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A guide to negotiating and writing effective contracts with clients, associates, suppliers and others with whom you may deal on a business level.

How to Be an Effective Internal Change Agent

Flawless Consulting

What Nonprofits and Consultants Need to Know

The ThinkNP Guide to Nonprofit Consulting

The New Book That Encompasses Finding and Maintaining Clients As a Software Developer, Tax and Legal Tips, and Everything in Between

The Consultant's Handbook

Consulting

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*The Software Engineer's Guide to Freelance Consulting will help teach you to be an effective freelance software consultant, which will enable you make more money, dedicate more time to hobbies, spend more time with your loved-ones and even discover new businesses. Table of Contents: Chapter 1: Finding Clients We will literally map out the client acquisition skills that are paramount for you to develop and thrive in the business of software consulting. We will give you the step-by-step concrete TODOs to achieve competence and we explain some of the abstract theory. Chapter 2: Choosing a Rate How do some people charge \$2/hr and others \$500/hr? Where do you fit in? In this chapter we help you choose, justify and even increase your existing rate. Chapter 3: Keeping Yourself Educated How do you keep yourself from becoming outdated? How do you keep your skills in demand and the projects coming over time? We'll discuss that in this chapter. Chapter 4: Closing Deals You've got the interest but now how do you get the client to start working with you? We'll talk about closing sales as an engineer in this chapter. Chapter 5: Being Productive Productivity is a critical part of freelancing. Since most freelancers bill hourly it can make the difference between making \$100,000/year and \$300,000/year. This chapter*

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*contains tips to maximize your productivity as a freelancer. Chapter 6: Building & Maintaining Relationships Freelance consulting is a relationship-driven business. As engineers however, we tend to shy away from this. In this chapter we will talk about how you can build strong relationships and reduce the amount of time you need to spend selling yourself to new clients. Chapter 7: Legal Ideas Being a consultant comes with legal implications that can save your butt when things go wrong. In this chapter our very own Silicon Valley Lawyer Richard Burt will give you some tips of the trade. Chapter 8: Making Great First Impressions First impressions are a primer for excellent long-term relationships that will yield great value to you. This chapter will talk about first impressions as a freelance tech person. Chapter 9: Getting Paid Okay, so you've completed some contracts and now you're waiting to get paid. How do you get paid faster? Can you reduce your risk? We'll discuss these things in this chapter and even talk about how to deal with clients who don't pay. Chapter 10: Must-know Tax Tips As a freelance consultant, managing your tax effectively will save you a TON of money at the end of the year. In this chapter we'll run through some basic tips that will help you minimize your tax liability so you can keep more hard-earned money in your pocket. Chapter 11: Communicating Effectively Say the wrong things*

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*and you can find yourself staying up late at night on the weekend. Say the right things and you could find yourself making more money and spending more time with your family and friends. In this chapter we'll help you say less of the wrong things and more of the right things. Chapter 12:*

*Freelancing Part-time What if you don't want to leave your current full-time job? What if you're in school full-time, or taking care of children? This chapter will help part-time freelancers. Chapter 13:*

*Going Back to a "Regular" Coding Job In case you later decide freelancing is not for you, this chapter will help you ease back into a "regular" job without ruffling too many feathers. Chapter 14: Additional Resources Everyone who purchases the book receives an invitation to our Slack community.*

*You'll even get a direct line to experienced freelancers (including the authors) that can help answer questions any day of the week.*

*Join the thousands of professionals who have already gotten Inside the Technical Consulting Business -- and discover how to channel your technical know-how into an exciting career as an independent consultant. This Third Edition of Harvey Kaye's bestselling guide gives you the focused, no-nonsense help you need to start and run your own consulting practice in today's ultracompetitive environment. What's inside: Setting up your consulting business. The lowdown*

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*on finances, record-keeping, office space, taxes, and choosing the form of business organization that's right for you. Insider's guide to proposals and contracts. Gives plenty of examples to use in your own consulting practice. Marketing secrets your boss never told you. Tips on creating demand for your services and keeping your clients coming back for repeat business. PLUS ALL-NEW MATERIAL ON: \* Creating your personal strategic marketing plan. A step-by-step guide to developing and maintaining your competitive edge. \* Learn from the pros. "Meet the Pros" interviews show how successful consultants handled some of the very problems you're likely to encounter. \* Building successful client relationships. The inside scoop on keeping clients happy while protecting your own professional interests. \* The technical challenges of consulting. A consultant's primer on problem-solving, coping with the information explosion, and organizing for maximum productivity. An action plan for working as a consultant*

*Management consulting is a \$250 billion industry and growing at a rate of over four percent annually. Many predict that more than 40 percent of the U.S. workforce will soon be contingent, freelance, or consulting members of the workforce—making this book more relevant than ever. Individuals become independent consultants out of necessity or preference: necessity because they lost their job or*

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*the company offered an attractive exit package; preference because they want a career change, more control over their time, or an enriched, varied work situation. Consulting also appeals to the Millennial workforce who are searching for careers that offer a good salary as well as meaningful work. The New Consultant's Quick Start Guide:*

- Serves as a companion to *The New Business of Consulting*
- Provides you with a place to plan your transition into consulting
- Helps you identify your niche, develop a business plan, charge what you're worth, and create a marketing strategy to ensure a steady stream of clients
- Prepares you for changes you will encounter beyond your professional life, including social, family, and financial aspects

*The New Consultant's Quick Start Guide helps you work through the challenges of consulting such as working alone, deciding on necessary insurance coverage, finding your first clients, struggling with cash flow, and understanding market trends.*

*Vault Career Guide to Consulting*

*Consulting Success*

*A Guide to Consulting Services for Emerging Healthcare Organizations*

*Managerial Consulting Skills: A Practical Guide*

*A Practical Guide to Business Development for Consulting and Professional Services*

*Launching and Building Your Independent Practice*

*A Guide for Consultants*

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In 1995 the first edition of Performance Consulting introduced a concept which has since become a cornerstone of the human resource, learning and organizational development fields: training and HR solutions do not take place in a vacuum but must be tied to an organization's business goals. Performance consulting is a process in which a client and consultant partner to achieve business goals by optimizing workgroup performance. In this updated edition, Dana and Jim Robinson draw on what they've learned since the first edition was published twelve years ago, providing both a robust conceptual framework and improved tools and techniques to help the reader move from the traditional role to that of a Performance Consultant. They show readers how to form partnerships with management, help to identify performance required to ensure that business goals are achieved and assist management in taking actions needed for performance to change. They also illustrate the “how-to's” for assisting management to identify the performance required to achieve business goals; and determining the degree to which the work environment supports and encourages the performance required. Effective HR and learning consultants master both the “science” (the analytical and assessment techniques) and the “art” (the consultative and partnering practices) of performance consulting. For the science of performance consulting, dozens of analytic tools, templates and assessment techniques are provided in the book. Regarding the art, the Robinsons describe the concepts and practices of ACT—building Access, Credibility and Trust—with business managers. In addition, two brand new chapters are dedicated to the skills of reframing requests for solutions into discussion of business goals and performance requirements; and Initiating business goals discussions with business managers and identifying strategic opportunities to partner with those managers in a proactive manner. Performance Consulting Toolkit - The second edition of Performance Consulting references graphic and adaptable tools that can be downloaded to support the performance consulting work the

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Robinsons describe. These tools are available to purchase and download from this product page. See the Table of Contents link for the full listing of the tools. Some tools (in Adobe PDF) can be printed and shared; others (in Microsoft Word) can be adapted to your specific needs and application requirements.

A comprehensive guide to being a consultant provides a general view of the business and detailed information about and instructions in finding clients, setting fees, and making and implementing recommendations

Whether you are considering a career in consulting but don't know where to start or changing jobs within the industry, the Vault Career Guide to Consulting offers an inside look at the industry and teaches you the ins and outs of the world of consulting. What You'll Find Inside: New trends in the consulting industry, The skills you'll need, Life on the job: culture, lifestyle, hours and more, What to ask during the interview. Book jacket.

Written for business leaders and consultants who are trying to solve significant problems and create measurable value. Readers can view the templates used in consulting studies and how they are used. All the foundational strategy and business analyses tools are taught along with the soft skills and practical tools to solve any business problem. This is the only book of its kind walking the reader step-by-step through a complete consulting study. This book follows an engagement team as they assist a large company in diagnosing and fixing deep and persistent organizational issues over an 8-week assignment. Readers will learn how they successfully navigate a challenging client environment, frame the problem and limit the scope, develop hypotheses, build the analyses and provide the final recommendations. We have placed the explanation of management consulting techniques within a lively and engaging storyline, which allows the reader to truly understand the challenges faced on consulting engagements, connect with the characters, and understand both how and why they debated elements of the study. It is written so that the reader may follow, understand, and replicate

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a strategic engagement using the same techniques used by the leading firms, such as McKinsey, Bain, and BCG. To make the story realistic and useful, we have worked with one client engagement throughout the book. Using different examples and different clients to explain concepts would have made it difficult for readers to see the data linkages and development of the final recommendations. The client and engagement are fictitious. The data presented are also fictitious, but they are based on actual consulting engagements and the experiences of the author and the contributing McKinsey, BCG, et. al. partners at [FIRMSconsulting.com](http://FIRMSconsulting.com) & [StrategyTraining.com](http://StrategyTraining.com). RESERVE YOUR SPOT FOR FREE EPISODES FROM EX-MCK ET AL. PARTNERS AT [FIRMSCONSULTING.COM/PROMO](http://FIRMSCONSULTING.COM/PROMO) FREE EPISODE FROM THIS BOOKS COMPANION COURSE AT [FIRMSCONSULTING.COM/SAAMC](http://FIRMSCONSULTING.COM/SAAMC)

The Secrets of Consulting

Succeeding as a Management Consultant

6 Steps to Unlimited Clients & Financial Freedom

The Consultant's Legal Guide

A Guide to Understanding Your Expertise

The Business Plan Guide for Independent Consultants

"If more business books were as useful, concise, and just plain fun to read as THE MCKINSEY WAY, the business world would be a better place." --Julie Bick, best-selling author of ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW IN BUSINESS I LEARNED AT MICROSOFT.

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Both a behind-the-scenes look at one of the most admired and secretive companies in the business world and a toolkit of problem-solving techniques without peer, THE MCKINSEY WAY is fascinating reading that empowers every business decision maker to become a better strategic player in any organization.

Change is the one constant in business, and we must adapt or face obsolescence. Yet certain challenges never go away.

That's what makes this book "must read."

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your customers loyal Robert Kaplan and David Norton on measuring your company's strategy with the Balanced Scorecard Rosabeth Moss Kanter on avoiding common mistakes when pushing innovation forward Ted Levitt on understanding who your customers are and what they really want C. K. Prahalad and Gary Hamel on identifying the unique, integrated systems that support your strategy

Is your consulting practice ready to serve the needs of the new healthcare organizations? As Emerging Healthcare Organizations (EHOs) rapidly replace traditional ways of delivering healthcare, accountants and other consultants to healthcare providers will face greater demands—and potentially reap greater rewards—than ever before. In *A Guide to Consulting Services for Emerging Healthcare Organizations*, healthcare consulting expert Robert James Cimasi offers a comprehensive and authoritative guide to the full spectrum of these EHOs and the opportunities they offer consultants and their clients who need to understand them and their unique requirements.

*The Irresistible Consultant's Guide to Winning Clients* 6 Steps to Unlimited Clients & Financial Freedom Morgan James

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A Business of Consulting Resource

Million Dollar Consulting

The Proven Guide to Start, Run and Grow a Successful Consulting Business

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A Guide for Evaluators and Applied Researchers

*Consultants work in all fields. They operate from offices and from home, work for investment firms and as personal trainers, or have expertise as accountants and wedding planners. The independence, flexibility, and potential income it brings make for an exciting and satisfying career. And it's an increasingly popular one for highly skilled, motivated professionals who've been laid off in this unstable economy. This guide features tips and tricks to help beat the competition, including how to: Set—and keep—personal and financial goals Organize important paperwork Price and market specific services Create advertising and publicity plans Grow a business, from finding a partner to managing employees Minimize and eliminate business risks Consultants are paid well for their advice—if they know how to operate a successful business. With advice from experts in a variety of areas, this valuable guide helps you create the business of your dreams!*

*The ThinkNP Guide to Nonprofit Consulting is just what it says: practical, and specifically about working with*

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*nonprofits. The book doesn't just tell you what to do. Through 140+ exercises - big and small - you take the steps necessary to build your own business working with nonprofits. You will... - Figure out whether consulting to nonprofits is the right path for you. - Build your support systems and infrastructure, like where you will be working, setting goals, building your team, examining your hardware and software needs (and more) - Make sure you have the systems in place, like accounting, banking, budgets, attorney, insurance, registration, pricing, (and much more) - Build your marketing to generate sales, from laying the groundwork in selecting your niche and identifying your target markets, to specific techniques to get nonprofits to recognize you as a valued service provider (and much, much more) Whether you're exploring, starting up, or an experienced consultant or freelancer, you'll find powerful exercises to build your confidence, identify where you need to grow, and set a platform for hitting the ground running in your nonprofit consulting business. To get the most out of this book, "The ThinkNP Guide to Nonprofit Consulting: A Practical Workbook for Your Success," pair it with a membership to ThinkNP.com. These pages and ThinkNP both give you the basics, and you'll come to rely on ThinkNP as your continuing education program for nonprofit consulting success.*

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*work with consultants, this relentlessly practical guide will be your best friend as you discover how consulting influences your business- and real life-decisions and those of others. The Flawless Consulting Fieldbook and Companion is packed with: Sample scenarios Case studies Client-consultant dialogues Hands-on tools Action plans Implementation checklists "Wow! A companion a business owner can't be without! The insights of 30 consultants the caliber of Peter Block is priceless." --Sue Mosby, principal, CDFM2 Architecture Inc. "This book is a companion piece for both the desktop and bedside of those who do consulting full time or in their role as leader. I plan to keep this book close to me to both guide and inspire my work." --Phil Harkins, president, Linkage, Inc.*

*Though it's a potentially lucrative enterprise, the reality of independent consulting seldom matches the dream. Most solo consultants and boutique consulting firms are perpetually within six months of bankruptcy due to the sputtering unreliability of their new business engines. The problem, according to international consulting expert David A. Fields, is twofold: 1) lack of a consistent, proven plan, and 2) fundamental misunderstanding about what clients want in a consultant. Fields, who has helped hundreds of consultants and boutique firms worldwide build lucrative, sustainable practices, replaces the typical consultant's mindset of emphasizing expertise and differentiated processes with a focus on building relationships, engendering trust, and solving clients' existing problems. In The Irresistible Consultant's Guide to Winning Clients: Six Steps to Unlimited Clients and*

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techniques for predicting ROI and clearly illustrating the financial value a proposed project will deliver—which always makes a powerful impression on anyone who reads it. The authors also address the key issue of providing what every stakeholder wants in a project—success guarantees. The Consultant's Guide to Results-Driven Business Proposals explains how to: Write proposals that are effective, efficient, timely, and on target Set objectives for proposals at a variety of levels Deliver your proposal to the most influential people Develop a success guarantee to drive total customer satisfaction The Consultant's Guide to Results-Driven Business Proposals is the difference between proposals that simply cross a desk and those that turn the heads of decision makers. This is the tool you need for transforming the process of business-proposal writing from a torturous task with a side of anxiety to an opportunity for approval and a chance to showcase your expertise.

Consultants are playing an increasingly important role in the challenging world of nonprofits. Yet despite the demand for consulting services, nonprofit professionals often lack the necessary insight into how best to choose and work with a consultant. Nonprofit Consulting Essentials is a vital resource both for nonprofit leaders selecting and working with a consultant to guarantee the best use of their agency's resources, as well as consultants seeking a clear understanding of the more subtle dynamics that define a successful consulting

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practice working with social sector organizations. Drawing on Penelope Cagney's years of experience as a top-level nonprofit consultant, *Nonprofit Consulting Essentials* is filled with keen insights and in-depth interviews with the founders and leaders of influential consulting firms. Throughout the book, Cagney outlines a number of concrete consulting strategies that can serve as additional tools for managers seeking to resolve complex organizational development issues. *Nonprofit Consulting Essentials* also offers recommendations to nonprofit leaders and consultants to make their relationship the best it can be. Once a solid alliance is formed, they can tackle complex organizational challenges together, such as fundraising and marketing, governance and management, and organizational development. Cagney explores what it takes to make the consulting experience a success and covers vital topics such as: the key differences between consulting with nonprofits versus for-profit organizations, the primary areas of nonprofit consultation, making the consulting relationship work, the special ethical considerations of consulting in the sector, and understanding emerging trends in consulting. *Nonprofit Consulting Essentials* reviews the best practices and thinking in the nonprofit consulting practice, providing leaders and consultants a way to ensure a robust organization in the future.

Maximize Your Return on Expertise Research shows a high proportion of consultants fail to deliver

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results on time, on budget, and on target. Rare is the project that exceeds your expectations. But help is here. The Executive's Guide to Consultants explains how to ensure that every project delivers measurable benefits every time. This book will help you find experts, invest wisely, accelerate change, and achieve your most important goals by tapping into the genius of others. The Executive's Guide to Consultants contains breakthrough ideas covered by no other book, including: Sophisticated new contract structures that maximize your ROI Essential methods for reducing project risk Cutting-edge techniques for making change stick after the consultant leaves You will also learn to: Spot "chameleons" and other low-quality consultants who peddle tired ideas and deliver disappointing outcomes Get better results faster, while lowering fees Find the ideal consultant, coach, agency, or advisor for your precise situation Enforce accountability with outside experts and your own internal team Imagine if you could collect the wisdom of dozens of the country's top CEOs, combine it with the experience of a hall-of-fame consultant, and add a bucketful of unconventional thinking. You'd have The Executive's Guide to Consultants. Easy to read and packed with examples, checklists, templates, and guidelines, this book is the ultimate toolkit for maximizing your ROI from outside experts. Get extraordinary results from every consultant you hire "An extraordinary book. Clear, comprehensive, and eminently readable, it is

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THE book on how you can extract true business value from outside experts." -- Scott Cotherman, Chairman, TBWA\WorldHealth, subsidiary of Omnicom Group, Inc. "This is the Master Class for those who are smart, innovative, ahead of the pack, and who intend to stay that way. If you're not yet in that league, you should read this book twice." -- Alan Weiss, author, Million Dollar Consulting and The Consulting Bible "A terrific guidebook, with much of the advice equally applicable in managing your organization's internal talent. It's an easy, engaging read with a wealth of insights and detailed action steps--I highly recommend it." -- Brian Walker, President and CEO, Herman Miller, Inc. "A powerful antidote to the strained relationship between consultants and clients." -- Garry Ridge, CEO, WD-40 Company "This book shows you how to make your consultants' work stick. No more major investments in experts or programs that evaporate after only a few months or years." -- De Lyle Bloomquist, President, Tata Global Chemicals "Fields's messages are delivered in the way that all executives would like our outside resources to do it: capably, with straight talk and incredible insight." -- Ralph Scozzafava, Chairman and CEO, Furniture Brands

The real-world guide to selling your services and bringing in business How Clients Buy is the much-needed guide to selling your services. If you're one of the millions of people whose skills are the 'product,' you know that you cannot be successful unless you bring in clients. The problem is, you're

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trained to do your job—not sell it. No matter how great you may be at your actual role, you likely feel a bit lost, hesitant, or 'behind' when it comes to courting clients, an unfamiliar territory where you're never quite sure of the line between under- and over-selling. This book comes to the rescue with real, practical advice for selling what you do. You'll have to unlearn everything you know about sales, but then you'll learn new skills that will help you make connections, develop rapport, create interest, earn trust, and turn prospects into clients. Business development is critical to your personal success, and your skills in this area will dictate the course of your career. This invaluable guide gives you a set of real-world best practices that can help you become the rainmaker you want to be. Get the word out and make productive connections Drop the fear of self-promotion and advertise your accomplishments Earn potential clients' trust to build a lasting relationship Scrap the sales pitch in favor of honesty, positivity, and value Working in the consulting and professional services fields comes with difficulties not encountered by those who sell tangible products. Services are often under-valued, and become among the first things to go when budgets get tight. It is now harder than ever to sell professional services, so your game must be on-point if you hope to out-compete the field. How Clients Buy shows you how to level up and start winning the client list of your dreams.

The McKinsey Way

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HBR's 10 Must Reads

An Insider's Guide to Building a Successful  
Consulting Practice

The Essentials

**How can you take your skills and expertise and package and present it to become a successful consultant? There are proven time-tested principles, strategies, tactics and best-practices the most successful consultants use to start, run and grow their consulting business. Consulting Success teaches you what they are. In this book you'll learn: - How to position yourself as a leading expert and authority in your marketplace - Effective marketing and branding materials that get the attention of your ideal clients - Strategies to increase your fees and earn more with every project - The proposal template that has generated millions of dollars in consulting engagements - How to develop a pipeline of business and attract ideal clients - Productivity secrets for consultants including how to get more done in one week than most people do in a month - And much, much more**

**If you want to become a better consultant or are seeking to learn more about entering the consulting field, this guidebook offers the perfect starting point. Whether you're considering your options after college, looking to switch careers or already working at a consulting firm, you'll find a trove of invaluable information here. You can learn how to • develop interpersonal skills that can help you succeed; • improve your project management skills; • approach the problem-solving process; • present recommendations; and • communicate clearly. Not everyone succeeds as a consultant, but it's not because they**

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aren't smart enough. It usually boils down to a misunderstanding of the consulting role—being unaware of what to do and when to do it. In this business, timing can mean everything. Discover tips and strategies that can help you succeed as a consultant in this guide to consulting essentials. It's time to separate yourself from competitors and further your career with *The Consulting Way*.

Since it was first published in 1995, *Practicing Organization Development* has become a classic in change management. Now completely revised and updated, editors Rothwell and Sullivan, leaders in the field of OD, and numerous expert practitioners, walk you through each episode of change facilitation. You'll find exhibits, activities, instruments, and case studies. You'll get help applying each phase of a popular emerging change making model. And you'll find include applied research and insights from a wide variety of well-known OD practitioners and academicians. Included in this comprehensive resource are an instructor's guide, ever expanding materials on the Web, and a companion CD-ROM with PowerPoint slides and supplemental materials. *Practicing Organization Development* is packed with useful, current, proven direction on applying OD principles in the real world -- order your copy today!

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**the drudgery of starting from scratch. This book covers all business planning topics of crucial concern to consultants, including: \* Defining your products or services \* Market research and sales strategies \* Rate structures and income projections \* Worksheets to help you create objectives and set goals \* Sample business plan Includes the Author's Disk to help you prepare your business plan, from defining your services and target market to estimating start-up costs, setting rates and consulting fees, and projecting income. Boilerplate contracts and letters of agreement are also provided.**

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