweetDeck

 $NYC\text{-}based\ PR\ pro\ for\ Wall\ Street,\ small\ biz,\ nonprofit\ and\ law\ firm.\ A\ bit\ gloomy\ today.\ \underline{\#soloPR}$ 



deegospel Apr 25, 1:07pm via TweetGrid.com

a1: twitter and highbeam #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:07pm via TweetDeck

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dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:06pm via TweetDeck

@pronouncedALJ You took over the Indies Group, right? We should talk. #solopr



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:06pm via TweetDeck

A1: For a general survey, SurveyMonkey is hard to beat. #solopr



mlaffs Apr 25, 1:06pm via TweetDeck

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pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:05pm via TweetChat

@dariasteigman Hey fellow IABC-DC member! :-) #solopr



tashaB Apr 25, 1:05pm via TweetDeck

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mlaffs Apr 25, 1:05pm via TweetDeck

@SoloPR Twitter is one of my starting points for any research, along with wikipedia #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:05pm via TweetGrid.com

Q1: What are your favorite online research tools? (both secondary and primary sources) #solopr



3HatsComm Apr 25, 1:05pm via TweetDeck

Another pro from Atlanta, joining #soloPR chat.



deegospel Apr 25, 1:04pm via TweetGrid.com

Dee Stewart. PR/Journ . Atlanta #solopr



dariasteigman Apr 25, 1:04pm via TweetDeck

Fellow <u>#solopr</u> friends. Coming to you from Washington, D.C. And a welcome to first-timer <u>@pronouncedALJ</u>.



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:04pm via TweetGrid.com

Q1 is coming up... #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:04pm via TweetGrid.com

Great crowd - international, newbies and veterans alike! #solopr



pronouncedALJ Apr 25, 1:03pm via TweetChat

Angie Sanders. Copywriter. aiellejai. First timer. Hi! :-) #solopr #solopr



mediacoach Apr 25, 1:02pm via web

Good morrow from London, #solopr ladies and gentlemen



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:02pm via TweetGrid.com

If you have <u>#solopr</u> Qs you'd like us to discuss, please @<u>KellyeCrane</u> without the hashtag (or DM), and we'll add them to the list!



KellyeCrane Apr 25, 1:01pm via TweetDeck

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SoloPR Apr 25, 1:01pm via TweetGrid.com

@AerialEllis Hi Aerial! #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:01pm via TweetGrid.com

If you're joining, please introduce yourself. This is @KellyeCrane moderating, Atlanta-based blogger at soloprpro.com #solopr



SoloPR Apr 25, 1:01pm via TweetGrid.com

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