HR Business Partners: Enhancing your Strategic Contributions

Intended Audience: Mid-Level
Delivery Options: 2-Day In-Person (Onsite or Seminar)

HR Competencies:
- Business Acumen
- Consultation
- HR Expertise (HR Knowledge)

Program Overview:
Develop the necessary skills to become an effective HR business partner (HRBP) and maximize the value of HR in your organization. Explore the positive impact of the HRBP role and how use of an HRBP structure improves HR services across organizations. Analyze case studies and engage in group discussions to enhance your consulting skills, business acumen, and ability to strategically contribute to organizational goals. Develop a business case and implementation plan to guide your organization’s transition to the HRBP structure.

Program Objectives:
This program is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to:
- Identify the key leadership abilities of HR business partners.
- Learn and demonstrate effective internal consulting services.
- Understand business acumen and the financial drivers of company performance.
- Develop a business case and implementation plan for your organization to transition to the HRBP structure.

Program Modules:
This program includes the following modules:
- Module 1: Performance Expectations for HR Business Partners
  - Key skills
  - Developmental priorities
  - Build your skill as a strategic contributor
  - Track metrics line managers value
  - Learn about your industry and business
  - Continually ask how HR can make a difference
  - Demonstrating your skill as a business leader and HR professional
  - Perform to gain trust and confidence of organization leaders

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• Module 2: Internal Consulting Skills
  o Process vs. expert consulting
  o Alignment with the internal client organization
  o Using questions effectively
  o Develop relationships with business leaders
  o Five-step internal consulting process (steps 1-2)
  o Interviewing and information gathering
  o Presenting your ideas effectively to align with the needs of the organization
  o Five-step internal consulting process (steps 3-5)
• Module 3: Business Acumen
  o Why business acumen is essential for HR business partners
  o Business models
  o Cash flow compared to profits
• Module 4: Align Projects with Strategic Direction
  o Definition and use
  o Elements to consider
  o Components of an effective business case
  o Presenting your business case
• Module 5: Leadership Skills for HR Business Partners
  o Build your skills as a strategic contributor
  o Track metrics that managers value
  o Ensure traditional HR role is running smoothly
  o Learn about the organization and the mission
  o Continually ask “How can HR make a difference?”
  o Move away from the “policing” role
  o Move toward a “partnership” role
  o Build on the basics to ensure a strategic focus

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