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IT OUTSOURCING: CONCEPTS, METHODOLOGIES, TOOLS, AND APPLICATIONS

CONCEPTS, METHODOLOGIES, TOOLS, AND APPLICATIONS

IGI Global "This book covers a wide range of topics involved in the outsourcing of information technology through state-of-the-art collaborations of international field experts"--Provided by publisher.

IT OUTSOURCING PART 1: CONTRACTING THE PARTNER

Van Haren As companies focus on the core specialisms, most will look to the benefits of outsourcing some, if not all, of the IT services required. The benefits include: cost-efficient operations; delivery of IT services at lower cost through economies of scale; improvements in time-to-market of IT

solutions; improvements in capability and quality of IT service delivery. This essential guide looks at the procedures needed to achieve all these benefits when contracting an outsourcing partner. It explains the benefits of a well thought-out and practical approach to selecting a partner; a partner, indeed, whose performance may make or break an organization's delivery to market. This book is a key reference guide to anyone procuring IT services and also to those who are responsible for maintaining the contract once signed. By covering all aspects of the Outsourcing contracting process, its guidance will help reduce risks and miscommunication. In addition its approach to the Request for Proposal (also known as Invitation to Tender) shows how clarity at this stage can deliver significant benefits as the services go live in the operational phase.

MANAGING YOUR OUTSOURCED IT SERVICES PROVIDER

HOW TO UNLEASH THE FULL POTENTIAL OF YOUR GLOBAL WORKFORCE

Apress **Managing Your Outsourced IT Services Provider** teaches executives and managers of organizations how to unleash the full potential of their outsourced IT services workforce and IT-enabled business processes safely and profitably. Drawing on two decades of experience managing client relationships for global IT services companies, Venkatesh Upadrista guides outsourcing organizations around the hazards of geographic distance, linguistic miscommunication, organizational mismatch, and functional disparity between receiver requirements and provider capabilities. The first half of the book describes what an outsourcing organization needs to know about the IT services providers industry in general to deal intelligently with specific providers: namely, the industry's organizational types, strategic drivers, competitive labor market constraints, and tactics for hitting P&L targets. The second half of the book teaches outsourcers how to evaluate prospective providers, craft service level agreements, formalize best practices, and manage the full gamut of receiver-provider relationships to optimize outcome in terms of cost, timeliness, and quality of services received. The descriptions and prescriptions in **Managing Your Outsourced IT Services Provider** apply equally to onshore and offshore outsourcing, but examples and case studies focus on offshoring. In addition, Upadrista analyzes the advantages, disadvantages, and special considerations and caveats of single provider outsourcing and captive centers.

APPROACHES AND PROCESSES FOR MANAGING THE ECONOMICS OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS

IGI Global "This book explores the value of information and its management by highlighting theoretical and empirical approaches in the economics of information systems, providing insight into how information systems can

generate economic value for businesses and consumers"--Provided by publisher.

GLOBAL SERVICES OUTSOURCING

Cambridge University Press **Services outsourcing is an increasingly attractive option for firms seeking to reduce costs and achieve service improvements. Many organisations now choose to transfer responsibility for entire functions such as human resources, finance and information technology services to both local and global vendors. Yet outsourcing such functions is a complex process, one that is driven by factors that transcend cost considerations alone. Issues such as service design, unbundling processes, managing work across different cultures and time zones, and business process redesign have all become important elements of managing services outsourcing arrangements. This book uses tools and techniques from a variety of disciplines to show how to plan, implement and manage services outsourcing arrangements successfully. Based on in-depth analysis of large-scale outsourcing arrangements across a wide range of sectors, this is an excellent resource for both academics and practitioners who wish to understand more about this complex phenomenon.**

THE RELATIONSHIP ADVANTAGE

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES, SOURCING, AND MANAGEMENT

Oxford University Press on Demand **An insight for both practitioners and academics on how to achieve a relationship advantage, this text examines five case studies, identifying the key dimensions of an outsourcing relationship.**

OUTSOURCING MANAGEMENT FOR SUPPLY CHAIN OPERATIONS AND LOGISTICS SERVICE

IGI Global **Logistics and Supply Chain Management has been a vital part of every economy and every business entity. Both sciences have become prestigious research fields focusing on best practices, concepts, and methods. Outsourcing Management for Supply Chain Operations and Logistics Services is concentrated on the key players of the outsourcing paradigm; the organizations that provide logistics services, the Third Party Logistics (3PLs), as well as their clients, presenting and promoting the lessons learned by their cooperation. Specifically, this publication presents studies which are relevant to practitioners, researchers, students, and clients of the application of the Outsourcing practice on the Logistics and Supply Chain Management services giving emphasis to 3PLs.**

NINE KEYS TO WORLD-CLASS BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING

Bloomsbury Publishing **Business Process Outsourcing (BPO)-the sourcing of business services through external third parties-is a global phenomenon,**

which generated nearly \$300 billion worldwide in 2012. BPO is highly IT-enabled, and on a growth trajectory that impacts across functions of major, medium and small enterprises, including procurement, human resources, accounting and finance, sales, marketing, legal, asset management and key administrative processes. Despite this size and spread, BPO services and the ability of clients to manage their providers, are still evolving and have a mixed record. In the course of their research, the authors have found only 20% of outsourcing arrangements are world-class performers. A further 25% are 'good', 40% are 'OK' and 15% are 'poor'. This book pinpoints and describes in detail the effective practices that characterize the top global BPO performers, including Microsoft, BP, EMC and TalkTalk. The authors provide case illustrations and examples throughout of how world-class practices were generated and evolved, and how they can be applied to real life settings and problem areas.

OUTSOURCING STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

DECISION-MAKING STRATEGIES AND MANAGEMENT METHODS

Greenwood Publishing Group **Should we be doing everything ourselves, or might it be better to contract some tasks out to others? Could they do them better and cheaper than we can? More and more state and local governments are asking these questions, and while there are many answers on the Federal level, these answers often don't apply lower down the line. O'Looney's book provides precisely the guidance that state and local managers need to decide to outsource, and then step-by-step advice on how to proceed. O'Looney takes managers through the intricacies of contract outsourcing and administration, while appreciating the importance of government. His book is not an argument for privatization, rather, it is an affirmation of government and the benefits of its many services.**

IT SECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT

PERCEIVED IT SECURITY RISKS IN THE CONTEXT OF CLOUD COMPUTING

Springer Science & Business Media **This book provides a comprehensive conceptualization of perceived IT security risk in the Cloud Computing context that is based on six distinct risk dimensions grounded on a structured literature review, Q-sorting, expert interviews, and analysis of data collected from 356 organizations. Additionally, the effects of security risks on negative and positive attitudinal evaluations in IT executives' Cloud Computing adoption decisions are examined. The book's second part presents a mathematical risk quantification framework that can be used to support the IT risk management process of Cloud Computing users. The results support the risk management processes of (potential) adopters, and enable providers to develop targeted strategies to mitigate risks**

perceived as crucial.

SUCCESSFUL IT OUTSOURCING

FROM CHOOSING A PROVIDER TO MANAGING THE PROJECT

Springer Science & Business Media **The first book to provide practical guidance on how to get the most from an outsourced IS service and written specifically for IS and IT professionals and not senior business managers.**

MANAGING IT OUTSOURCING PERFORMANCE

IGI Global **"This book provides a collection of methodologies and tools that can be used in managing relationships and performance of IT outsourcing"-**
-Provided by publisher.

ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE APPROACHES FOR ECONOMICAL SELECTIVE OUTSOURCING BY MANAGED SERVICE PROVIDERS

THE SHORTCUT GUIDE TO IT SERVICE MANAGEMENT AND AUTOMATION

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MANAGING IT OUTSOURCING

GOVERNANCE IN GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

Routledge **The business landscape is changing. Outsourcing is now a growing phenomenon in which specific functions are subcontracted to specialist companies, often elsewhere in the world. IT represents a particular case for outsourcing, both in terms of benefits and potential inter-organizational problems. Deciding whether to keep IT in-house or to whether outsource it is a key management responsibility. Once a decision for outsourcing has been made, relationships with external provider(s) have to be established and managed. This book combines both research and practical examples to explore how this can be done successfully. Uniquely, the book provides a governance model for such partnerships, exploring the risks and responsibilities involved for both parties. Drawing on the theories of interfirm networks and the boundaries of the firm, here, it provides an accessible and cutting-edge perspective. Incorporating industry examples from a global network of companies (including four case specific chapters), this book investigates partnerships in industrial sectors and IT functions. An invaluable resource for those involved in IT and new technology management as well as strategic business management and planning, this book presents all the necessary theory with an indispensable practical perspective.**

MANAGING IT OUTSOURCING, SECOND EDITION

Routledge This newly revised edition of *Managing IT Outsourcing* presents the latest theory, research and practice in this fast-changing field to explore how information outsourcing partnerships can be managed successfully.

MANAGING RISK AND SECURITY IN OUTSOURCING IT SERVICES

ONSHORE, OFFSHORE AND THE CLOUD

CRC Press 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 Cloud* explains how to address the security risks that can arise from outsourcing or adopting cloud technology. Providing you with an understanding of the fundamentals, it supplies authoritative guidance and examples on how to tailor the right risk approach for your organization. Covering onshore, offshore, and cloud services, it provides concrete examples and illustrative case studies that describe the specifics of what to do and what not to do across a variety of implementation scenarios. This book will be especially helpful to managers challenged with an outsourcing situation—whether preparing for it, living it day to day, or being tasked to safely bring back information systems to the organization. Many factors can play into the success or failure of an outsourcing initiative. This book not only provides the technical background required, but also the practical information about outsourcing and its mechanics. By describing and analyzing outsourcing industry processes and technologies, along with their security and privacy impacts, this book provides the fundamental understanding and guidance you need to keep your information, processes, and people secure when IT services are outsourced.

BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING

THE COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

John Wiley & Sons *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.

OUTSOURCING INSOURCING AND IT FOR ENTERPRISE MANAGEMENT

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY ANALYSIS

Springer Many firms are now developing policies for outsourcing IT and other basic functions, this book analyses this issue from the perspective of both the outsourcer and the insourcer. Chorafas describes management needs and shows how technology can be used to meet these needs. The book also highlights the benefits and risks that companies face when they attempt to differentiate themselves through new technology. The book is based on an extensive research project in the US, UK, Germany, France, Switzerland and Sweden.

INSIDE OUTSOURCING

THE INSIDER'S GUIDE TO MANAGING STRATEGIC SOURCING

Nicholas Brealey International "Inside Outsourcing provides a true insider's knowledge of the realities of managing the outsourcing process. From contracting out to co-sourcing, from partnering to insourcing, the book explains what outsourcing is, what the rationale for outsourcing ought to be, whether an organization ought to be doing it and if so, the practical details of how it should go about it." "Unlike other more theoretical approaches to outsourcing, this book presents a detailed and practical guide through each step of the process - from decision making to implementation - to identify what a company does more creatively, more energetically, and more uniquely than the competition, not simply what conventional wisdom says it does best."--BOOK JACKET. Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

THE OUTSOURCING PROCESS

STRATEGIES FOR EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT

Cambridge University Press Outsourcing has become an increasingly important issue for many organisations. This book provides a framework for an up-to-date understanding of the outsourcing process and the key issues associated with it. It integrates a number of contemporary topics including benchmarking, buyer-supplier relationships, organisational behaviour, competitor analysis, and technology influences. The analysis draws upon both empirical research and real case studies. The author starts by providing guidelines as to when outsourcing is appropriate and what its implications will be, before moving on to explain how outsourcing is implemented. The benefits of both successful outsourcing and the risks

and consequences of outsourcing failure are outlined. The book is ideal for use by postgraduate students studying the area of outsourcing. It would also benefit industry managers who are considering outsourcing or who already have outsourcing programmes in place.

STRATEGIC ADOPTION OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATIONS

IGI Global **Strategic Adoption of Technological Innovations** brings together research from practitioners on the development, use, and importance of information technology in order to achieve organizational performance. This comprehensive collection is useful for academicians, scholars, researchers and other industry professionals to provide an understanding of strategy and use of information systems in organizations and entities.

OUTSOURCING MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

IGI Global "This book balances the positive outcomes of outsourcing, which have made it a popular management strategy with the negative to provide a more inclusive decision; it explores risk factors that have not yet been widely associated with this strategy. It focuses on the conceptual "what", "why", and "where" aspects of outsourcing as well as the methodological "how" aspects"--Provided by publisher.

GLOBAL OUTSOURCING AND OFFSHORING

AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO THEORY AND CORPORATE STRATEGY

Cambridge University Press **Companies** are increasingly asking which of their value chain activities are best performed within their own company and which may be outsourced. In addition, they are also considering which pieces of their value chain may be better performed abroad. These interrelated decisions concerning outsourcing and offshoring have not only changed entire industries, they have also transformed the lives of people across the world. Hundreds of millions of jobs in emerging nations have been the direct result of outsourcing and offshoring decisions. At the same time, many people in the developed world have lost their jobs because a company has been able to find a cheaper alternative. Featuring contributions from scholars in eleven different countries, this book was the first to examine the theory and practice of outsourcing and offshoring simultaneously. It includes studies of a variety of different industries, including pharmaceuticals, automobiles, medical records, appliances, human resource management and telecommunications.

OUTSOURCING PROFESSIONAL BODY OF KNOWLEDGE - OPBOK VERSION 10

Van Haren **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

THE LOGISTICS OUTSOURCING HANDBOOK

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE FROM STRATEGY THROUGH TO IMPLEMENTATION

Kogan Page Publishers For any business involved in today's supply chains, logistics services are critical. Companies have to decide whether to retain their own logistics operations or place their trust in third-party suppliers.

This potential move away from the traditional approach of managing these processes internally can lead to improved service and reduced cost although this isn't always the case. The Logistics Outsourcing Handbook provides step by step guidance on the process of logistics outsourcing and explains how to apply this information for commercial success. Vital advice is given on benchmarking existing operations, how to shortlist companies, produce a request for a proposal, choose the optimum supplier and implement and manage the contract. The Logistics Outsourcing Handbook analyses outsourcing from both an industry wide perspective, while also drilling down into specific individual considerations. The book provides valuable guidance in terms of contractual relationships, cost models and the integration of information technology systems. By analysing current statistics and surveys, looking into factors behind why contracts are awarded and terminated important insights can be acquired. This book contains tools, models, online resources and case studies on the outsourced relationships of companies including Intel KFC and BA to further develop the reader's knowledge which makes this book an informative and essential resource.

SERVICE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES THAT WORK

Van Haren Pink Elephant is the world leader in IT management best practices, offering solutions to public and private businesses worldwide, many of them listed in the Fortune 500. The Company specializes in improving the quality of IT services through the application of recognized frameworks, including the IT Infrastructure Library (ITIL®).

A MICROANALYTIC APPROACH TO THE EFFICIENT GOVERNANCE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICE PROVISION

THE CASE OF OUTSOURCING

THE CRC HANDBOOK OF MODERN TELECOMMUNICATIONS

CRC Press This authoritative handbook, contributed to by a team of international experts, covers the most dynamic areas in the changing telecommunications landscape. Written for telecommunications specialists who implement the new technologies, The CRC Handbook of Modern Telecommunications is an excellent companion volume to the authors' The Telecommunicatio

THE ROUTLEDGE COMPANION TO MANAGING DIGITAL OUTSOURCING

Routledge 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.

STRATEGIC SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

CREATING THE NEXT SOURCE OF COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

J. Ross Publishing Supply management, the management of suppliers, and improved supply base relationships are hot topics. This highly readable book presents a framework for achieving sustainable competitive advantage through progressive supply management leadership and approaches. It presents in a concise yet informative manner the need for supply leadership, the organizational enablers that must be in place, and the strategies and approaches that leading organizations pursue to achieve advantages in price and cost, quality, cycle time, technology, flexibility, and end customer responsiveness. Strategic Supply Management includes a logical and comprehensive framework that features findings and insights gained from over seven major supply management research projects and dozens of case visits with leading companies.

SUCCESSFUL OUTSOURCING AND MULTI-SOURCING

Routledge 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.

HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

A CRITICAL APPROACH

Routledge **Effective management of human resources is essential to the success of any organization. In this authoritative, sophisticated and engaging new text on Human Resource Management, an international team of leading analysts guides the advanced student through this fundamental discipline of management in all its complexity. The book explores all the central themes and concepts of HRM theory and practice, and introduces the most important issues influencing contemporary practice in a wide range of organizational contexts. It systematically examines the main functional areas of HRM, and engages with a number of key contemporary issues for both scholars and practitioners. Topics covered include: Strategic HRM Ethics in HRM Knowledge management HRM and performance Outsourcing and implications for HRM HRM in small and medium enterprises Key functional areas of HR practice International HRM Adopting a critical perspective throughout that challenges the student to examine closely the fundamental purpose and practices of HRM, this book is essential reading for all serious students of Human Resource Management and for any HRM professional looking to deepen his understanding of the subject.**

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR MANAGEMENT

DRIVING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION TO INCREASE LOCAL AND GLOBAL PERFORMANCE, GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY

John Wiley & Sons **Information Technology for Management, 12 Edition provides students with a comprehensive understanding of the latest technological developments in IT and the critical drivers of business performance, growth, and sustainability. Integrating feedback from IT managers and practitioners from top-level organizations worldwide, the newest edition of this well-regarded textbook features thoroughly revised content throughout to present students with a realistic, up-to-date view of IT management in the current business environment. The text offers a flexible, student-friendly presentation of the material through a pedagogy that is designed to help students with different learning styles easily**

comprehend and retain information. This blended learning approach combines visual, textual, and interactive content—featuring numerous real-world case studies of how businesses use IT to increase efficiency and productivity, strengthen collaboration and communication, and maximize their competitive advantage. Students learn how IT is leveraged to reshape enterprises, engage and retain customers, optimize systems and processes, manage business relationships and projects, and more.

THE TRANSFER AND DIFFUSION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FOR ORGANIZATIONAL RESILIENCE

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Springer This volume contains the edited proceedings of the Working Conference on the Transfer and Diffusion of IT for Organizational Resilience, sponsored by the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP) Working Group 8.6 (Transfer and Diffusion of Information Technology), and held in Galway, Ireland in June of 2006. The material contained in this book represents current thinking on the topic of resilience by academics and leading practitioners.

THE ROLE OF ORGANISATIONAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT IN OFFSHORE OUTSOURCING OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

QUALITATIVE CASE STUDIES FROM A MULTINATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

Universal-Publishers This research study seeks to understand the nature of organisational change with respect to offshore outsourcing of information technology services in a multinational pharmaceutical company, and to examine the effectiveness of approaches used to manage this change so that lessons may be drawn from these experiences. Despite the abundant literature on effective organisational change management, the key factors that need to be managed properly at different stages of the offshore outsourcing process are not well understood. The research adopts a processual view to paint a broad picture of the issues involved in these different stages. A generic process model of change, based on the review of the change literature, was first developed to represent how change was intended to occur. This model focuses on the following four stages in the change process: context, diagnosis and planning, implementation, and institutionalisation. The research employs an interpretive case study approach and draws on fieldwork from three independent information systems departments (cases) of the company, where offshore outsourcing programmes were implemented. Qualitative data from semi-structured interviews, direct observation and document analysis are analysed by applying the generic process model to produce a detailed account of the

way in which change was managed in the case organisations. The findings reveal that a combination of contextual factors, both external and internal to the company, influenced the adoption and use of offshore outsourcing in the case organisations. Externally, the economic forces were found to be the main catalyst for the change, while internally the role of the executive leadership and the lack of internal resources further explain the motivations behind the adoption of offshore outsourcing. The study illustrates that achieving successful outcomes from offshore outsourcing activities critically depends on the organisation adequately addressing a number of factors, such as conveying a sense of urgency, developing and communicating the vision, identifying the benefits of change and how they will be delivered, generating short-term wins, providing education and training, developing a fit between the change and organisational culture, etc., throughout the change process. The findings also highlight the effects of offshore outsourcing on the case organisations, including change in job roles and responsibilities and organisational learning activities that enable corrective actions to improve change management efforts. An important contribution of this research is the development of a model providing a more comprehensive understanding of the change process associated with the implementation of offshore IT outsourcing. Recommendations for policy makers and change managers to improve change management practice based on the research findings, as well as recommendations for further research, form a significant part of the conclusions.

ADVANCED TOPICS IN GLOBAL INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

IGI Global **Advanced Topics in Global Information Management** includes original material concerned with all aspects of global information management in three broad areas: **Global Information Systems in Business Functions, Information Technology in Specific Regions of the World, Management of Global Information Resources and Applications**. Both researchers and practitioners disseminate the evolving knowledge in these broad categories and the book examines a variety of aspects of global information management dealing with development, usage, failure, success, policies, strategies and applications of this valuable organizational resources.

HUMAN RESOURCES BUSINESS PROCESS OUTSOURCING

TRANSFORMING HOW HR GETS ITS WORK DONE

John Wiley & Sons **In Human Resources Business Process Outsourcing**, **Edward E. Lawler III, Dave Ulrich, Jac Fitz-enz** (the foremost experts in the human resource field) and **James C. Madden V** (the CEO of the top HR outsourcing firm), clearly show how outsourcing offers an effective, low-cost alternative to traditional administration and provides HR managers with new opportunities to contribute directly to their companies' overall

strategy and business performance. Step by step, the authors explore how the HR function in corporations is structured and include a template for analyzing a HR department's value, value added, and cost-to-serve. In this important resource, the authors explain new approaches organizations can take to improve HR administration and demonstrate how HR functions can be best organized.

INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO INFORMATION SYSTEMS AND SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

IGI Global It is now more important than ever to implement approaches and methods that can be effective in extracting meaningful information from large data sets. Although data sets may be available for different aspects of society, we may not assess the intrinsic characteristics of their behavior effectively. Additionally, frameworks are needed that can store, process, and represent the data in such a manner that can be of practical significance. *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Information Systems and Software Engineering* is an essential reference publication that assesses the significance of robust information systems in characterizing events of varying nature and dimensions. Additionally, the book includes studies on the development and application of decision-making and prediction modeling frameworks using different approaches such as agent-based modeling, spatial decision support systems, and spatial data mining. Covering topics such as management information systems, knowledge discovery, and mathematical analysis, this book is ideal for professionals, researchers, and academicians in various disciplines including computer science, information technology, geographical information systems, remote sensing, and earth system sciences.

POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF OUTSOURCING

BoD - Books on Demand Outsourcing has been seen as a phenomenon allowing competitive advantages for organizations, but some studies do not include the causes and consequences of this particular strategy. Consequently, the objective of this book is to fill this gap by combining several studies from different perspectives. The various chapters presented here follow several approaches, which researchers explore in different contexts. This book intends, therefore, to add to the body of knowledge about outsourcing. Furthermore, it shows how the outsourcing strategy can stimulate organizations' development in various countries and regions worldwide.