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Modern supply chains are enjoying new opportunities for innovation and growth. Build competitive advantage, optimize cost and encourage ethical business practices with the process of strategic sourcing. Effective Strategic Sourcing brings together tools and techniques to develop comprehensive sourcing strategies and drive performance and margin improvement in an ethical, environmentally responsible way. From supplier research and risk analysis to category management and cost modelling, it answers key questions around make versus buy, outsource versus insource and RFI versus RFP. Top supply chain leaders from a range of industries offer their insights and experience in interviews covering the challenges inherent in modern strate-

gic sourcing. The book also focuses on how supply chain and procurement professionals can address sustainability concerns by thinking globally and acting locally and aiming for net-zero carbon footprint sourcing. Learn from the experts and thrive in the 'new normal' with this essential guide to maximising the benefits of strategic sourcing.

This book is an outline for identifying potential vendors, conducting negotiations and engaging purchasing agreements to provide goods and/or services that meet procurement needs. In the course of time the role and character of purchasing has been changing constantly. Traditionally, purchasing was seen as merely a supportive and supplementary operational activity with little significance on a firm's performance. This approach how-

ever conveys a rather reactive strategy of purchasing where the focus is on transactions rather than on relations and also more on an operational or tactical level rather than on a strategic one. Market trends with respect to price and quality as well as global and local trends are emphasized in this book which gives more sense in the sourcing and procurement activities. This book also explains about listing down the category to analyse the money spend on manufacturing activities.

This selection discusses global sourcing and explores strategies for locating, qualifying, and employing suppliers that add maximum value to your business. Discover profit-boosting opportunities specific to your market environment by following Sollish's clear steps for analyzing and implementing a strategic sourcing plan. Other topics covered include investigating sourcing opportunities, co-sourcing and strategic alliances, and reducing supply risk.

This informative, comprehensive, yet practical guide provides readers with a complete tool-kit of how to approach global sourcing successfully. Based on real world experiences on implementing and sustaining global sourcing the book provides readers with key guidance on:- Foundations of Strategic Sourcing Management, risk, governance and legal considerations Organizational change, innovation and relationship management Transition planning and the end-game Successful principles for new business development from a service provider perspective Future trends, summary and lessons learned Ultimately this guide will take readers from principles to how to s including: How to develop, implement, manage and govern an effective global sourcing strategy and plan How to put in place policies and processes that can be

monitored to provide a balanced approach to sourcing How to build a strategic top-down framework coupled with an operational roadmap How to incorporate bottom-up implementation principles and practices that work How to ensure a coordinated, cost-effective and value-delivery plan and operating environment for strategic and tactical sourcing. In addition, it addresses the following areas in a comprehensive, yet easy to use and practical manner: Integrates strategic and operational concepts and practices Covers both clients and providers Supports the practice of global sourcing by leveraging and integrating professional rigor for best practices Provides practical knowledge, techniques, checklists and methodologies that can be used in any environment globally Includes many examples of current and emerging best practices Is broad and comprehensive, yet drills down to specific how to details in all chapters Provides a global view of sourcing It comes highly recommended.

This book provides a comprehensive overview of each of the sourcing business model. Readers will master the art and science of strategic sourcing by being able to chart a unique path that fits their capacity to apply more the full continuum of strategic sourcing concepts and tools.

Managing corporate spend is far more complex than conducting RFPs. Learn how the most efficient and effective procurement departments operate, control costs, enforce compliance, and manage indirect spend. Managing Indirect Spend provides executives and procurement professionals with the knowledge and tools necessary to successfully reduce costs with a strong focus on the often-overlooked area of indirect spend. It also offers great value to those procure-

ment and purchasing professionals aspiring to be leaders in the profession, regardless of the spend they manage. It includes an overview of the challenges faced when sourcing indirect spend categories, a detailed dive into the strategic sourcing process, tools that can help drive savings, technologies that drive efficiencies and compliance, and examples of success based on real-world experience. It is a how-to guide that clearly covers sourcing engagements of any complexity and provides the details needed to source effectively. The book is structured into sections covering the sourcing and procurement process, the tools and technologies, examples from the field, walkthroughs of specific sourcing engagements, guidance on building an effective sourcing team, and the information needed to become a best-in-class sourcing organization. Since the initial publication of this book, the procurement profession and the discipline of Strategic Sourcing have matured. Markets have changed, processes developed, trends have come and gone, and technology has experienced leaps and bounds, posing new and interesting challenges for procurement professionals. In addition to covering tried-and-true practices for strategic sourcing, this Second Edition discusses how strategic sourcing has evolved and provides an update on the techniques, tools, and resources available to purchasing groups. This book: Includes updated coverage of everything you need to know to source more effectively Covers the latest trends in procurement and sourcing, including technology, process improvements and organizational design Presents guidance for reducing costs through strategic sourcing, no matter what the economic climate or level of maturity of the existing procurement organization Shows how effectively

managing indirect costs can provide a huge impact on bottom line growth Introduces Market Intelligence (MI), including techniques, tools, and resources available to procurement and supply chain management groups With tools, real-world examples, and practical strategies, Managing Indirect Spend provides insider guidance for big bottom-line growth through effective management of indirect costs.

Spend analysis is a key component of strategic supply management. This book provides in-depth guidance on what spend analysis really is, what it specifically involves, and how to use it to help your organization achieve its full potential.

In today's challenging business environment a company's success is determined by its ability to utilize all of the assets at its disposal. Yet two assets often neglected by the boardroom are the amount it spends on goods and services and the expertise of the organisation's key suppliers. This highly accessible book will help you understand how to tap into these assets to secure competitive advantage. With application to organisations in all industries across the world, Strategic Procurement details why procurement is critical to successful business performance. It explores the strategic value of procurement to business and the potential for significant cost savings through maximising value from suppliers and third-party spend. Since the 1st Edition of this book, a lot has changed in the world of strategic procurement. While many developments have served to reinforce the business value of good procurement practices, we have also become more acutely aware of the risks associated with poor procurement. On the upside, we have seen an increasing role played by procurement in many recent mega-merg-

ers. On the downside, we only need to look at the supply continuity issues triggered by a string of natural disasters; the reputational issues related to the supply chains of companies such as BP and Apple; and the inadvertent role played by suppliers as the weakest link in cyber-crime. The 2nd Edition of Strategic Procurement has been thoroughly updated to reflect these developments. There is a whole new chapter on the role of procurement in delivering successful mergers and acquisitions as well as three new chapters exploring the mitigants to a variety of supplier-related risks. In addition, there are expanded sections on corporate responsibility, procurement proficiency, good procurement across the organisation, and new ways of supplier collaboration. The book includes updated real-life case studies taken directly from the author's work in procurement for leading organisations.

Globalization has made both operations and supply chains more complex than ever before. Inputs are sourced from many locations all over the world to serve different needs and market segments throughout the planet, making it a global challenge that necessitates a global strategic response. Managing Operations Throughout Global Supply Chains is a crucial academic resource that discusses concepts, methodologies, and applications of emerging techniques for operations and supply chain management processes that promote cost efficiency. While highlighting topics such as global operations, resource planning, and business forecasting, this publication explores how organizations manage the procurement of all necessary resources at every stage of the production cycle from the original source to the final consumers. This book is ideally designed for

researchers, academicians, practitioners, professional organizations, policymakers, and government officials.

Businesses are going through rapid external and internal organisational changes due to an increased focus on sustainability and corporate responsibility, technological advances, geo-political and macro-economic change, and demographic shifts. If purchasing and supply chain managers are to embrace these challenges they must develop new ways of thinking about supply structures and processes as well as new skills and competencies. The Procurement Value Proposition examines these important changes that will have a profound effect on the way future procurement is carried out. It considers the implications of global economic transformation for procurement set against: changes in business contexts, purchasing strategies, organisational structure, roles and responsibilities, system development and skills required to work in the profession. In this book, Gerard Chick and Robert Handfield discuss the value proposition offered by contemporary procurement to the sustainability and development of business. They examine how organizations that position procurement as a core business function will be able to drive a more competitive lever for change, and more readily adapt to the forces driving rapid change in the current global environment. The Procurement Value Proposition features case studies of companies that are moving through procurement transformation in a continual phase of movement and adaptation to the multitude of shifts that are occurring. It features input, observations and case studies from CPO's, Commercial Directors, other Procurement and business leaders. The book considers a variety of geographical contexts and highlights differences between the US,

the UK and China.

"This book is based on the premise that it is difficult, if not impossible, to manage a modern business or public organization without at least some knowledge of the planning, use, control and benefits of information technology"--Provided by publisher.

This unique comprehensive collection presents the latest multi-disciplinary research in strategic digital outsourcing and digital business strategy, providing a management decision-making framework for successful long-term relationships and collaboration based on trust and governance. Part I: Innovation in Business Models and Digital Outsourcing takes an internal company perspective on strategic digital outsourcing, and the importance of trust in outsourcing relationships. Part II: Inter-organizational Relations and Transfer explores topics underpinning service recipients and service suppliers' relationships including governance, knowledge transfer and legal aspects. Part III: From On-site to Cloud discusses the challenges presented by moving to a cloud environment, including risks and controls. Part IV: Developments to Come explores emerging technologies and their impact on digital outsourcing such as blockchain and the Internet of Things. In a fiercely competitive market, companies must transform their business models and embrace new approaches. This Companion provides a comprehensive management overview of strategic digital outsourcing and is an invaluable resource for researchers and advanced students in business and strategic information management, as well as a timely resource for systems professionals.

There's a new buzz phrase in the air: Supplier Relationship Management (SR-

M). Corporate executives know it's necessary, but there's only one problem. Nobody yet knows how to do it. Or they think it's all about bashing your vendors over the head until they reduce the price another 4%. Supplier Relationship Management: How to Maximize Vendor Value and Opportunity changes all that. Containing the best and most innovative advice from the operations and procurement experts at consultant AT Kearney, this book shows that SRM is at root a strategic discussion requiring cross-functional interaction and internal alignment at the highest levels. It requires an honest appraisal of the value that suppliers now bring to your firm, as well as their potential value. It then requires a frank and constructive business-to-business dialogue about how to improve the relationship. When this happens, a company reaps myriad benefits, ranging from new opportunity to added value to competitive advantage—and, quite likely, to overall (and sometimes substantial) cost reductions. This book shows the most concrete methods you can use today to: Identify value-adding opportunities in the supply chain Work closely with suppliers to maximize the benefits Work the "Critical Cluster" of suppliers, where the greatest opportunity for advantage lies Review suppliers to encourage constant gains in quality and cost Turn your SRM strategy into a major competitive advantage Supplier Relationship Management introduces and explains the Supplier Interaction Model, a key tool that will help you get the most from your supplier relationships. It segments the supplier universe into nine categories, from those you want to run away from fast to those so good and so useful to your organization that it can make sense to invest in them directly. Numerous case studies show how to apply the principles to your

situation. Supplier Relationship Management burns off the fog that has surrounded the procurement process for far too long. It is the definitive guide for business executives who want to get the maximum benefits from suppliers and gain very real advantages over competitors.

Brought by leaders in the field, Martin Christopher, Remko van Hoek and Carlos Mena, *Leading Procurement Strategy* will equip the reader with the skills, knowledge and tools needed to articulate an effective procurement strategy and embrace a transformational role to lead procurement teams. Ultimately, it will show the reader how procurement can become an influential function that delivers sustainable competitive advantage. *Leading Procurement Strategy* is a must-read for all senior procurement executives wishing to further enhance their skill set, master the latest developments in procurement strategy, and really come into their own as procurement leaders. By tackling the major issues that senior procurement practitioners encounter, this book equips readers with the skills to apply powerful and practical tools for managing procurement and supply. *Leading Procurement Strategy* provides the latest thinking in procurement and supply management within the broad perspective of different industries. The book is supported by an extensive range of real-world case studies drawn from the author's experiences, including Tesco, IKEA, Toyota, Coca-cola, and Apple. It includes forewords by David Noble, Group CEO of CIPS, and Peter Kraljic, Director Emeritus, McKinsey and Company.

"Companies of all sizes are seeking to transform their procurement and supplier relationship management processes: activities that have a tremendous upside potential for improved supply chain effec-

tiveness and efficiency. Now, two leading consultants and researchers offer a comprehensive approach to creating customer value through strategic sourcing and procurement. Unlike texts focused primarily on day-to-day operations and tactics, *Delivering Customer Value through Procurement and Strategic Sourcing* focuses on helping senior executives and managers gain sustainable competitive advantage from their supply chains."--Publisher's website.

How is it possible to sell a kitchen at 30 per cent below market price? Why are hot dogs cheaper in IKEA than in the supermarket? How can IKEA sell the Lack table at half the price it was when it was launched 35 years ago and how can it be achieved with a substantial profit? *Strategic Sourcing and Category Management* examines how IKEA - and other cost leading companies - use category management to create advantages with direct and indirect sourcing. With 25 years' experience from IKEA, where he had the responsibility to develop and execute the company's purchasing strategy, author Magnus Carlsson shares his insights on important topics: when category management is profitable and why; how teams repeatedly create value and results; what the main approaches are in different categories; how a company implements category management; the difference between success and failure. In this new edition of *Strategic Sourcing and Category Management*, Magnus Carlsson has added new themes including examples and references from companies such as Maersk, Carlsberg, P&G and Aldi, illustrating the application of cost leadership that spans far beyond IKEA. Even in IKEA, the cost leadership lessons are not limited to home furnishings as the company is sourcing categories such as food, components, materials, transports and in-

direct materials, with a total purchasing spend of approx. €7 billion. However, maybe even more importantly, the book illustrates how teams create value by thinking differently and asking the right questions, allowing an understanding that goes beyond mere tools and processes.

In this must-have guide for creating and implementing successful outsourcing processes and partnerships, Vitasek drives the principles of Vested Outsourcing beyond theory into practice. From shared vision, desired outcomes to win-win and long-term success the manual will help managers build an agreement vested in each other's success.

The approach used on a given spend item should largely depend on the balance between supply power and demand power. That is the logic behind the best-selling Purchasing Chessboard®, used by hundreds of corporations worldwide to reduce costs and increase value with suppliers. The 64 squares in the Purchasing Chessboard provide a rich reservoir of methods that can be applied either individually or combined. And because many of these methods are not customarily used by procurement, the Purchasing Chessboard is also the perfect tool for helping buyers to think and act outside the box and find new solutions. A well-proven concept that works across all industries and all categories in any given situation, it is little wonder that business leaders and procurement professionals alike are excited by, and enjoy strategizing around, the Purchasing Chessboard. This second edition of The Purchasing Chessboard addresses the new realities of a highly volatile economic environment and describes the many—sometimes surprising—ways in which the Purchasing Chessboard is be-

ing used in today's business world. Yet despite all of the great achievements of procurement executives and their teams, they do not always receive the recognition they deserve. In response, the authors have developed and outlined within the book an unequivocal approach to measure procurement's impact on a company's performance—Return on Supply Management Assets (ROSMA®).

Category Management in Purchasing is a comprehensive guide to strategic category management, providing a step-by-step guide to its implementation and use. This book provides the necessary tools, techniques and applications that will enable the reader to implement this cost saving purchasing method. The 3rd edition of Category Management in Purchasing has been rigorously updated to reflect the latest thinking in the field. Jonathan O'Brien shows how a strategic approach needs to work effectively together with other approaches, such as Supplier Relationship Management. He has added important sections on governance, included more supplier and supply chain tools, and introduced a pragmatic route for smaller businesses or those who need step-by-step advice. The book provides case studies of real companies, including: IKEA, The Body Shop, NHS, Heinz, Cardiff Council, and GlaxoSmithKline.

Working with partners is the future of business. In this timely and original work, Vitasek and Mandrodt show companies, through a series of high-profile global examples, how to create a vested agreement that brings success and create a better future for everyone involved.

Sourcing Strategy is about sourcing as a long term strategic activity. Myopic purchasing management stops short

with describing functional procedures and procedural innovations such as on-line order processing. The goal of this book is not merely to document sourcing strategy, but to provide the tools to determine it. Therefore, rather than merely describe common sourcing processes, the book takes a normative approach to sourcing strategy. It argues for a rational, complete and integrated process view. It supports its recommendations with logical arguments from an interdisciplinary and analytical approach grounded in microeconomics, law and business strategy. Part 1 of the book explains the economic and business principles that underlie sourcing strategies. It derives policies that guide viable strategies to meet sourcing goals. Part 2 applies these to creative designs for standard sourcing scenarios.

The latest best practice guidance on all aspects of global strategic sourcing-including environmental and international issues Strategic Global Sourcing Best Practices covers the latest trends and leading edge processes in global strategic sourcing, including supply management, sustainability, financial decisions, risk management, and international strategies. Offers the latest trends and guidance for sourcing and supply managers Features coverage of understanding sourcing, procurement and supply management, procurement and best business practices, best practices in sourcing management and global sourcing management, financial strategies for sourcing, responsible procurement, diversity procurement, managing risk, supplier selection, project management for procurement and supply managers, managing supplier relationships, international sourcing, managing supplier relationships supply management operations, With the rise of global supply chains, en-

vironmental/sustainability concerns, and constantly evolving technology, the time is right for understanding Strategic Global Sourcing Best Practices.

Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject Business economics - Supply, Production, Logistics, grade: 1,3, Heidenheim University of Cooperative Education, course: International Management, language: English, abstract: "Es ist nicht genug zu wissen, man muß es auch anwenden; Es ist nicht genug zu wollen, man muß es auch tun." Goethe Globalisation of markets progresses rapidly and leads to more competition. In times of Supply Chain Management, Cost Saving Measures and Outsourcing companies have to reorient their business planning. New concepts are necessary to reach a cost efficient production. In this context, globalisation must not only be considered as global selling of own products. With the same effort global logistics and procurement have to be taken into account to gain global success. Global Sourcing is already known as conscious orientation of a purchasing strategy. However, its implementation hasn't gone far yet. Increasing economical interweaving and better technological possibilities make Global Sourcing, even for middle-class companies more relevant than never before. Global Sourcing is more than just buying goods and services in foreign countries. In bounds of company philosophy, efficient strategies have to be developed to ensure international competitiveness. Extending of purchasing options, access to world-wide know-how or even increasing sales of own products are just some features of this concept. Before integrating the Global Sourcing Concept in other company strategies a closer look is necessary. The focus of this term paper remains in showing Global Sourcing as a part of the reorientation of purchasing,



determining its features and risks as well as indicating the strategy of Global Sourcing. For not going beyond the scope of this work, I will refrain from exact determination of every single sourcing strategy (Sourcing Toolbox). Even it's not its task to set exact guidelines, concerning the integration into company's strategies. Addition

Today's business environment is constantly evolving, filled with volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity and driven by digital transformation, globalization, and the need to creating value through innovation. These shifts demand that organizations view contracting through a different lens. Since it is impossible to predict every what-if scenario in a transactional contract, organizations in strategic and complex partnerships must shift to a mindset of shared goals and objectives built upon a strong foundation of transparency and trust, working together to mitigate risk much better than merely shifting risk to the weaker party. Contracting in the New Economy helps you to not only develop this mindset - but also offers the practical tools needed to embrace the social side of contracting, enabling your organization to harness the value creating potential of formal relational contracts. Briefly sharing the theoretical foundations that prove relational contracting works, it goes well beyond theory by providing powerful examples of relational contracting principles in practice. In addition, the authors provide a practical and proven approach for helping you to put relational contracting theory into practice for your own relationships. First by providing a framework for approaching any contracting situation and helping organizations finding the best contract model for each situation. And then by sharing five proven steps you can take to create an effective rela-

tional contract for you own strategic and complex business relationships. For anyone involved in developing contracts —lawyers, in-house counsels, contract managers, C-level managers, procurement officers, and so on — this book will empower you to create powerful cooperative alliances that will help you reach —and surpass — your business goals in today's dynamic new environment.

Your lack of focus on Procurement is limiting your profits. Multiply them by making Procurement a company-wide priority. Profit from Procurement: Add 30% to Your Bottom Line by Breaking Down Silos delivers an insightful, compelling, and fresh take on a subject that typically comprises 50% of a business's total costs: Procurement. Alex Klein, Simon Watson and Jose Oliveira, leaders at the world's largest dedicated Procurement consultancy, highlight the limitations of the traditional, functionally siloed approach to Procurement, and demonstrate how significant EBITDA gains can be made by lifting Procurement out of the back office and enabling it to fundamentally reset a company's cost base. Its accessible, frank, and refreshing style, combined with practical, actionable advice, based on the authors' extensive real-life experience, make it a must read for any executive looking to make an impact through Procurement. The book offers readers a practical and concrete roadmap to optimizing, integrating, and deploying a company's Procurement capabilities, creating a less siloed, more impactful function. Readers will learn how to: Plan their company's Procurement transformation Reskill teams for the coming change Reposition the Procurement function to become the driver of cross-functional change Integrate new topics such as digitalization and sustaina-

bility into their Procurement roadmaps. Ensure that Procurement efficiencies are fully reflected in bottom-line profits. Perfect for C-Suite executives and Procurement professionals at companies of all sizes, *Profit from Procurement* belongs on the bookshelves of every employee and leader tasked with company operations and profit strategy.

*Leading Procurement Strategy* is a must-read for all senior procurement executives wishing to further enhance their skill set, master the latest developments in procurement strategy and really come into their own as procurement leaders. The expert author team explains how to effectively manage and mitigate risks in the supply chain, appreciate the key issues affecting the procurement function and develop best practice excellence in teams. Providing the latest thinking in procurement and supply management within the broad perspective of different industries, this second edition of *Leading Procurement Strategy* covers: global sourcing; supplier relationship management; cost management; information technologies and future developments. The book is underpinned by academic theory and supported by an extensive range of real world case studies drawn from the authors' experiences, including Tesco, Tata, Coca-Cola, BAA, P&G and IBM. This new edition provides the skills, knowledge and tools needed to articulate an effective strategy and embrace a transformational role to lead procurement teams, showing how procurement can become an influential function that delivers sustainable competitive advantage.

Gain a thorough understanding of the critical role of purchasing in the supply chain with one of today's leading-edge strategy and purchasing books— *SOURCING AND SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT,*

*5E, International Edition.* This turnkey solution provides current and complete coverage that makes it not only a useful book, but also a valuable professional reference tool. This edition presents the most recent critical developments in the field as well as the impact of the recent recession and ongoing business uncertainty on today's supply chain. This leading author team draws from firsthand experience and their relationships with executives and practitioners worldwide to present numerous cases, memorable examples, and unique insights that enable readers to better understand today's purchasing process.

Every supply manager's essential desktop tool with in-depth, authoritative coverage of each topic. Leaving no stone unturned in covering all aspects of the procurement and sourcing functions, *The Procurement and Supply Manager's Desk Reference, Second Edition* is filled with everything every organization needs to know about the key roles and responsibilities of a procurement professional. Presented logically to match the flow of the procurement and sourcing functions, the book is filled with practical aids such as step-by-step guides to each segment of the process, as well as checklists and customizable forms. The new edition of this essential book provides an easy-to-use road map for the procurement and supply manager in the new millennium. Coverage on how to select suppliers and measure performance. Reveals the easiest way to drive continuous improvement in the supply base. Features tips on providing value to the organization. Helps you identify those strategies that will work best for your business for years to come. Written for the worldwide profession of procurement and supply management, *The Procurement and Supply Manager's Desk Reference, Second Edition*

offers detailed coverage and tips with an eye toward incorporating proactive strategies and best practices.

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rent and emerging best practices Is broad and comprehensive, yet drills down to specific 'how to' details in all chapters Provides a global view of sourcing It comes highly recommended.

This practice guide on procurement strategy brings together methods and tools used by global purchasers across different industries. The authors lay major focus on the themes of global sourcing, risk management, and the dynamic topic of negotiation strategy. The authors present their perspectives on all important questions of strategic procurement such as: how to manage a heterogeneous supplier structure across different branches and how to deal with partners from diverse cultures? How to solve procurement crisis and proactively avoid them? How does off-shore team management work and how to increase the value-add for both internal and external purchasing? These themes are discussed along with numerous practice-based cases. The authors lay an ideal ground for global purchasers to help with their strategic and operational needs, including technological topics such as e-procurement.

You want to know how to improve speed to market entry, and what strategic sourcing options make the most sense. In order to do that, you need the answer to which sourcing applications does your organization find most useful? The problem is how effective does your organization consider sourcing channels, which makes you feel asking what sourcing method does the purchasing department use? We believe there is an answer to problems like how does the industry work with sourcing decisions. We understand you need to anticipate and plan for organizational changes caused by sourcing initiatives which is why an answer to 'what are your general perceptions of organization sourcing practices?' is impor-

tant. Here's how you do it with this book:

1. Manage unclear Strategic Sourcing skills requirements
2. Verify the Strategic Sourcing skills requirements quality
3. Stay flexible and focused to recognize larger Strategic Sourcing skills results

So, why move your organization to a strategic sourcing model? This Strategic Sourcing Critical Questions Skills Assessment book puts you in control by letting you ask what's important, and in the meantime, ask yourself; does your organization spend sufficient time exploring new sourcing strategies? So you can stop wondering 'what does Strategic Sourcing skills success mean to the stakeholders?' and instead know that any Strategic Sourcing skills analysis is complete and comprehensive. This Strategic Sourcing Guide is unlike books you're used to. If you're looking for a textbook, this might not be for you. This book and its included digital components is for you who understands the importance of asking great questions. This gives you the questions to uncover the Strategic Sourcing challenges you're facing and generate better solutions to solve those problems. INCLUDES all the tools you need to an in-depth Strategic Sourcing Skills Assessment. Featuring new and updated case-based questions, organized into seven core levels of Strategic Sourcing maturity, this Skills Assessment will help you identify areas in which Strategic Sourcing improvements can be made. In using the questions you will be better able to: Diagnose Strategic Sourcing projects, initiatives, organizations, businesses and processes using accepted diagnostic standards and practices. Implement evidence-based best practice strategies aligned with overall goals. Integrate recent advances in Strategic Sourcing and process design strategies into practice according to best

practice guidelines. Using the Skills Assessment tool gives you the Strategic Sourcing Scorecard, enabling you to develop a clear picture of which Strategic Sourcing areas need attention. Your purchase includes access to the Strategic Sourcing skills assessment digital components which gives you your dynamically prioritized projects-ready tool that enables you to define, show and lead your organization exactly with what's important.

In the e-world it is the B2B marketplace. And in the B2B marketplace, the hottest thing--and the thing most likely to turn companies a profit--is e-procurement. This book provides the platform for establishing a company's eprocurement strategy and the necessary steps that will follow in implementing that strategy.

Supply chain performance will be a key indicator of overall corporate success into the next century. This book, edited by logistics and supply chain expert John Gattorna, and with international contributions, presents unpublished material on next generation thinking about the management of the supply chain. Based on the recently developed strategic alignment model it shows how external market dynamics, the company's strategic response, and internal capability must be aligned if competitive advantage is to be achieved. Supply chain management is a strategic challenge demanding top level management attention. This book tackles the subject at that strategic level to help companies reposition their supply chains successfully. The book then offers the vital link between strategy setting and implementation, providing comprehensive coverage of the main areas of execution, and making it an essential compendium on all aspects of the subject. With case studies from major organi-

zations from around the world, it is a 'must' read for anyone wishing to be at the forefront of international supply chain management thinking. Strategic Supply Chain Alignment brings together for the first time the world's leading logistics professionals, management consultants and academics to offer their insights and experiences on the latest supply chain management techniques. This collection of previously unpublished material offers the reader a unique opportunity to identify the hot issues, discover emerging strategies and uncover key industry and market perspectives. Divided into five sections which reflect the important components of the strategic align-

ment model, the book covers: The market: Customer value creation and segmentation, and the rationale behind the integration of supply with demand. Strategic response: Considers channel strategy, supply chain configuration and operations and distribution management. Culture: Adopting organization options which focus on delivery. Drawing on best practices and real examples from companies who are achieving record results, Getting to We flips conventional negotiation on its head, shifting the perspective from a tug of war between parties to a collaborative partnership where both sides effectively pull against a business problem.