	Features	Benefits
Capture	Capture feedback	 Gives customers and stakeholders a voice in the product planning process Allows customers to submit new ideas, needs and preferences through multiple feedback touchpoints
	Similar idea detection	 Minimizes duplication and overlap of ideas Allows participants to add comments to an idea rather than submitting a duplicate Allows multiple participants to sponsor the same idea
	Anonymous feedback	• Allows customers to submit and rank ideas anonymously, to encourage more honest feedback
	Public surveys	 Allows manager to gather feedback from a broader base of individuals without requiring an invitation Allows individuals to rate pages of web sites, portals or applications, within those respective contexts
Analysis	Idea ranking and prioritization	• Enables customers to rank lists of items, helping to achieve consensus
	"Point Distribution" ranking	• Determines relative importance of each item to identify customers' most important needs
	Collaborative discussions on ideas	•Enables customers to discuss ideas to further clarify them and ensure a complete understanding •Allows new advisors to get up to speed quickly on the evolution of an idea
	Downloadable data	• Enables manager to perform more detailed analysis and customize reports
Communication	User type weighting	 Allows specific participants a greater voice in the feedback process Enables what-if scenarios to gain additional insight into customer responses
	Status of feedback	 Keeps users updated on the current status of their ideas Engenders customer loyalty by validating that you are listening and responding to their ideas
	New idea notification	Automates responsiveness by alerting the manager of new ideas that require review
	Templates & themes	 Allows manager to create advisor pages, surveys and email templates that fit with their corporate image Enables manager to explain why they are asking for feedback from customers and how to provide that feedback Allows manager to customize the emails customers receive when an idea, or the status of their idea, changes
Validation	Customized surveys	 Enables existing data to be validated by a larger audience Allows for additional data to be captured and incorporated into the process
	Confidence-based sampling	 Provides participants with a subset of ideas to rank Increases the likelihood that surveys will be completed Patent currently pending regarding this selection method
Data Management	Custom hierarchical idea categories	 Allows manager to group and filter sets of like ideas Enables customers to be more specific by identifying the area of the product they are submitting ideas about
	Custom idea statuses	 Allows manager to map ideas to a workflow process Allows ideas to be included or excluded from different user views
	Custom idea fields	 Allows manager to create custom fields to provide a clearer definition of ideas Provides data for use in analytical reports
	Advanced filtering	Allows users to predefine filters for reuse Organizes large volumes of data
Reporting User Management	Advisor role	 Allows the most experienced users to offer additional input Allows qualified users to access the entire IdeaBase
	Participant role	Allows a larger percentage of the customer base to provide feedbackAllows user involvement with minimal time commitment
	User types	Allows for customized classification and weighting of users
	Distribution lists	• Minimizes the time required to send email invitations to large groups
	Idea reports	• Enables manager to view the priority of each idea and their ratings from advisors and survey participants • Provides summary and statistical data for ideas in ranked order, supporting customer-driven product development
	Survey reports	 Enables manager to see who participated or declined to participate Summarizes responses and data captured from a survey and reveals trends in how groups of participants respond
Extensibility	Custom embedding	 Provides a method for embedding IdeaScope within an application, portal or web site Allows feedback to be captured within the context of the user experience
	Custom integrations	 Provides for importing and exporting data via web services to all open applications such as Help Desk, CRM, Requirements Management, Portfolio Management, and other lifecycle products Minimizes data redundancies Provides a view into complementary lifecycle products

