CHAPTER 3 OVERVIEW GUIDE

Advertising Creative Toolkit for Suppliers



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Turn Product Ideas Into Campaigns

You have products or assistance. The next step is deciding which ones to feature, what to say, and how to turn that idea into creative your team can use.

A good starting point is the customer journey your products can support. A distributor may want help finding buyers. A buyer may want to compare options. An engineer may want to explore a more basic way of doing the same thing. Your creative should help that buyer see where your products fit.

OneSource is the supplier growth platform within Tetra, connecting product data, buyer intent, and campaign performance. The goal is straightforward: make your products easier to find and easier to choose.

Use this toolkit to build your next campaign, from the first brief to the final artwork. The templates and examples are right here, ready to use.

1. Start With a Simple Campaign Brief

Before anyone opens a design file, agree on what the campaign needs to accomplish. A short brief gives marketing, sales, and product teams a shared starting point and helps your designer avoid unnecessary revisions.

Copy this template into your next creative request:

CAMPAIGN BRIEF TEMPLATE — Copy Campaign Brief

Goal	What should this campaign help you do?
Audience	Who needs to see it, and what are they trying to source or sell?
Product focus	Which product or set should be featured?
Main message	What is the most useful reason to consider it?
Supporting detail	Which verified product facts back up that message?
Action and destination	What should buyers do, and where will the link take them?
Placement and timing	Where will the creative run, and when are assets due?
Success measure	Which available metric will help you evaluate the response?
Approver	Who confirms the copy, product details, and final artwork?

For example, a supplier promoting drinkware might choose this brief: reach distributors planning employee welcome kits, feature three coordinated drinkware styles, lead with the bundle set for ease, and send buyers to that collection. The campaign goal is a collection visit, with website engagement reviewed alongside available placement reporting.

That gives the team a clear assignment before design begins.

2. Give Buyers a Reason to Choose Your Products

Your product name identifies the item. Your campaign message helps buyers understand why it belongs in their next customer program.

Start with this copy formula:

Customer use case + relevant product benefit + clear next step.

Here are three examples you can adapt. Confirm every product claim before using it.

EXAMPLE A — Employee Welcome Kits

Headline	Drinkware for Day One
Supporting copy	Explore coordinated drinkware options for employee welcome kits.
CTA	Explore the Collection

EXAMPLE B — Apparel for Decorators

Headline	Your Next Tee Starts Here
Supporting copy	Compare colors, sizes, and decoration details for your next team program.
CTA	View Product Details

EXAMPLE C — Recognition Gifts

Headline	Make Recognition More Personal
Supporting copy	Browse gifts with personalization options for employee milestones.
CTA	Browse Recognition Gifts

Use only the copy the placement has room for. A small banner may need the headline and CTA alone. A newsletter module can give buyers more context.

If your message includes inventory, turnaround, sustainability, or decoration claims, ask the product team for the details to verify them. For deadline-driven campaigns, update messaging the day data from the delivery date and explain any decoration requirements.

3. Build a Creative Kit You Can Reuse

Keep the campaign materials together so your team can create additional placements without searching through old emails or rebuilding every asset.

Your creative kit should include:

- **Product photography:** An original product image, a detail shot, and a relevant lifestyle image when available.
- **Brand assets:** Your approved logo files, colors, and fonts.
- **Copy:** The main headline, a shorter alternative, supporting copy, and CTA.
- **Product facts:** Item numbers, available options, decoration information, and approved claims.
- **Links:** The destination URL and any tracking links for your website.
- **Production details:** Placement specifications, due dates, and approval status.

Choose photography based on what the buyer needs to understand. A detail shot can show a zipper or fabric texture. A lifestyle image can show how the product looks when it's in use. A program. Use actual product photography so the creative accurately represents what you sell.

Keep the editable master file as well as final exports. Our standard file name is `welcome-kit_newletter_v2_approved.png`, to help everyone identify the correct version.



4. Adapt Your Message to the Placement

Each placement gives buyers a different amount of space and context. Design for that moment instead of simply resizing one finished image.

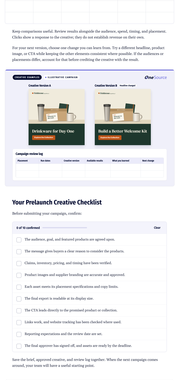
Use this guide when planning your creative:

Placement type	What to emphasize	What to prepare
Search or dashboard banner	One product or collection and a concise reason to explore it	A simple image, short headline, supporting copy, and destination URL
Newsletter feature	A timely selling idea or product introduction	Artwork plus supporting copy and a CTA suited to the newsletter
Dedicated email	A focused story with enough detail to help buyers act	Subject line, opening message, product images, and a primary CTA
Curated product feature	How the item fits a customer program	Product photography, item details, a useful description, and a clear CTA
In-app feature	Why the message matters to the person working in that tool	Brief, relevant copy and a clear action
Social creative	A product detail, demonstration, or use case worth a closer look	Artwork or video framed for the placement, with a caption and next step

For a decorator audience, explain the decoration options and product details they need to assess the item. For buyers building customer programs, show the occasion or collection your products support.

Confirm the audience for each finished placement. A newsletter, in-app feature, and social post may each reach different communities, even when they all market the same brand.

Before exporting, check the required pixel dimensions, file format, copy limits, and deadline. Review the actual export as it displays. Text that looks balanced in a design file can feel crowded on a phone. A file looks clear on your designs cannot may be difficult to read in the placement.



5. Make the Next Step Easy

Choose the destination while writing the ad. If you promise a welcome kit collection, buyers should arrive at that collection without having to search your entire catalog.

Match the CTA to the next step:

Campaign focus	CTA	Destination
New product	**View Product Details**	The featured product page
Seasonal collection	**Explore the Collection**	A curated collection page
Decoration education	**See Decoration Options**	A page explaining supported methods and requirements
Recognition gifts	**Browse Recognition Gifts**	The featured recognition assortment

Open the link on your phone and desktop. Check that the featured products are easy to locate and that the page shows buyers useful details, including options, decoration information, and how to inquire or order.

For campaigns linking to your own website, coordinate tracking with whoever manages your site. Use consistent campaign names and source labels so it's clear which placements are the ones to review when visits come from. Confirm that tracking works before the campaign goes live.

6. Check Your Product Data Before You Launch

Your creative and your catalog should tell the same story. If the ad features a color, buyers should see that color available. Before pairing, they may need to contact your team. Make that one more barrier.

Review the featured products with your catalog or operations team:

- [ ] Do item numbers, descriptions, and images match the ad?
- [ ] Are the promoted colors and sizes available?
- [ ] Are pricing, minimums, and decoration details current?
- [ ] Are inventory and timing claims still accurate?
- [ ] Have you checked the destination listing as well as the source data?

OneSource connects catalog management and product data distribution with buyer discovery. Keeping your product information current helps your campaigns perform better, helping buyers find products they can evaluate and order.

Build a product data check into your approval process, especially when promoting a changing assortment or a time-sensitive offer.

7. Review Results and Plan Your Next Version

Decide what you will review before launching. Reporting varies by placement, so ask which metrics are available and what each one measures.

For an awareness campaign, you might review available impressions or reach. For a traffic campaign, review clicks, engagement rate, and engagement on your own website. If your goal is inquiries, agree on how your team will record and counter those inquiries to the campaign.

Use a single review log:

CAMPAIGN REVIEW LOG — Copy Review Log

Placement	Run dates	Creative version	Available results	What you learned	Next change

Keep comparisons useful. Review results alongside the audience, spend, timing, and placement. Clicks show a response to the creative; they do not establish revenue on their own.

Once a campaign closes, use those findings to plan your next campaign. Start with the strongest message, the most effective placement, and the most useful creative for your audience.



Your PreLaunch Creative Checklist

Before submitting your campaign, confirm:

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- [ ] The audience, goal, and featured products are agreed upon.
- [ ] The message gives buyers a clear reason to consider the products.
- [ ] Claims, inventory, pricing, and timing have been verified.
- [ ] Product images and supplier branding are accurate and approved.
- [ ] Each asset meets its placement specifications and copy limits.
- [ ] The final export is readable at its display size.
- [ ] The CTA leads directly to the promised product or collection.
- [ ] Links work, and website tracking has been checked where used.
- [ ] Reporting expectations and the review date are set.
- [ ] The final approver has signed off, and assets are ready by the deadline.

Save the brief, approved creative, and review log together. When the next campaign comes around, your team will have a useful starting point.

Put Your Toolkit to Work With OneSource

Choose one collection you want more buyers to consider. Complete the brief, gather your assets, and build the first creative version around a clear customer use case.

OneSource helps suppliers coordinate product data, buyer discovery, and advertising across relevant industry channels. Your OneSource representative can help launch your campaign in an audience and placement, confirm production requirements, and review results after the reporting available.

Ready to place your next campaign? Explore supplier advertising opportunities or contact your OneSource representative.

Explore Supplier Advertising Opportunities →