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With cloud computing quickly becoming a standard in today's IT environments, many security experts are raising concerns regarding security and privacy in outsourced cloud environments-requiring a change in how we evaluate risk and protect information, processes, and people. Managing Risk and Security in Outsourcing IT Services: Onshore, Offshore and

THE BLACK BOOKS OF OUTSOURCING: HOW TO MANAGE THE CHANGES, CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES John Wiley & Sons Outsourcing has become one of the key restructuring tools for companies seeking to boost their growth and business performance. As the outsourcing phenomenon has mushroomed, so a range of academic studies have sought to define and describe a unifying theoretical model. Outsourcing: Design, Process and Performance draws upon managerial, economic, sociological, historical and psychological perspectives to bring about an understanding of how outsourcing design and the outsourcing process feed into the performance of firms. Blending empirical insights from a range of international cases and large-scale statistical tests with existing theoretical perspectives, the author argues that a negative curvilinear relationship exists between outsourcing and firm performance. A critical analysis of current outsourcing strategies, together with a discussion of future trends, offers a new agenda for academic researchers and business managers alike.

Go Digital or Go Home As the great boxer Mike Tyson said, "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth." In the context of a legacy outsourcing agreement, that punch has come in the form of robotic process automation and artificial intelligence. Make no mistake about it, we are experiencing the fastest technological evolution in history, and the outsourcing industry is leading the charge. To succeed in the digital outsourcing age, service providers will have to transform their pricing, staffing, and delivery models, and the legacy outsourcing agreement must follow suit. Selling Outsourcing Services in the Digital Age asks difficult questions, challenges the status quo, and leads you through the process of negotiating an outsourcing agreement that accounts for the deployment of digital technologies and facilitates timely, quality, and cost-effective delivery. Do not be afraid: in chaos comes opportunity, and Grant Lange's expertise in negotiating outsourcing agreements will guide you through safely. Humans can and will peacefully co-exist with the robots. Buckle up-it should be a wild ride.

A quiet revolution has been taking place during the past three decades. The way that children enter families has changed radically among upper middle class families. In the 1980s infertility increasing became defined as a medical problem that could be solved with assisted reproductive technologies (ART) rather than through adoption. Asexual or 'assisted conception' involving medical technologies such as in vitro fertilization and embryo transfers began to replace sexual reproduction for infertile couples. Third parties, referred to as surrogates are hired to assist individuals and/or couples who wish to conceive and child with whom they share a genetic tie. This has resulted in a 'surrogate baby boom.' Outsourcing the Womb provides a critical introduction to the global surrogacy market. A comparative analysis of the assisted reproductive technology and surrogacy industry in Egypt, Israel, India and the United States disentangles the intersecting roles of race, religion, class inequality, religious law, and global capitalism. Gestational surrogacy challenges the idea of 'natural' reproduction and of the meaning of parenthood. What role should the state play in providing individuals and families with access to reproductive technologies? This book concludes with a discussion of 'reproductive justice'. The goal of this new, unique series is to offer readable, teachable "thinking frames" on today's social problems and social issues by leading scholars, all in short 60 page or shorter formats, and available for view on <http://routledge.customgateway.com/routledge-social-issues.html> For instructors teaching a wide range of courses in the social sciences, the Routledge Social Issues Collection now offers the best of both worlds: originally written short texts that provide "overviews" to important social issues as well as teachable excerpts from larger works previously published by Routledge and other presses.

There are books on outsourcing, but most are by academics or consultants. Few address multi-sourcing. The author of Successful Outsourcing and Multi-Sourcing, is a practitioner who headed an operation that handles over 500 million customer contacts a year with less than 30 staff, through both outsourcing and multi-sourcing. Multi-sourcing occurs where each individual function is contracted directly by the client rather than using a large system integrator or prime contractor. This approach lowers costs, reduces reliance on suppliers, speeds up change and generates a greater degree of innovation. The downside is it places much more of the risk on the client and needs specialist skills to run effectively. As well as a focus on multi-sourcing, the book addresses the question of why a business should outsource in the first place and how decisions to do this should be strategic, rather than it being something that happens by accident. Chapters then illuminate the benefits of single-sourcing; the benefits of multi-sourcing; how best to decide what outsourcing model to choose; how to transition to outsourcing; and what steps to take to maximise benefit and minimise risk. Downsides are clearly spelled out and alternatives to outsourcing are examined, including partial outsourcing and insourcing. This book serves as a valuable source of practical guidance for organisations looking at outsourcing strategy, outsourcing professionals, and those teaching or studying business topics.

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Large companies and small are increasingly seeing outsourcing as a means of making the most of their more limited resources. But how do you know whether it is right for your organization? What benefits are on offer and how do you ensure you realize them? How do you begin to construct a value-for-money agreement or determine a basis for pricing? What are the risks, and how do you recognize and manage them? Because every organization's needs are different, informed answers to these questions have been difficult to come by. Robert White and Barry James are experts with more than 35 years of experience in this field. The Outsourcing Manual is a fully comprehensive guide for any organization considering taking this route. It is above all practical, with models, outline procedures, a step-by-step guide to procurement, and standard documentation that can easily be adapted to your organization's requirements. There are case studies and worked examples throughout. The four part structure takes you through: assessment of outsourcing as a strategy for your organization; the planning phase; implementation; and outsourcing from the supplier's perspective. If you are involved in or considering outsourcing, the methodical and case study illustrated approach of The Outsourcing

Manual will equip you to manage the process for a successful outcome.

This book offers a sociological account of the process by which companies instituted and continue to institute outsourcing in their organization. Drawing on qualitative data, it examines the ways in which internal outsourcing in the information technologies and human resources professions negatively affects workers, their work conditions, and working relationships. With attention to the deleterious influence of outsourcing on relationships and the strong tendency of market organisations to produce social conflict in interactions – itself a considerable ‘transaction cost’ – the author challenges both the ideology that markets, rather than hierarchies, produce more efficient and less costly economic outcomes for companies, and the idea that outsourcing generates benefits for professional workers in the form of greater opportunity. A demonstration of the social conflict created between employees working for two separate, proprietary companies, *Working Lives* and *In-House Outsourcing* will be of interest to scholars with interests in the sociology of work and organizations and the sociology of professions, as well as those working in the fields of business management and human resources.

The dramatic growth of government over the course of the twentieth century since the New Deal prompts concern among libertarians and conservatives and also among those who worry about government's costs, efficiency, and quality of service. These concerns, combined with rising confidence in private markets, motivate the widespread shift of federal and state government work to private organizations. This shift typically alters only who performs the work, not who pays or is ultimately responsible for it. “Government by contract” now includes military intelligence, environmental monitoring, prison management, and interrogation of terrorism suspects. Outsourcing government work raises questions of accountability. What role should costs, quality, and democratic oversight play in contracting out government work? What tools do citizens and consumers need to evaluate the effectiveness of government contracts? How can the work be structured for optimal performance as well as compliance with public values? *Government by Contract* explains the phenomenon and scope of government outsourcing and sets an agenda for future research attentive to workforce capacities as well as legal, economic, and political concerns.

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Designed for upper-level undergraduate or graduate courses in production-operations management, management information systems, international business, and strategic management, this text focuses on concepts, processes, and methodologies for firms planning to undertake or currently involved in outsourcing-insourcing decisions. "Outsourcing and Insourcing in an International Context" is the only available text that includes coverage of the international risk factors associated with this strategy. The book presents a balanced view of the positive and negative aspects of outsourcing, and provides essential coverage of the fundamental techniques involved in any outsourcing-insourcing decision. In addition, it discusses the ethical ramifications of outsourcing for companies and governments around the world. Each chapter includes learning objectives, discussion questions, and sample problems. An Instructor's Manual, Test Bank, and PowerPoint presentation are available to teachers who adopt the text.

A step-by-step program for getting your life in order, so you're prepared for the unexpected. The odds of getting hit by a bus are 495,000 to 1. But the odds that you're going to die some day? Exactly. Even the most disorganized among us can take control of our on- and off-line details so our loved ones won't have to scramble later. The experts at Everplans, a leading company in digital life planning, make it possible in this essential and easy-to-follow book. Breaking the task down into three levels, from the most urgent (like granting access to passwords), to the technical (creating a manual for the systems in your home), to the nostalgic (assembling a living memory), this clear, step-by-step program not only removes the anxiety and stress from getting your life in order, it's actually liberating. And deeply satisfying, knowing that you're leaving the best parting gift imaginable. When you finish this book, you will have: A system for managing all your passwords and secret codes Organized your money and assets, bills and debts A complete understanding of all the medical directives and legal documents you need—including Wills, Powers of Attorney, and Trusts A plan for meaningful photos, recipes, and family heirlooms Records of your personal history, interests, beliefs, and life lessons An instruction manual for your home and vehicles Your funeral planned and obituary written (if you're up for it)

What happens to black health care professionals in the new economy, where work is insecure and organizational resources are scarce? In *Flatlining*, Adia Harvey Wingfield exposes how hospitals, clinics, and other institutions participate in “racial outsourcing,” relying heavily on black doctors, nurses, technicians, and physician assistants to do “equity work”—extra labor that makes organizations and their services more accessible to communities of color. Wingfield argues that as these organizations become more profit driven, they come to depend on black health care professionals to perform equity work to serve increasingly diverse constituencies. Yet black workers often do this labor without

recognition, compensation, or support. Operating at the intersection of work, race, gender, and class, Wingfield makes plain the challenges that black employees must overcome and reveals the complicated issues of inequality in today's workplaces and communities.

This book examines the progress made in e-enabling the HR function and the relationship with outsourcing. The editors will review and analyse recent developments in the application of outsourcing and ICT to the HR function and its overall contribution to organizational aims. This text aims to fill the gap in current literature, by providing accessible guidance on how to tackle the e-enablement of the function and on the factors associated with successful outsourcing. There is no single text that adequately deals with this increasingly important problem and which has been recognised by the CIPD as a key area of research for their forward programme. The contributors all have leading-edge knowledge and practical experience and aim to provide practical guidance for organizations and HR professionals.

This book describes energy management outsourcing as a way of addressing the current energy challenges facing all organizations, namely high and volatile energy prices, the need to mitigate climate change and potential supply constraints as oil production peaks. These problems are likely to intensify in the coming years, yet most organizations have reduced in-house capability to address them, thus outsourcing is increasingly seen as an essential part of any strategy to reduce energy use and carbon emissions. The author describes the basic processes of energy management and how to outsource them in a strategic way to achieve maximum results. The process is based on a new model of energy management looking at total costs, which is presented in the book. The book offers a comprehensive guide to outsourcing energy management, discussing the risks and benefits and taking managers through the process of deciding whether to outsource or not, and finding and assessing an outsourcing partner. Managers looking to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions through the use of external service providers will find *Outsourcing Energy Management* an ideal 'how to do it' guide.

"Guilty When Black" is the poignant, gut-wrenching story of a young African American woman, Miashah Moses, who, through unrelenting media attention and a rush to judgment by the DA is charged with second-degree murder in the fiery deaths of her two small nieces, Noni, 4, and Nylah, 18 months, when she fed them lunch and left for eight minutes to empty the trash. While she was gone, the faulty stove caught fire, a not uncommon occurrence in the low-income apartments, according to the electrical contractors. The book's four-part story offers a rare glimpse into the unique challenges faced by minority and marginalized women in Oklahoma, a state with the highest rate of female incarceration in the nation. Miashah's plight is intertwined with vivid stories of five incarcerated women, the rise of one judge and fall of another, and the landmark exoneration of three black men wrongfully sentenced for crimes they did not commit. The non-fiction book is prefaced with a gripping account of the Tulsa 1921 Race Massacre, the largest slaughter of African Americans in U.S. history that left the city's affluent Greenwood district, known as the "Black Wall Street," burned to the ground.

This book is the definitive guide to leveraging the external services market for business advantage. Based on 30 years of research into over 2100 organizations and advisory engagements throughout Europe, the Americas, Asia Pacific and Africa, three world authorities detail the frameworks, lessons and practices that inexorably produce high performance. They pinpoint the who, where, and how of leadership, establish the strategic agenda and configure the outsourcing arrangement, how to manage across the outsourcing lifecycle, the vital client and supplier capabilities needed, how partnering evolves, and its real attributes, how clients innovate through outsourcing, and how they harness offshoring effectively. Up to date, with on-line follow-on materials to address market changes, this book provides the most authoritative single-source handbook for practitioners who want to be at the top of their game.

Through case studies, *Outsourcing the Womb, Second Edition* provides a critical analysis and global tour of the international surrogacy landscape in Egypt, India, China, Japan, Israel, Ukraine, the European Union and the United States. By providing a comparative analysis of countries that have very different policies, this book disentangles the complex role that race, religion, class inequality, legal regimes, and global capitalism play in the gestational surrogacy market. This book provides an intersectional frame of analysis in which multiple forms of social inequality and power differences become institutionalized and restrict the access of some individuals and families while privileging others, and concludes with a discussion of "reproductive justice" and "reproductive liberty." It is an ideal addition to courses on social problems, race, gender, and inequality.

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Learn the 17 secrets on how to outsource tasks to the Philippines successfully and maintain long-term relationship with your Virtual Assistant. Erlend Bakke has worked with his Filipino employees for more than 10 years now and he has shared all his secrets to this success in this ebook for free!

The Global Business Process Outsourcing and IT Services Market exceeded \$950 billion in 2013. Every indicator points to continued growth across all geographies and market segments for the foreseeable future. In order to drive innovation and realize the full benefit and value proposition of the services being outsourced, a shift in the method by which outsourcing services are procured is a necessity. Simply put, the current sales cycle and procurement approach is inefficient across time, quality, and cost parameters. *Selling Outsourcing Services* asks difficult questions, challenges the status quo, and provides an alternative mechanism to achieve timely contract execution by shifting the focus from the consequences of failure to collaboration, partnership, and success. An IT services executive with experience negotiating complex outsourcing services agreements across all industries, Grant Lange leads you through the process of putting your best foot forward and negotiating an outsourcing agreement that will yield timely, quality, and cost-effective delivery.

"From Spanish conquistadors through to pith-helmeted British colonialists, the prevailing vision of European empire-builders has been staunchly statist. But from the early 1600s through to the early twentieth century, from the East Indies to North America to Africa and the South Pacific, it was company states - not sovereign states - that played the most important role in driving European worldwide commercial and colonial expansion. In Asia, the Dutch and English East India Companies ingratiated themselves with mighty Asian rulers such as the Mughal and Qing Emperors to infiltrate Asian markets. In North America, the Hudson's Bay Company maintained a network of forts and factories across the continent closely integrated with American Indian trading routes and practices. And in Africa, the company states were first key intermediaries in the trans-Atlantic slave trade, and later the colonial vanguards of the 'scramble for Africa.' Notwithstanding their central importance for both International Relations scholars

and students of global history, company states remain largely ignored in studies of the modern international system's evolution and expansion. Beholden to an outdated historiography, most scholarship on the expansion of the international system looks only at sovereign states. Historians and historical sociologists have done more to acknowledge company states' pioneering role. But these studies have typically focused on individual company states in isolation, and have thus missed the significance of company states as key progenitors of the modern international system. As a result of this neglect, we lack an understanding of what defined the company states as a distinctive form of international actor, and how they served as crucial but now largely forgotten builders of the world's first truly global international system. Existing works struggle to account for rise, fall and fleeting nineteenth century resurrection of company states as agents of long distance commerce and conquest, as well as their sharply contrasting fortunes in different regions. Finally, unless we understand the nature and significance of company states, we cannot understand how inter-civilizational relations were mediated across trans-continental distances and deep cultural differences for the majority of the modern era. These are the vital gaps in our knowledge which the authors seek to address in this book"--Provided by publisher. In IT divisions and organizations, the need to execute in a competitive and complex technical environment while demonstrating personal integrity can be a significant personal and organizational challenge. Supplying concrete guidelines for those at an ethical crossroads, Ethics in IT Outsourcing explores the complex challenges of aligning IT outsource

This book considers offshore client/supplier relationships' biggest challenges, including the protection of intellectual property, and managing knowledge transfer and offshore outsourcing at project level. Based on over 150 interviews and case studies, this is an invaluable read for managers and researchers looking to learn from real experiences.

Special Features: Helps managers · to use outsourcing in meeting today's business challenges· to make the right sourcing decisions - the first time· to achieve operational excellence within and across outsourcing relationships· to communicate outsourcing to your employees, customers and the public· to build new revenue streams through outsourcing· to use outsourcing to reduce corporate risk· to successfully outsource offshore· to craft value-creating outsourcing contracts· to recover a troubled outsourcing relationship· to enhance career as an outsourcing professional About The Book: The Black Book of Outsourcing is a guide to the emerging field of outsourcing management. It will be the most comprehensive and practical outsourcing manual available, including a directory of many of the key vendors in outsourcing management.

Businesses understand that outsourcing is not about cost saving, but a strategic outreach to other parts of the globe. In order to succeed in this competitive environment, businesses need time-tested and practical guidelines. Outsourcing Success, written by authors who are users of outsourcing services, market commentators, and providers of such services to clients across the world, is the distillate on the best management practice on outsourcing. It guides the readers through the BPO competitive landscape, provides insights on sourcing strategies, and includes guidelines for choosing outsourcing partners. Besides these, it dwells on CFO perspectives, sourcing investment banking and independent stock research, the politics of outsourcing and the future of outsourcing.

The New York Times and Los Angeles Times Bestseller Be your own boss, do what you love, and live the entrepreneurial dream by putting your business on autopilot! Filled with expert advice and practical tools, Outsource Smart reveals a proven system for developing and sharpening the productivity and problem-solving skills most essential to success. Learn how to hire, train, and manage a virtual assistant and successfully outsource all the critical tasks of running your own business. "Outsource Smart is a must-read for someone wanting to live the laptop lifestyle." -- Mike Filsaime, Internet marketing expert "This book gives you great ideas and strategies to save time and money and serve your customers better than you could trying to do it all by yourself." -- Brian Tracy, coauthor of Now, Build a Great Business "This book is fantastic. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to conquer the world of business today. The lesson here is that you cannot do it on your own. Daven shows the small-business person how to compete with the big boys and win." -- Les Brown, motivational speaker and author of Live Your Dreams If you are interested in working smart, achieving more, and joining the growing ranks of successful 'Laptop Entrepreneurs,' make sure you read Daven Michaels's outstanding book." -- Mark Anastasi, New York Times bestselling author of The Laptop Millionaire Nowadays just about anything can be outsourced. From telemarketing to inventory management, collecting receivables to answering the phone, email account hosting to company management, it's all up for grabs. Business owners, managers at mid-level companies, and entrepreneurs who are even thinking about outsourcing some part of the business need The Complete Idiot's Guide to Successful Outsourcing. Included- The historical and global issues of outsourcing that may affect outsourcing decisions Tips on how to determine whether or not to outsource at all Advice on how to decide the costs and benefits of outsourcing Guidance on hiring and managing the outsourced help An explanation of ways to stay within government compliance

Following on from his ultra noir trilogy - Small Crimes, Pariah and Killer - is Outsourced, Zeltserman's most commercial book to date. A classic heist thriller pitched somewhere between Ocean's Eleven and Dog Day Afternoon, it's the story of a group of software engineers who lose their jobs due to an industry push to outsourcing. Desperate, and seeing their middle class lives crumbling apart, they come up with a brilliant plan to use their computing skills to rob a bank. But not even a systems analyst can foresee every eventuality, so the group falls foul of the Russian Mafia. Movie rights have already been sold to Outsourced. The film will be produced by the team behind the hugely successful Resident Evil films. This new edition of Friedman's landmark book explains the flattening of the world better than ever- and takes a new measure of the effects of this change on each of us.

Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) is becoming the new revolution as company's of all sizes are seeking to take advantage of this source of competitive advantage. This book provides a step-by-step approach to understanding the application of Business Process Outsourcing, assessing the BPO opportunity in the company, and then managing the

transition to BPO. It serves as a guide to implementing BPO and as a reference source to solving the variety of issues that may arise during a BPO initiative. Each chapter features a case study, insight from a practitioner, focus on how BPO affects people, and ethical considerations. * Discusses both the how and why of business process outsourcing with a straightforward "how to" approach. * Provides managers with the tools to analyse the BPO opportunities for their own firms, as well as techniques and strategies for managing a BPO initiative. * Empowers businesses of all sizes to take advantage of this all-encompassing business revolution.

Drawing on a range of European cases, this edited volume analyses the offshoring and outsourcing of foreign companies, with a focus on territorial embeddedness. The book opens by developing a theoretical framework and then presents a range of international case studies exploring the experiences of the service hub cities of Brno, Bratislava, Budapest, Krakow, and Prague. Attention is also given to internal and external determinants of embeddedness, with chapters on the employee perspective, the Fintech industry, corporate social responsibility, and the role of universities. This volume will be of interest to advanced students and researchers in regional economics, economic geography, innovation studies, industrial economics, European economics, and international business.

One of the most significant techniques to which companies and organizations have turned to improve service delivery and reduce costs has been outsourcing. Over the last 10 years, almost any process has been successfully outsourced. But during that period there have been failures too; projects that never realised their objectives or that had unforeseen impact on business. *Global Outsourcing Strategies* is a state-of-the-art guide to the best lessons to be learned for successfully implementing and outsourcing projects, or for revisiting existing operations. The 22 chapters explore some of the new areas for outsourcing, after traditional targets such as IT and finance. Information is provided on the different facets of the outsourcing process, such as contract negotiation, the risks involved in outsourcing, the need for service level agreements, the critical requirements needed to build and sustain outsourcing relationships, and ethical supply chain issues. There are also sections exploring the impact of outsourcing on organizational structures; the long term effects; legal issues; management control and inter-firm relationships; as well as case studies from both the public and private sector on the practical side of outsourcing. The book will appeal to practitioners and researchers alike. This is a must-have guide for any organization approaching outsourcing as a global (or local) strategy and for those organizations now reviewing or developing their outsourcing partnerships.

In this study outsourcing is defined as the organizational practice of contracting for services from an external entity while retaining control over assets and oversight of the services being outsourced. In the 1980s, a number of factors led to a renewed interest in outsourcing. For private sector organizations, outsourcing was identified as a strategic component of business process reengineering—an effort to streamline an organization and increase its profitability. In the public sector, growing concern about the federal budget deficit, the continuing long-term fiscal crisis of some large cities, and other factors accelerated the use of privatization measures (including outsourcing for services) as a means of increasing the efficiency of government.

In *Gambling with Violence*, Yelena Biberman tackles a global problem that is particularly consequential for Pakistan and India: state outsourcing of violence to ordinary civilians, criminals, and ex-insurgents. Why would these countries gamble with their own national security by outsourcing violence-arming nonstate actors inside their own borders? Drawing on over 200 interviews, archival research, and fieldwork conducted across Asia, Europe, and North America, Biberman introduces the "balance-of-interests" thesis to deepen our understanding of state-nonstate alliances in civil war. This framework centers on the distribution of power during war and shows how various combinations of interests result in distinct types of coalitions. Incorporating case studies of civil war and counterinsurgency, her book sheds light on how militias, alliances, and South Asian security connect today.

The global offshore outsourcing market for IT and business services exceeded \$55 billion in 2008 and some estimates suggest an annual growth rate of 20% over the next five years. Furthermore, over 200 firms from the Forbes 2000 companies and 50 per cent of the Fortune Global 500 had offshored IT and business process activities through captive centres, making a total of about \$9bn of business. The phenomenon of offshoring and offshore-outsourcing is certainly expanding. It has become increasingly important to understand the phenomenon, not least as a basis for suggesting what directions it will take, its impacts, how it has been conducted, and how its management can be better facilitated. This book offers a broad perspective on various issues relating to the sourcing of systems and business processes in a national and global context. The authors examine both the client's and the vendor's involvement in sourcing relationships by putting the emphasis on the capabilities that each side should develop prior to entering a relationship but also that they should develop as a result of their interactions with each other.

As an executive, the outsourcing decisions you make will have a profound impact on your company - and your career. *Outsourcing Information Technology, Systems and Services* is the only detailed, practical guide to making the right decisions, and making those decisions work. *Outsourcing Information Technology, Systems and Services* is based on interviews with many of the world's leading IT managers and outsourcing consultants. If you're responsible for outsourcing decisions of any kind, you can't afford to be without their hard-won insights.

Outsourcing is here to stay. It is inextricably linked to the globalization of business. International trade networks continue to connect the world's economies and organizations increasingly turn to partners, often through outsourcing, to help them: - better leverage what they are best at, - gain greater flexibility and reach and - drive down their overall business costs and risks. The Harvard Business Review lists outsourcing as one of the most important new management ideas and practices of this century. This substantial title is the official version of the Outsourcing Professional Body of Knowledge by IAOP (International Association of Outsourcing Professionals), in short: OPBOK. This is the official publication of OPBOK Version 10. This new version has been revised on these points:- New appendix on applicable

Rules and Regulations applicable to outsourcing.- New appendices mapping COP Standards to eSCM-SP and eSCM-SP capability models.- New and updated definitions on various forms of outsourcing, graphics, and templates.- More detailed discussions on: various outsourcing geographies, renewing and exiting agreement options, change management, multi-sourcing management and roles of PMO, and other new trends in outsourcing. Also, this Version 10 of OPBOK identifies the best practices of outsourcing professionals around the globe and presents the reader with a complete and practical guide to this emerging, complex discipline. It gives readers full guidance on the critical make or break factors in any outsourcing program:- governance and defining a strategic approach to Outsourcing;- identifying and communicating business requirements;- selecting and qualifying providers;- gaining internal buy-in, creating project teams;- value assessment (value for money and return on investment). This authoritative title provides an invaluable resource for any outsourcing professional: the best practice guidance is complemented by practical checklists and templates. Readers can therefore apply rigorous disciplines to ensure internal and external requirements are fully considered and implemented at each stage of the process. To support the application of OPBOK in organizations, the templates in Appendix A are also available as separate publication: Outsourcing Professional Body of Knowledge: OPBOK Version 10 - Templates (978 94 018 0536 0) It will become a key desktop resource for successful outsourcing professionals who achieve corporate and personal goals in this field.- There is also a template available. This Template is a Word file; to be used with Microsoft Office 2010 and more recent versions.- This template is only available via Van Haren Publishing!- These Templates are additional material to the VHP publication: ISBN 978 94 018 0536 0 Outsourcing Professional Body Of Knowledge - OPBOK Version 10 - Templates

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