Re-Tooling the White-Collar Factory

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### Purpose

- Experience a process for creating step-function shifts in organizational knowledge
- Establish a broader context for this type of intervention
- So that a richer palette of options is available as you strategize Next Generation Excellence.

### Products

- Strategic framework for context
- Seeing the centrality of the workforce
- Targeting value
- Appreciating organizational Learning Curve
- Applying Learning Maps

# **Strategic Integration Model**



# Why Employee Relations/HR is Important





#### **Context Within Which this Work Fits**









Invested Capital

ROIC

- \* Working Capital
  \* Diant Dramatic Fault
- \* Plant, Property, Equipment
- \* Other net assets

# The Value Tree





# Levels of Innovation



### Key Beliefs:

- Kaizen principles apply to white collar processes
- White collar processes are definable, repeatable and predictable
- "Tribal knowledge" is lost during periods of rapid workforce expansion or contraction.
- Lots of experience brings a person down the learning curve; low experience drives a person back up the learning curve



**# of experiences** 



# Web-enabled knowledge management





#### **Discussion**:

1. Use the learning curve to describe what happens to organizations during periods of rapid employment expansion or contraction.

2. Describe how it feels to be high on the curve, no support available and people looking to you for direction.

3. "Standard work" describes the interaction between a person and the work flow. Use the learning curve to describe what standard work is designed to accomplish.

## Learning Maps

Pritchett & Assoc. Study ref. by Dept. of Labor

- During times of uncertainty, the normal productivity of 4.8 hrs/person drops to 1.2hrs as people struggle to eliminate ambiguity and make sense of their world from the data they have.
- The objective of the Learning Map is to "level-the-playing-field" of information by equipping people with data, giving them context within which to place their actions and the actions of management.
  - This is not about agreeing or disagreeing
  - This is not about liking or disliking
  - This is not about right or wrong
  - This is not about advocating management's agenda\*
  - This is about being informed and understanding the situation
- Three underlying beliefs...
  - 1. Institutions are either growing or declining;
  - 2. A strong stock price is in everyone's best interest;
  - 3. An informed/knowledgeable workforce is in everyone's best interest.



# Applications and Possibilities for you...