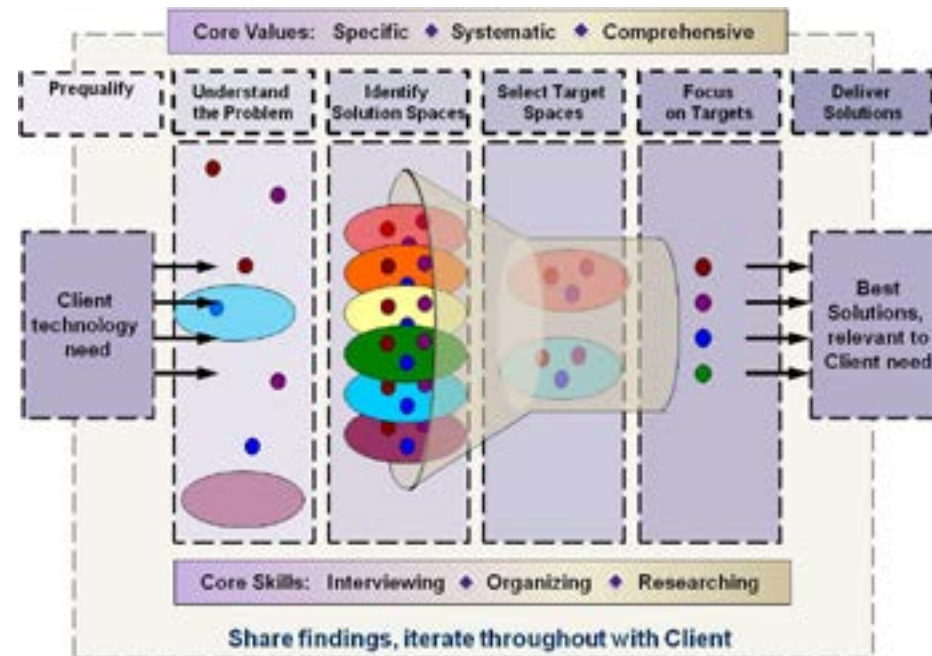


Technology Scouting provides a systematic and comprehensive approach to finding existing technology solutions for unmet company needs. The goal of Technology Scouting is to find a far-reaching perspective of possible solutions, unknown or unconsidered, to solve the problem. Tech scouts identify solutions in industries outside the client's normal view, bringing a broader perspective, additional resources, new fields and unexpected solutions.



Technology Area	Patent	Trade Secret	Know-How	Other	IP Protection
Manufacturing	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Product Development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Process Improvement	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Quality Control	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Supply Chain	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Customer Service	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



Specifically, Technology Scouting can locate solutions that:

- Enable a new product development
- Solve a current product issue
- Solve a unique process issue
- Identify unique experience/skills or a specialty resource

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