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Publisher Description

Almost 80% of CEOs say that their organization must get better at managing external relationships. According to The Economist, one of the major reasons why so many relationships end in disappointment is that most organizations 'are not very good at contracting'. This ground-breaking title from leading authority IACCM (International Association for Contract and Commercial Management) represents the collective wisdom and experience of Contract, Legal and Commercial experts from some of the world's leading companies to define how to partner for performance. This practical guidance is designed to support practitioners through the contract lifecycle and to give both supply and buy perspectives, leading to a more consistent approach and language that supports greater efficiency and effectiveness. Within the five phases described in this book (Initiate, Bid, Development, Negotiate and Manage), readers will find invaluable guidance on the whole lifecycle with insights to finance, law and negotiation, together with dispute resolution, change control and risk management. This title is the official IACCM operational guidance and fully supports and aligns with the course modules for Certification.

Discover how managerial accounting helps today's business leaders make effective business decisions with **MANAGERIAL ACCOUNTING: THE CORNERSTONE OF BUSINESS DECISION MAKING, 8E**. This reader-focused learning approach uses structured, updated examples and learning features, such as Here's How It's Used boxes, to keep managerial accounting concepts meaningful and

relevant to your life and business. The latest examples and scenarios throughout this edition highlight familiar companies and emerging topics, such as data analytics, sustainability, quality cost, lean accounting, international accounting, enterprise risk management, and forensic and fraud accounting. You learn why managerial accounting is important, what it is, where managerial information comes from and how it is best used to make strong business decisions. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

The International Encyclopedia of Hospitality Management is the definitive reference work for any individual studying or working in the hospitality industry. There are 185 Hospitality Management degrees in the UK alone. This new edition updates and significantly revises twenty five per cent of the entries and has an additional twenty new entries. New online material makes it the most up-to-date and accessible hospitality management encyclopedia on the market. It covers all of the relevant issues in the field of hospitality management from a sectoral level (lodging, restaurants/food service, time-share, clubs and events) as well as a functional one (accounting and finance, marketing, strategic management, human resources, information technology and facilities management). Its unique, user-friendly structure enables readers to find exactly the information they require at a glance - whether they require broad detail that takes a more cross-sectional view across each subject field or more focused information that looks closely at specific topics and issues within the hospitality industry today.

Discover how to use activity-based management to improve your bottom line The first book of its kind to focus on activity-based management in the financial services industry, **Activity-Based Management for Financial Institutions: Driving Bottom Line Results** will show you how to drive changes to your organization's bottom line. After providing a brief overview of a financial services activity-based costing model, this book focuses on how to directly improve net income, covering essential topics including costing, chargeback, and pricing; implementing ABC; implementing ABM; managing organizational change; and avoiding pitfalls. Written for those in the financial services industry-banks, securities firms, insurance companies Reveals how to drive benefits to the bottom line through disciplined execution of activity-based management and organizational change management Provides real world examples and tools for quick results and sustained success This one-of-a-kind book will take your financial institution from stuck to financially successful, driving profitability and performance.

eBook: Management Accounting for Business Decisions

If you're an entrepreneur, or you're just thinking of starting a business, start with this smart, practical guide to small business success. It shows you how to maintain healthy growth and profits—no matter what kind of business you own—and helps you get the most out of your limited resources. Grow your business and get on the fast track to success.

This book applies activity-based costing and activity-based management techniques to health care in a very practical guide that offers health care administrators and students 'hands-on' forms,

worksheets, report formats, examples of activity-based costing and activity-based management planning and information, and actual case studies.

It is clear that our environment is changing, and not for the better. Companies cannot ignore environmental issues anymore. Public awareness is growing, legislation is tightening, and demand for ISO 14000 compliance is rising. For many, however, the field of environmental management (including ISO 14000) is full of unfamiliar terms, high learning curves, unproductive approaches, much frustration, and often little action. If environmental management is to become widely accepted and self-motivated in industry, it must connect to the basic motivators for business: increased competitiveness and profitability. *Activity-Based Cost And Environmental Management: A Different Approach to the ISO 14000 Compliance* demonstrates how environmental assessment and management can be performed based upon familiar principles: cost accounting and cost management. Specifically, this book describes how the well-established Activity-Based Costing and Management principles can be extended with non-monetary environmental dimensions. The result is a single, integrated framework called Activity-Based Cost and Environmental Management that provides the tools and abilities to do both environmental management and cost management in an integrated manner and according to modern management principles. This integration of economic and environmental dimensions based upon familiar cost accounting and management principles makes it easier for decision-makers to not only include the environment in their decision-making, but also to identify, rank and prioritize opportunities for win-win situations where competitiveness is increased and environmental impact reduced at the same time. In this book, the basic concepts of Activity-Based Cost and Environmental Management are described, as well as how to make your own integrated Activity-Based Cost and Environmental Management implementations and how to get the most out of them using uncertainty distributions, Monte Carlo simulations, and sensitivity charts. Among others, the book includes chapters on environmental management and Activity-Based Costing, as well as several real-life case studies from companies for which the authors implemented Activity-Based Cost and Environmental Management systems.

A practical, applications-rich guide to this new cost management methodology *Implementing Activity-Based MANAGEMENT In Daily*

Operations John Miller's lucid presentation of the principles and practice of activity-based management and activity-based costing makes this book required reading for all managers, accountants, and financial officers. Now generally recognized as a more accurate method of determining the relative profitability of various business activities, ABM has become a valuable new tool for management decision making. Miller, whose experience includes the implementation of ABM at Fortune 500 companies, provides step-by-step guidance to its use and benefits: Overview of ABM, including basic principles, benefits, uses, various approaches, and implementation models Basic techniques of activity/product costing, with comparisons between traditional methods and ABM Activity analysis—how to define processes, activities, cost-drivers, and goals Data gathering for ABM—collection techniques and interviews Examples of real-life implementation plans and situations, drawn from a variety of organizations Ongoing system requirements, planning, and performance measurement Activity-based management and activity-based costing (ABM/ABC) have brought about a sea change in cost management systems. Growing largely out of the work of the Texas-based Consortium for Advanced Manufacturing-International (CAM-I), ABC has, according to *BusinessWeek*, introduced "new rules for cost management as investment justification, product costing, the total life-cycle costs of products, and how to define better measures of manufacturing performance." Since it was first introduced in 1985, ABM/ABC has evolved considerably and has been applied in service companies, utilities, telecommunications, and government agencies. The use of activity-based management techniques has resulted in a much more accurate determination of the relative profitability of various business activities and, therefore, more profitable management decisions. This clearly written, example-rich book shows managers, accountants, and financial officers how to put activity-based accounting into practice as quickly and efficiently as possible. This book includes ABM Best Practices identified by CAM-I and the American Productivity and Quality Center in a recently completed landmark study. *Implementing Activity-Based Management in Daily Operations* provides step-by-step guidance on how to implement ABM at the level of daily process operations, and demonstrates, through numerous detailed examples, its benefits for cost management. Applications to a variety of organizations are covered, including service companies, government agencies, and

process industries. Practical linkages between ABM/ABC and Total Quality Management and Business Process Reengineering are explained and illustrated. *Implementing Activity-Based Management in Daily Operations* covers all aspects of ABM, from activity/product costing, through activity analysis and data gathering, to on-going system requirements and full integration. It is designed for all members of an organization involved in reaping the significant benefits of this new cost management methodology.

Three things can happen when establishing a product price. A price set too high is a lost sale that could have been profitable at a lower price. A price set too low is rewarded with unprofitable work. Only when a price is set appropriately does a company make both a sale and a profit. Just as activity-based costing and activity-based management revolutionized the cost accounting world, activity-based pricing will bring a disciplined approach to developing pricing. Activity-based pricing examines the relationships between price, cost and sales volume and how this relationship effects profitability. Pricing for Profitability joins the disciplines of marketing, economics, business strategy, engineering and cost accounting to achieve maximum profitability.

In Smart Pricing: How Google, Priceline and Leading Businesses Use Pricing Innovation for Profitability, Wharton professors and renowned pricing experts Jagmohan Raju and Z. John Zhang draw on examples from high tech to low tech, from consumer markets to business markets, and from U.S. to abroad, to tell the stories of how innovative pricing strategies can help companies create and capture value as well as customers. They teach the pricing principles behind those innovative ideas and practices. *Smart Pricing* introduces many innovative approaches to pricing, as well as the research and insights that went into their creation. Filled with illustrative examples from the business world, readers will learn about restaurants where customers set the price, how Google and other high-tech firms have used pricing to remake whole industries, how executives in China successfully start and fight price wars to conquer new markets. *Smart Pricing* goes well beyond familiar approaches like cost-plus, buyer-based pricing, or competition-based pricing, and puts a wide variety of pricing mechanisms at your disposal. This book helps you understand them, choose them, and use them to win.

Cost and Effect is written for the general manager, and explains activity-based costing systems. It focuses on creating integrated,

knowledge-based systems that provide managers with meaningful information, not just data.

The International Encyclopedia of Hospitality Management covers all of the relevant issues in the field of hospitality management from both a sectoral level: * Lodging * Restaurants * Clubs * Time-share * Conventions As well as a functional one: * Accounting & finance * Marketing * Human resources * Information technology * Facilities management Its unique user-friendly structure enables readers to find exactly the information they require at a glance; whether they require broad detail which takes a more cross-sectional view across each subject field, or more focussed information which looks closely at specific topics and issues within the hospitality industry today. Section Editors: Peter Harris - ACCOUNTING & FINANCE Oxford Brookes University, UK Zheng Gu - ACCOUNTING & FINANCE University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA Randall Upchurch - CLUB MANAGEMENT & TIMESHARE MANAGEMENT University of Central Florida, USA Patti Shock - EVENT MANAGEMENT University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA Deborah Breiter - EVENT MANAGEMENT University of Central Florida, USA David Stipanuk - FACILITIES MANAGEMENT Cornell University, USA Darren Lee-Ross - HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT James Cook University, Australia Gill Maxwell - HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT Caledonian Glasgow University, UK Dimitrios Buhalis - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY University of Surrey, UK Allan Stutts - LODGING MANAGEMENT American Intercontinental University, USA Stowe Shoemaker - MARKETING University of Houston, USA Linda Shea - MARKETING University of Massachusetts, USA Dennis Reynolds - RESTAURANTS & FOODSERVICE MANAGEMENT Washington State University, USA Arie Reichel - STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT Ben-Gurion University, Israel

This resource presents the key accounting concepts that managers must know in order to make informed decisions. The fourth edition includes expanded Incremental Measurement and You Get What You Measure sections in each chapter. These hallmark features help them focus on real issues. New demo problems have been added as well to show how the concepts are applied. The end-of-chapter problems and Links to Practice sections have been revised and updated to connect the techniques to the business world. Case studies also enable managers to gain critical and applied thinking skills that are especially important in today's competitive environment.

New costing procedures for a new economic age Increasing global competition is causing upheaval in every area of industry and commerce. An explosion in the use of advanced technologies is continuing to fundamentally revolutionize the way we go about doing business. These factors are in turn driving dramatic reductions in product life cycles (the average product life cycle is now well under five years) and exerting tremendous pressure on profit margins. The effect has been to substantially change cost structures with their traditional focus on direct labor and arbitrary allocation of overhead. Yet we continue to measure cost in the old way. Now, here's a book that shows you how to update your accounting procedures in order to effectively accommodate these significant changes. Step by step, Activity Accounting: An Activity-Based Costing Approach describes activity accounting in a clear, concise manner. It emphasizes the strengths and benefits of an activity-based approach to business management and demonstrates how you can apply activity accounting to your organization. Activity-based accounting is an essential tool for running your business in the 90s. This book is a must-have tool for learning how to master it.

If you want a book on theory, philosophies, and generalities then read something else. But if you want to succeed in business and crush your competition, this is the book for you. ABCs of Activity Based Management is a how-to guide for developing and improving ABM systems. ABCs of Activity Based Management shows you what to do, how to do it, why to do it and what pitfalls to avoid. With over a decade of costing and process improvement experience, William Frost coaches you through the art of ABM using step-by-step examples, sample reports, and industry-leading best practices. In ABCs of Activity Based Management you will learn: How to use ABM to improve profitability and predict the cost of future products and services. How to organize teams, find resources, set goals, and conduct Activity Based Costing. How to construct and implement ABM from the ground up. Dozens of valuable, timesaving tips to tune and perfect any ABM system. Techniques for including Fixed, Variable, Idle Capacity, Overhead and SG&A costs in ABM. How to monitor and track progress towards ABM goals. How to use ABM with Six Sigma, Lean Manufacturing/Service, TOC and other process improvement techniques.

EBOOK: Accounting: What the Numbers Mean

Proven strategy for reducing production and operating costs while

increasing profits As the growth of the Internet shifts power to consumers, the pressure on companies to keep prices low will continue to mount. Increasingly corporations are relying on "margin management" and supply chain management as a means of keeping prices low while raising profits. Activity-based costing and management (ABC/M) data is key to succeeding in both these critical management strategies. This book explains how executives can effectively use the information furnished by cutting-edge ABC/M systems. The author, an acknowledged expert in the field, clearly defines the ABC/M system and explains how to use the information it provides for best results. He provides a rational framework for understanding the fifteen key defining characteristics of ABC/M and arms readers with an ABC/M Readiness Assessment test along with extremely user-friendly exhibits.

The easy way to get a grip on cost accounting Critical in supporting strategic business decisions and improving profitability, cost accounting is arguably one of the most important functions in the accounting field. For business students, cost accounting is a required course for those seeking an accounting degree and is a popular elective among other business majors. Cost Accounting For Dummies tracks to a typical cost accounting course and provides in-depth explanations and reviews of the essential concepts you'll encounter in your studies: how to define costs as direct materials, direct labor, fixed overhead, variable overhead, or period costs; how to use allocation methodology to assign costs to products and services; how to evaluate the need for capital expenditures; how to design a budget model that forecast changes in costs based on expected activity levels; and much more. Tracks to a typical cost accounting course Includes practical, real-world examples Walks you through homework problems with detailed, easy-to-understand answers If you're currently enrolled in a cost accounting course, this hands-on, friendly guide gives you everything you need to master this critical aspect of accounting.

"We believe the results of this work deliver up some valuable lessons for any company thinking about ABM, about to start ABM, or recovering from a failure with ABM. . . . We hope our views on the pitfalls that impede successful implementation of ABM help the reader and that by book's end, you'll be as convinced as we are that ABM can be a key weapon in today's international business arena."-from the Preface Now revised and expanded, Activity-Based Management covers the tools and techniques needed to

implement ABM as smoothly as possible and use it to its maximum potential over the long-term. Along with revealing case studies from companies across industries, this comprehensive resource includes thirty lessons to be learned in three crucial areas: starting off right, developing the pilot, and moving from pilot to mainstream. Instrumental in decreasing or eliminating misallocation and misinformation, activity-based management (ABM) is a discipline that focuses on the management of activities as the route to improving the value received by the customer and the profit achieved by providing this value. While a host of Fortune 500 and other growth companies are using ABM, not all are doing so with maximum results, demonstrating clearly that proper application requires certain tools and techniques. The fundamentals needed for the effective deployment of ABM are presented and explained in this comprehensive resource, now completely revised and updated. Edited by Steve Player and David E. Keys, with cases written by members of Arthur Andersen's Advanced Cost Management Practice, Activity-Based Management defines what kind of organization should employ ABM, why it should be implemented, and how it can link with other improvement initiatives to enhance a company's management performance. Along with straightforward guidelines on ABM do's, Player and Keys offer important details on the don'ts, highlighting thirty lessons to be learned in three crucial areas: getting off to the right start, developing the pilot, and moving from pilot to mainstream. Covering potential pitfalls, as well as what to do to overcome them, the authors pinpoint such problems as unclear objectives, misallocation of costs, inadequate software, and poor project management. For a frontline perspective, Activity-Based Management features revealing case studies from various corporations. Presenting their experiences with ABM and activity-based costing (ABC), these firsthand accounts examine a wide range of topics, including using storyboarding to develop ABM systems, how to use ABM for profitability, using ABM to support reengineering, and using ABC for target-costing, activity-based budgeting, and benchmarking. In addition, the next wave of tools are examined. These include customer profitability, revenue profitability, performance management systems, target costing, and reporting ABC information. Packed with proven strategies and practical tips, this accessible and exhaustive resource is indispensable reading for anyone looking to implement activity-based management smoothly and suc-

cessfully. Jacket Design: Andrew Liefer.

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Horngrén's Cost Accounting leads the market because of its strong emphasis on decision making, extensive real-world examples provided in a modular, flexible format and is supported by a large quantity and range of assignment material. This text focuses on how cost accounting helps managers make better decisions by using financial and nonfinancial information better. KEY TOPICS: The Accountant's Vital Role in Decision Making; An Introduction to Cost Terms and Purposes; Cost-Volume-Profit Analysis; Job Costing; Activity-Based Costing and Management; Master Budget and Responsibility Accounting; Flexible Budgets, Variances, and Management Control: I; Flexible Budgets, Variances, and Management Control: II; Income Effects of Denominator Level on Inventory Valuation; Analysis of Cost Behaviour; Decision Making and Relevant Information; Pricing Decisions; Profitability and Cost Management; Strategy, the Balanced Scorecard, and Profitability Analysis; Period Cost Application; Cost Allocation: Joint Products and Byproducts; Revenue and Customer Profitability Analysis; Process Costing; Spoilage, Rework, and Scrap; Inventory Cost Management Strategies; Capital Budgeting: Methods of Investment Analysis; Transfer Pricing and Multinational Management Control Systems; Multinational Performance Measurement and Compensation MARKET: Appropriate for Introduction to Management Accounting Courses.

An accessible, practical survey of cost management methods Essentials of Cost Management provides an unbiased survey and explanation of the cost management approaches and methods currently available for immediate application in day-to-day activities. Rather than advocate a particular method, this book assists readers in choosing the best approach or blend of cost management strategies to address specific business problems. The expert authors also discuss cutting-edge topics such as target costing, capacity management, and activity-based costing/management.

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will show you how.

In the classroom, ABC looks like a great way to manage a company's resources. But many executives who have tried to implement ABC on a large scale in their organizations have found the approach limiting and frustrating. Why? The employee surveys that companies used to estimate resources required for business activities proved too time-consuming, expensive, and irritating to employees. This book shows you how to implement time-driven activity-based costing (TDABC), an easier and more powerful way to implement ABC. You can now estimate directly the resource demands imposed by each business transaction, product, or customer. The payoff? You spend less time and money obtaining and maintaining TDABC data—and more time addressing problems that TDABC reveals, such as inefficient processes, unprofitable products and customers, and excess capacity. The authors also show how to use TDABC to link strategic planning to operational budgeting, to enhance the due diligence process for mergers and acquisitions, and to support continuous improvement activities such as lean management and benchmarking. In presenting their model, the authors define the two questions required to build TDABC: 1) How much does it cost per time unit to supply resource capacity for each business process? 2) How much resource capacity (time) is required to perform work for a company's many transactions, products, and customers? The book demonstrates how to develop simple, valid answers to these two questions. Kaplan and Anderson illustrate the TDABC approach with a wealth of case studies, in diverse settings, based on actual implementations.

A less-expensive grayscale paperback version is available. Search for ISBN 9781680922936. *Principles of Accounting* is designed to meet the scope and sequence requirements of a two-semester accounting course that covers the fundamentals of financial and managerial accounting. This book is specifically designed to appeal to both accounting and non-accounting majors, exposing students to the core concepts of accounting in familiar ways to build a strong foundation that can be applied across business fields. Each chapter opens with a relatable real-life scenario for today's college student. Thoughtfully designed examples are presented throughout each chapter, allowing students to build on emerging accounting knowledge. Concepts are further reinforced through applicable connections to more detailed business processes. Students are immersed in the "why" as well as the "how" aspects of

accounting in order to reinforce concepts and promote comprehension over rote memorization.

By now, most companies know that activity-based costing, an innovative accounting system that breaks down overhead far more precisely than old-fashioned systems do, can be used to trim waste, improve service, and make better product-mix and pricing decisions. Yet the actual design and implementation of a successful ABC system remains largely a mystery for many companies. Analyzes the experiences of eight real-life companies who took on the challenge of implementing an ABC system, revealing the mistakes, successes, and ultimate triumphs that resulted in each case. Winner of the Notable Contribution to Management Accounting Literature Award.

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