Common Go-To-Market (GTM) Motions

Use this guide to understand the most common AWS-supported GTM programs and motions available to ISVs.

1. Co-Sell Campaigns

What It Is:

Co-branded marketing or sales efforts executed in partnership with AWS field sellers, Partner Development Managers (PDMs), or industry teams.

Examples:

- AWS/ISV joint outbound campaigns
- Targeted industry sales plays
- "Better Together" campaigns with AWS and ISV solution messaging

Goal:

Drive awareness, pipeline, and co-sell alignment with AWS sellers.

2. AWS-Sponsored Events

What It Is:

Opportunities to participate in or sponsor AWS events ranging from regional summits to virtual webinars or industry-specific roundtables.

Examples:

- AWS Summits (booth presence or speaking sessions)
- Industry Days or Immersion Days
- Partner Spotlights at AWS-hosted events

Goal:

Increase exposure to AWS customers, generate leads, and deepen industry presence.

3. AWS Marketplace Incentives

What It Is:

Programs that drive visibility and adoption of your solution via the AWS Marketplace.

Examples:

- Private Offer enablement (via CPPO or direct)
- AWS-funded Marketplace promotions
- Marketplace "Featured Seller" campaigns

Goal:

Accelerate procurement through AWS, reduce sales cycles, and create stickiness with customers.

4. Case Study & Reference Campaigns

What It Is:

Highlighting customer success through AWS-published case studies, blog features, or marketing collateral.

Examples:

- Joint customer success stories promoted by AWS
- Blogs or videos featured in AWS Partner News or at events
- Partner Success Stories page listing

Goal:

Establish credibility, improve co-sell success, and support tier advancement.

5. Account-Based Marketing (ABM) with AWS

What It Is:

Targeted marketing campaigns focused on specific accounts or verticals in collaboration with AWS sales teams.

Examples:

- Joint email campaigns with AWS reps
- Industry-specific landing pages with co-branded messaging
- Customized sales enablement for named accounts

Goal:

Convert top-target accounts and accelerate enterprise deal cycles.

6. Partner Learning & Campaign Support

What It Is:

Access to tools, templates, and AWS-led training to build and launch partner-led GTM campaigns.

Examples:

- AWS Partner Demand Generation Kits
- Pre-built campaign-in-a-box content
- Marketing Development Funds (MDF), if applicable

Goal:

Empower your team to launch more effective campaigns using AWS-aligned content.

7. Thought Leadership & Content Marketing

What It Is:

Leverage AWS channels to share your vision, expertise, or differentiated solutions.

Examples:

- Guest blogs or whitepapers promoted by AWS
- Participation in AWS podcasts or panels
- LinkedIn Live sessions co-hosted with AWS SMEs

Goal:

Build brand authority and influence AWS technical and business stakeholders.

How to Prioritize GTM Motions

You're Ready For... If You Have...

Co-Sell Campaigns FTR passed + opportunities in ACE
Marketplace Motions Solution listed on AWS Marketplace
Case Studies Publicly referenceable customers

Events Budget for sponsorship or technical speakers ABM Named accounts and AWS seller alignment

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Thought Leadership

Unique solution or industry insight