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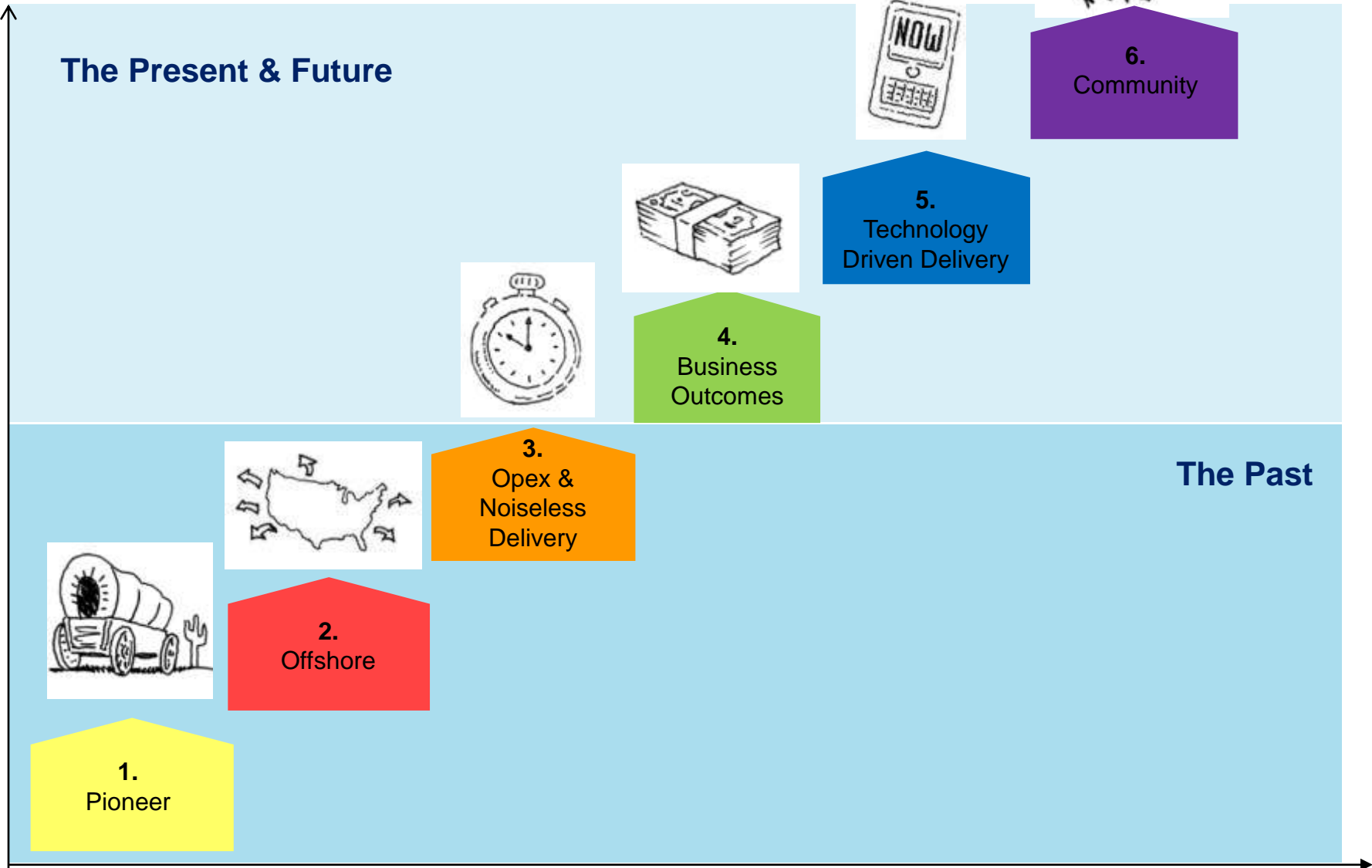
## Agenda

- **Welcome and opening comments**
- **HfS: BPO Mega Trends in 2012**
- **Everest: The High Performance BPO survey**
- **LSE Outsourcing Unit: High Performance BPO in practice**
- **Cisco: Living in a High Performance world**
- **Q & A with the panel and audience**

# Accenture's View of the Evolution of the BPO Market



BPO capability evolution





# Accenture's view of High Performance BPO

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**Accenture believes that High Performance BPO results when providers and buyers exhibit eight core management behaviors and practices**

1. **End to end approach** | Take a holistic approach to the scope of the BPO relationship
2. **Collaborative BPO governance** | Adopt a partnership-based approach to governance
3. **Change management a priority** | Drive strong transformational capability
4. **Balanced purchasing decision** | Focus on benefits beyond cost reduction
5. **Business outcome focus** | Target strategic business outcomes
6. **Domain expertise and analytics** | Contextualize data through domain expertise and analytics
7. **Retained organization transformation** | Align the retained organization with the outsourced processes
8. **Technology as an enabler** | Emphasize benefits of technology in the BPO relationship

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# **MEGA-TRENDS**

# **BPO**

*Phil Fersht*  
*CEO, HfS Research*

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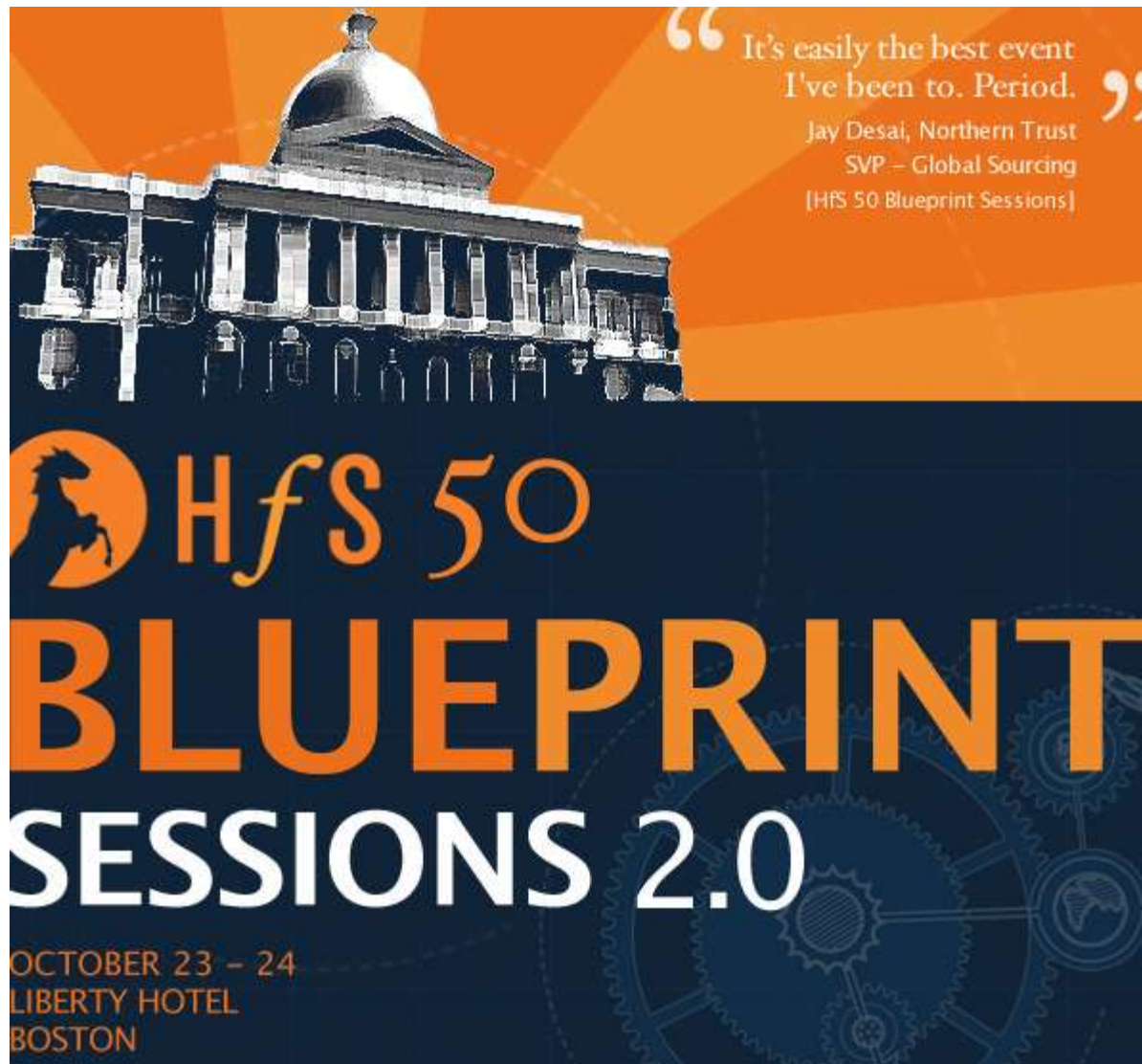
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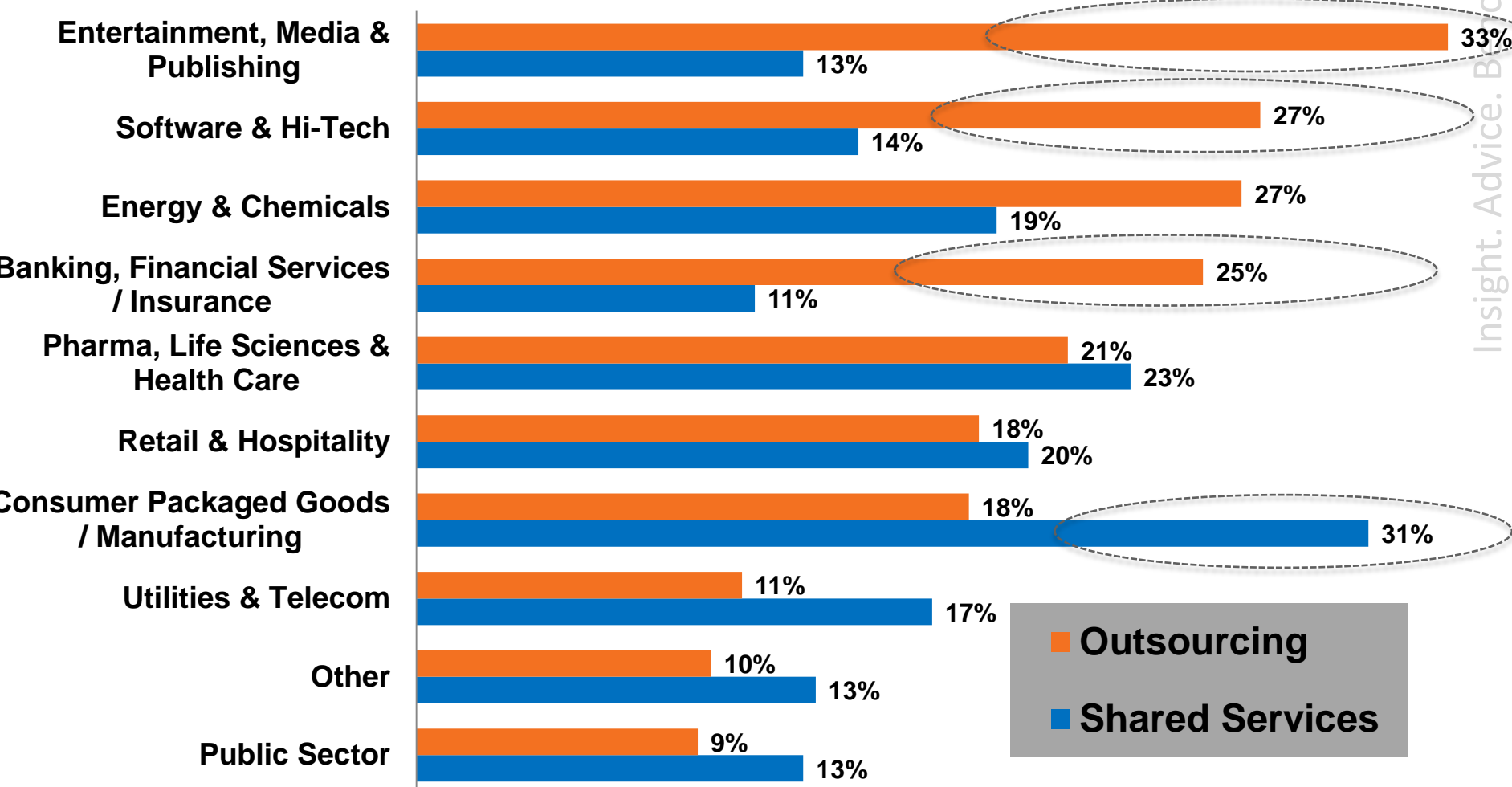


# THE END OF OUTSOURCING AS WE KNEW IT?



# Industries going through *secular change* more focused on increasing outsourcing

Significantly increasing Shared Services and Outsourcing over next three years



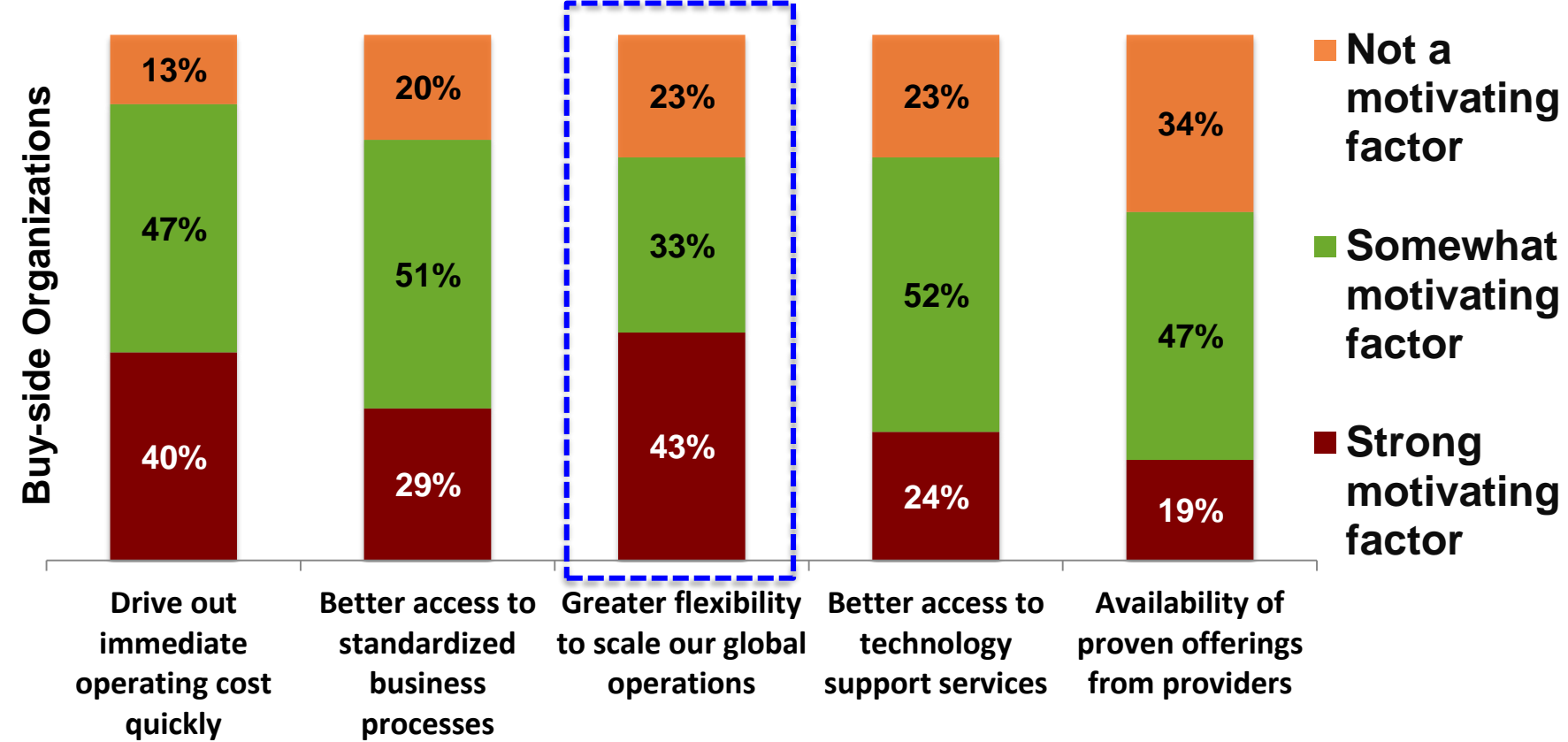
Source: HfS Research and the London School of Economics Outsourcing Unit, 2011  
 Sample: 247 Buyers of Outsourcing Services (all more than \$1bn in annual revenues)



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# Today's motives to "outsource": Global Flexibility, Cost, Process Standardization, better Technology

To what extent are the following factors **MOTIVATING** your organization to outsource in this current economy?



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Source: HfS Research, 2012

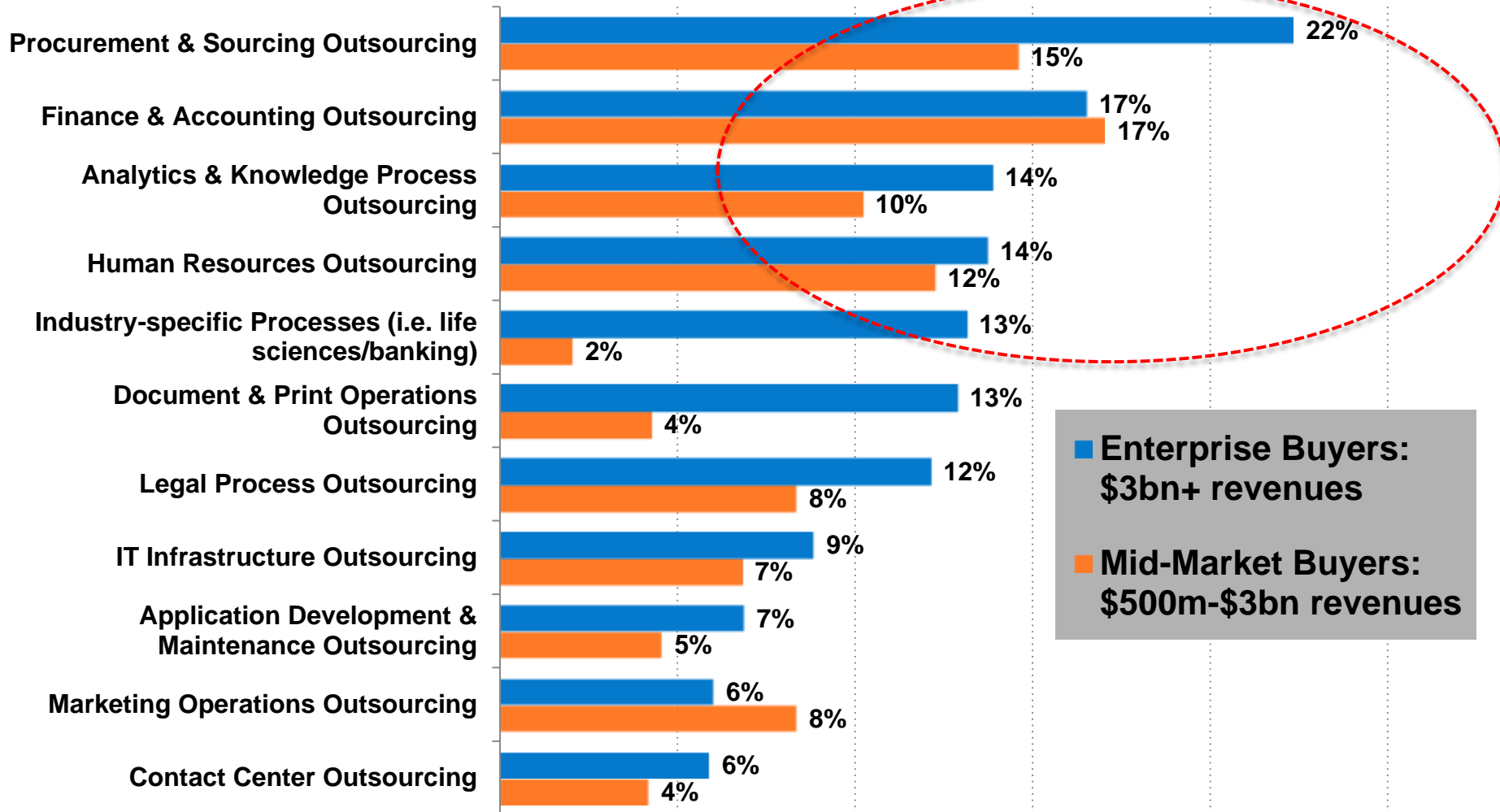
Sample: 157 Enterprise Buyer Organizations





# First-time buyers seriously evaluating BPO

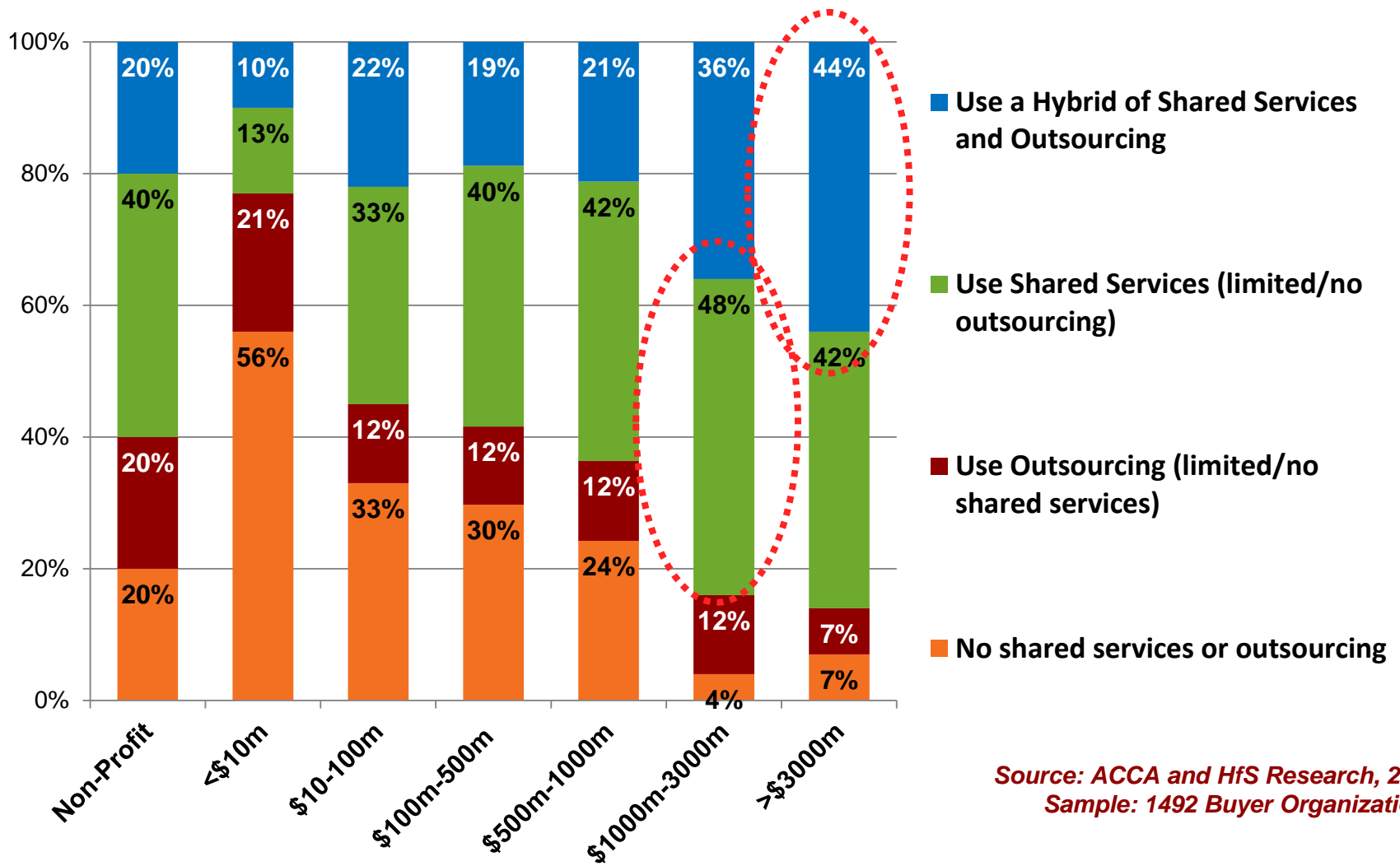
% Buy-side organizations looking to outsource for the first time over over the next 12 months



Source: HfS Research and the London School of Economics Outsourcing Unit, 2011  
Sample: 277 Enterprise Buyers of Outsourcing Services



# BPO provides an added vehicle for improving operations, as opposed to being the *dominant* model



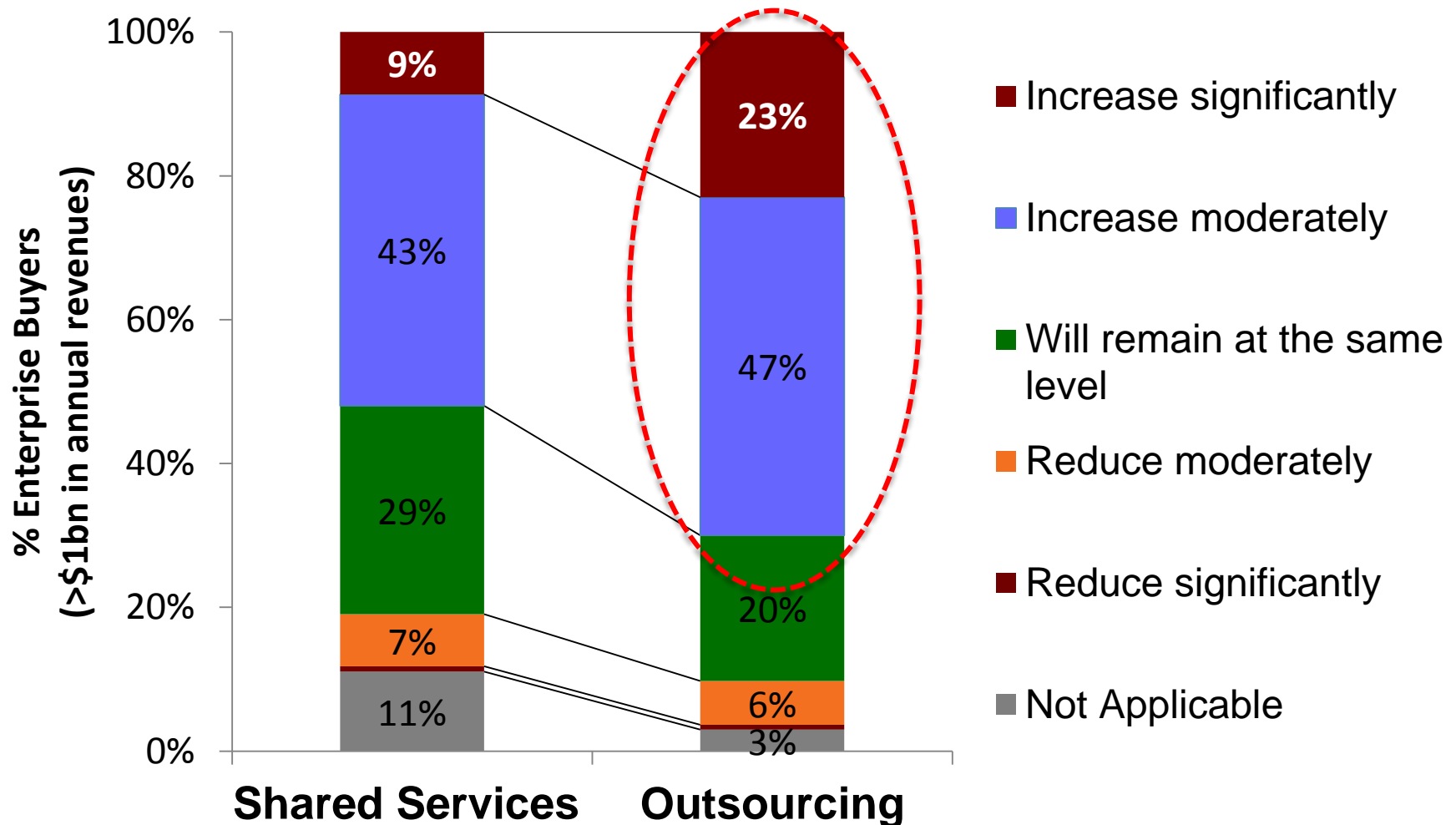
Source: ACCA and HfS Research, 2012  
Sample: 1492 Buyer Organizations

Q. Which of the following delivery frameworks best describes how your finance function currently operates?



# However, corporate intentions are to increase outsourcing investments over next three years

Q. What are your investment intentions with regards to shared services and outsourcing over The next three years?

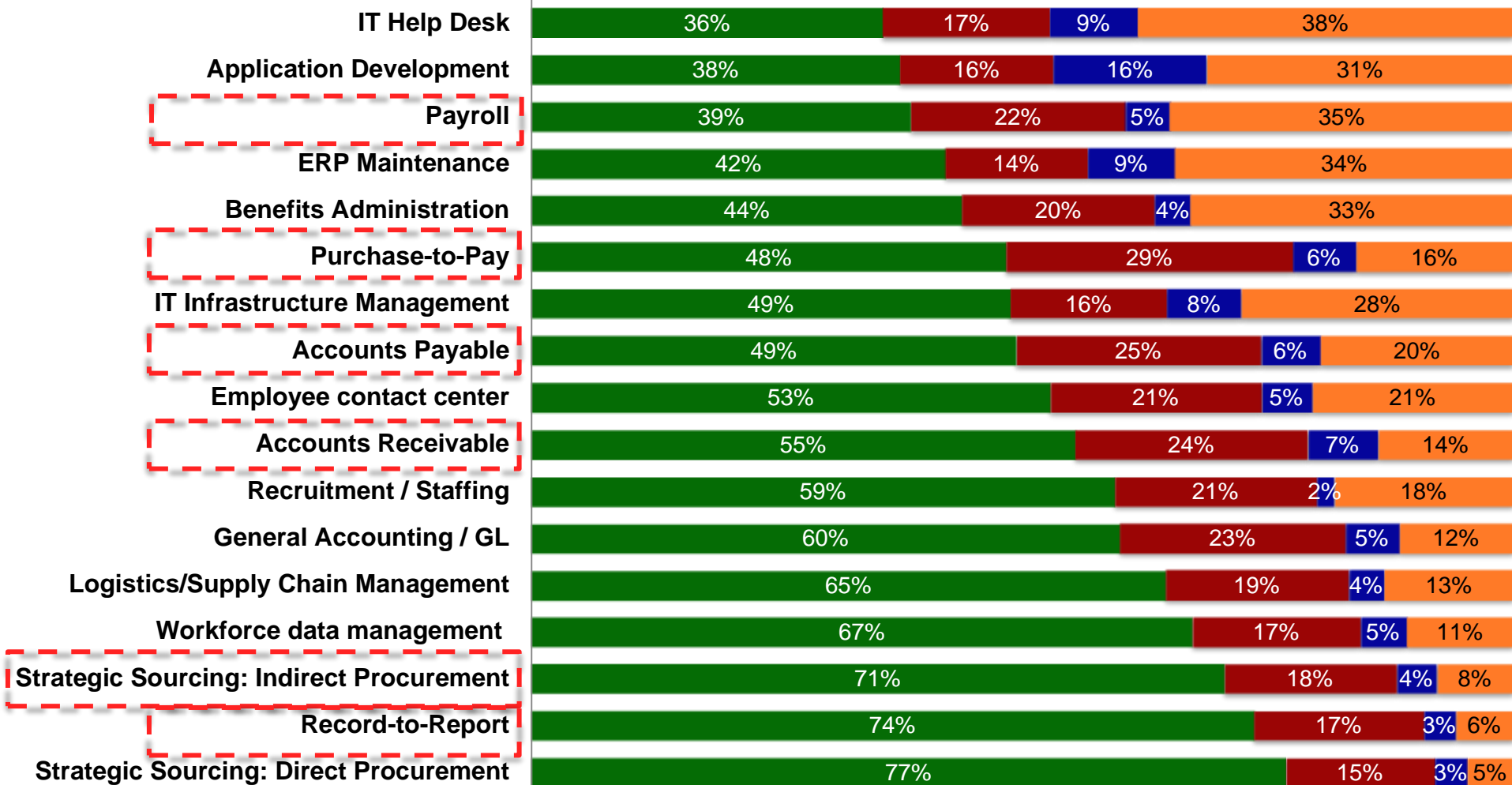




# And there's still huge potential for sourcing growth

Q. What is your primary sourcing model for managing the following IT & business processes?

■ Inhouse ■ Shared Services ■ Captive ■ Outsourced



Source: HfS Research and the London School of Economics Outsourcing Unit, 2011  
Sample: 347 Buy-side Organizations



# WHAT BUYERS WANT

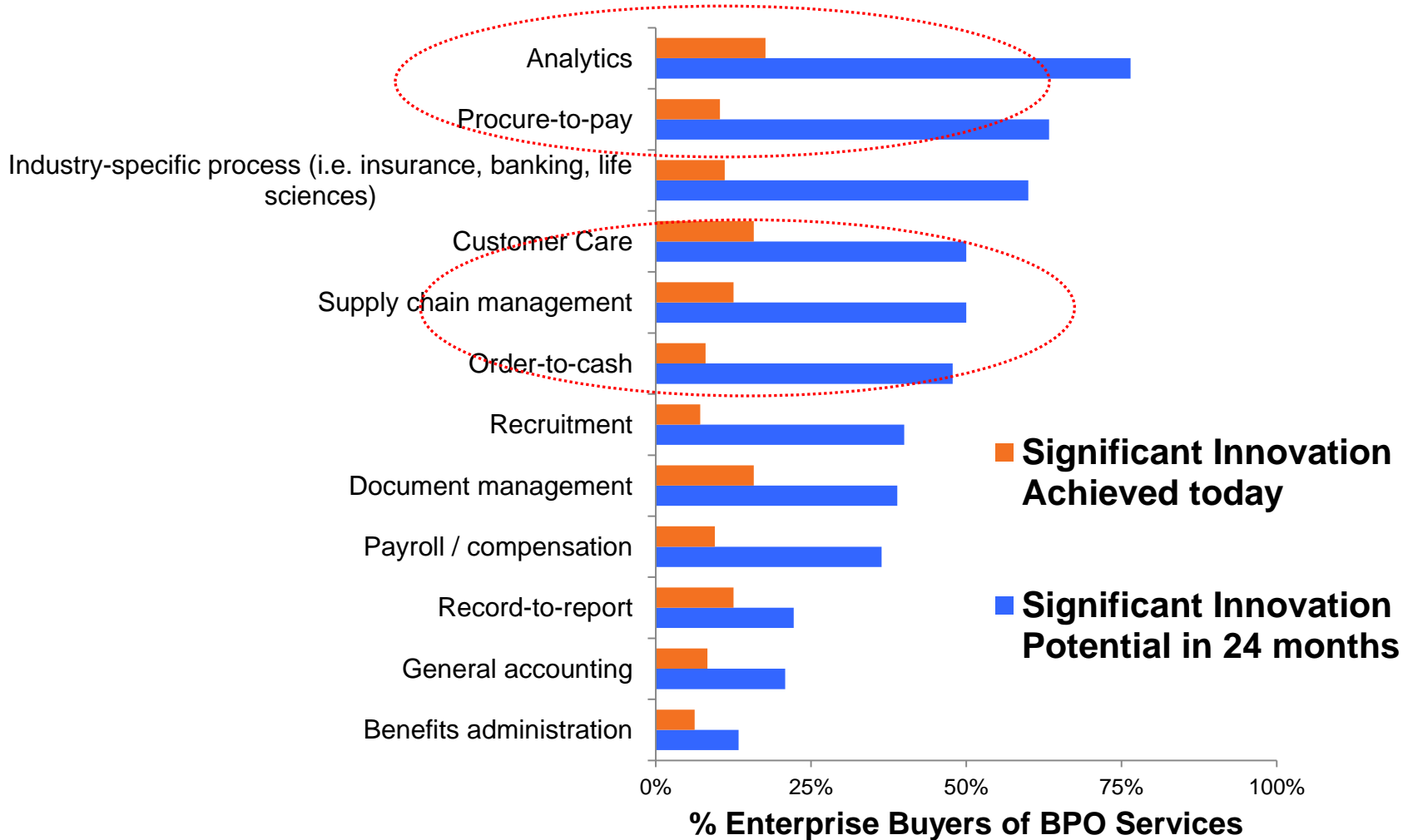
**“Augmentation of existing operations”**

# WHAT PROVIDERS WANT

**“Instituting new practices and capabilities”**



# The *Innovation Gap* in BPO engagements shows huge innovation *potential* for enterprises



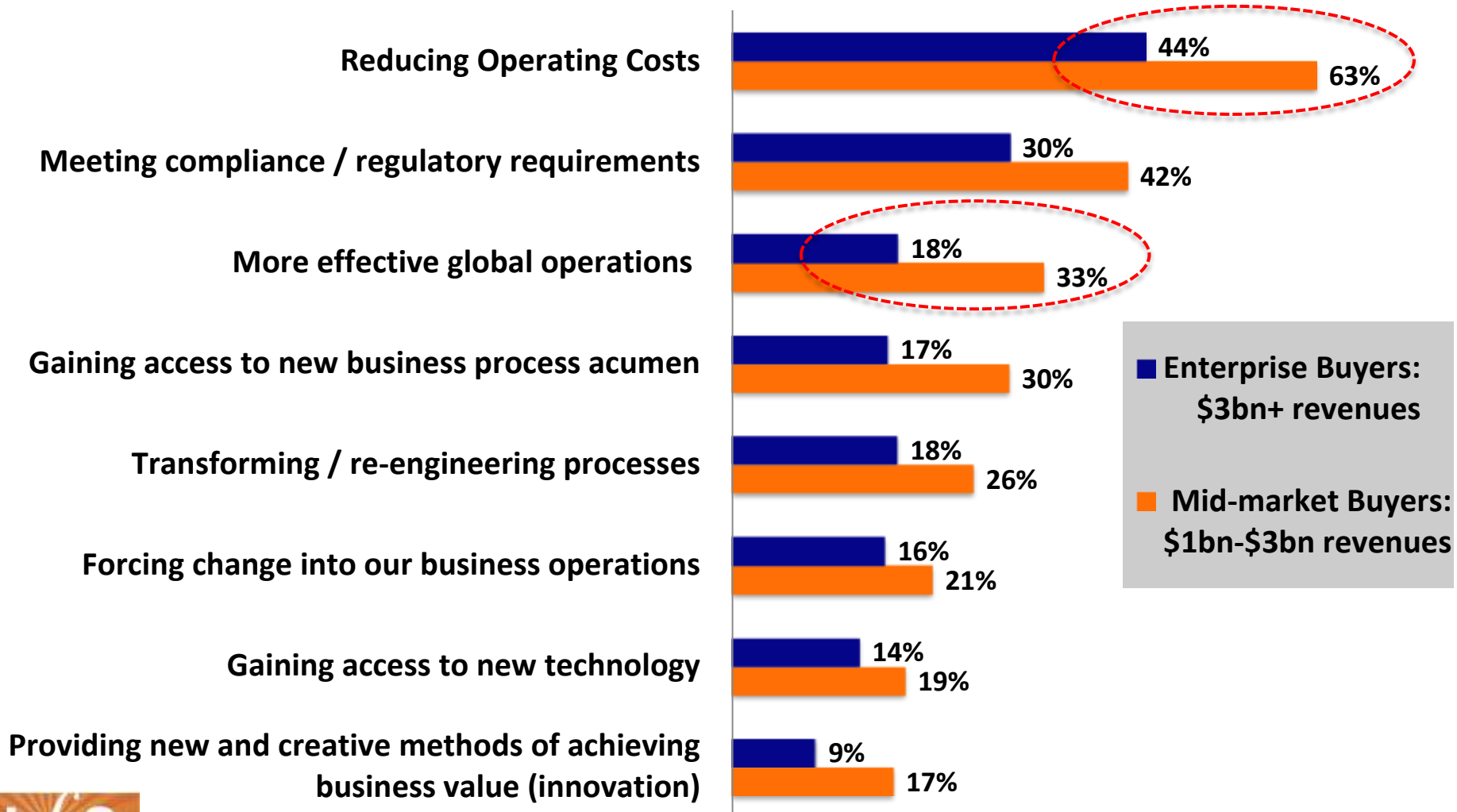
Source: HfS Research, 2011  
 Sample: 136 Buyers of BPO Services





# Maybe it's just best to "rip off the Band-Aid" ...

Q. How effective have your current outsourcing initiatives been for achieving the following business benefits to-date? Answer = Very Effective



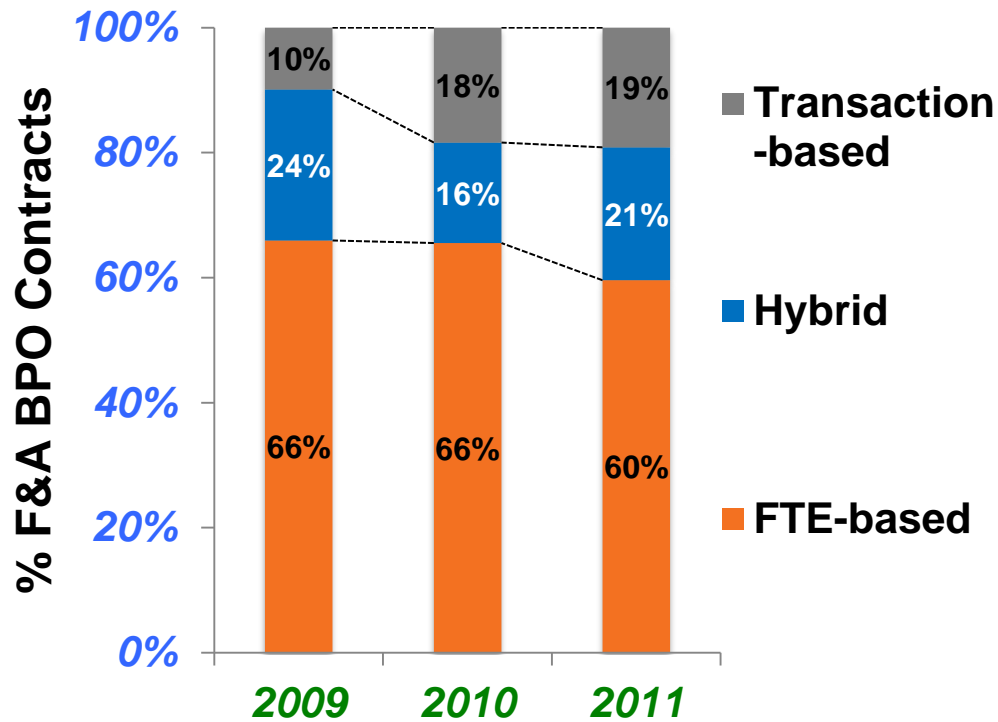
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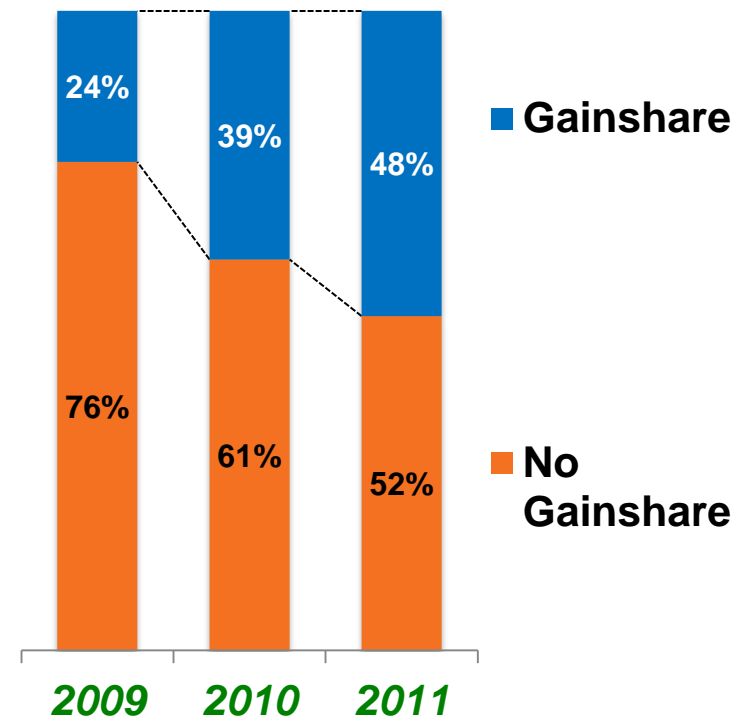


# Providers and clients with “skin in the game” are taking the lead

## Type of Pricing Deployed



## F&A BPO Contracts with Gainshare incentives

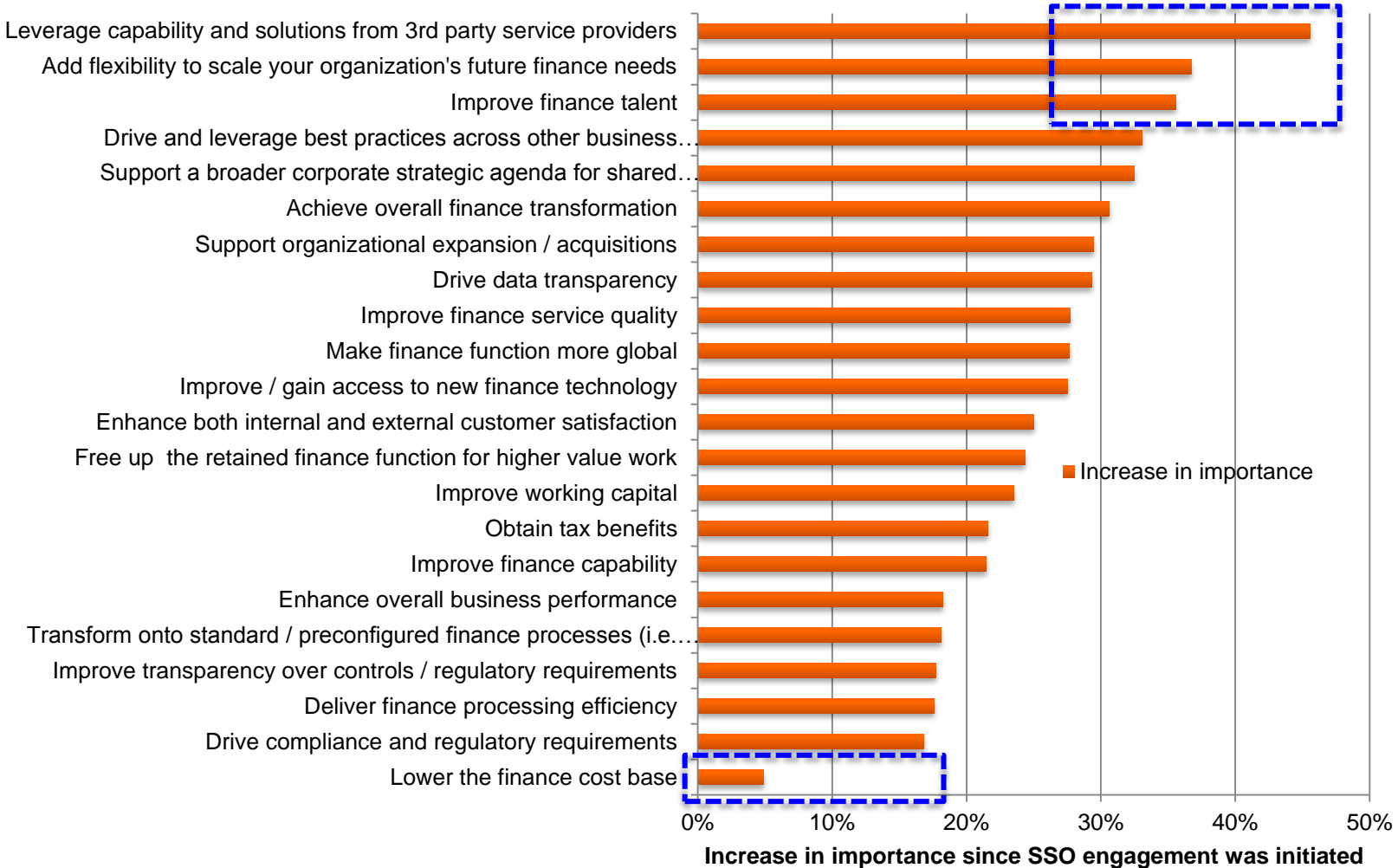


Source: HfS Research, 2012

Sample size: All current multi-scope F&A BPO contracts (includes 2 or more core F&A processes bundled)



# Finance leaders increasingly look to their partners to achieve their goals



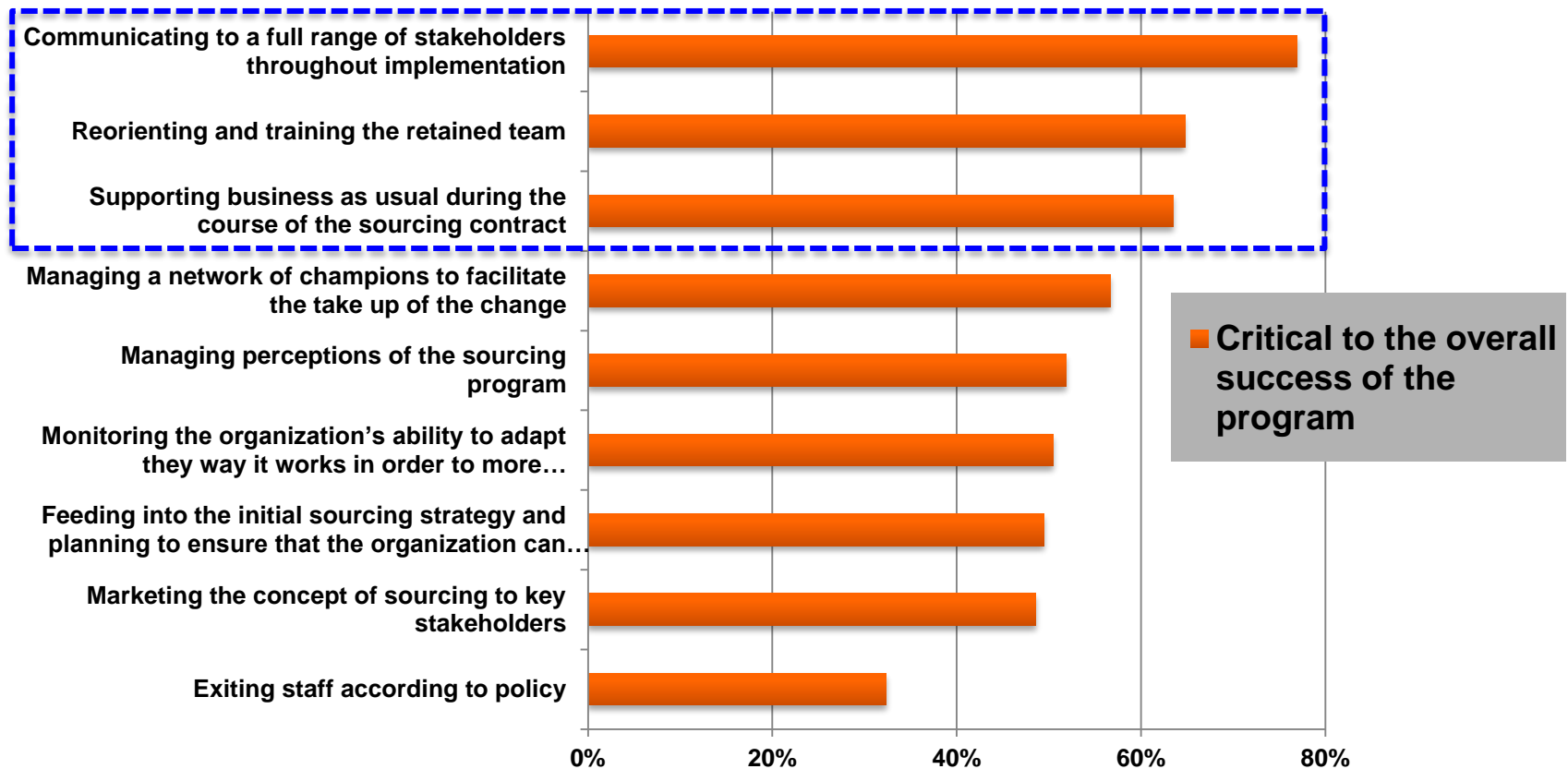
**Q. Please rate how important the objective was at the initial deployment of finance shared services and/or outsourcing compared with how important it is today (Answers = Extremely important and important)**

Source: HfS Research & ACCA, 2012  
Sample: 436 Senior Finance Executives



# Communicating, reorienting and training are the critical ingredients – and staying focused on the end-goals

Q. Based on your current outsourcing experience, please rate the importance of the following change management tasks?



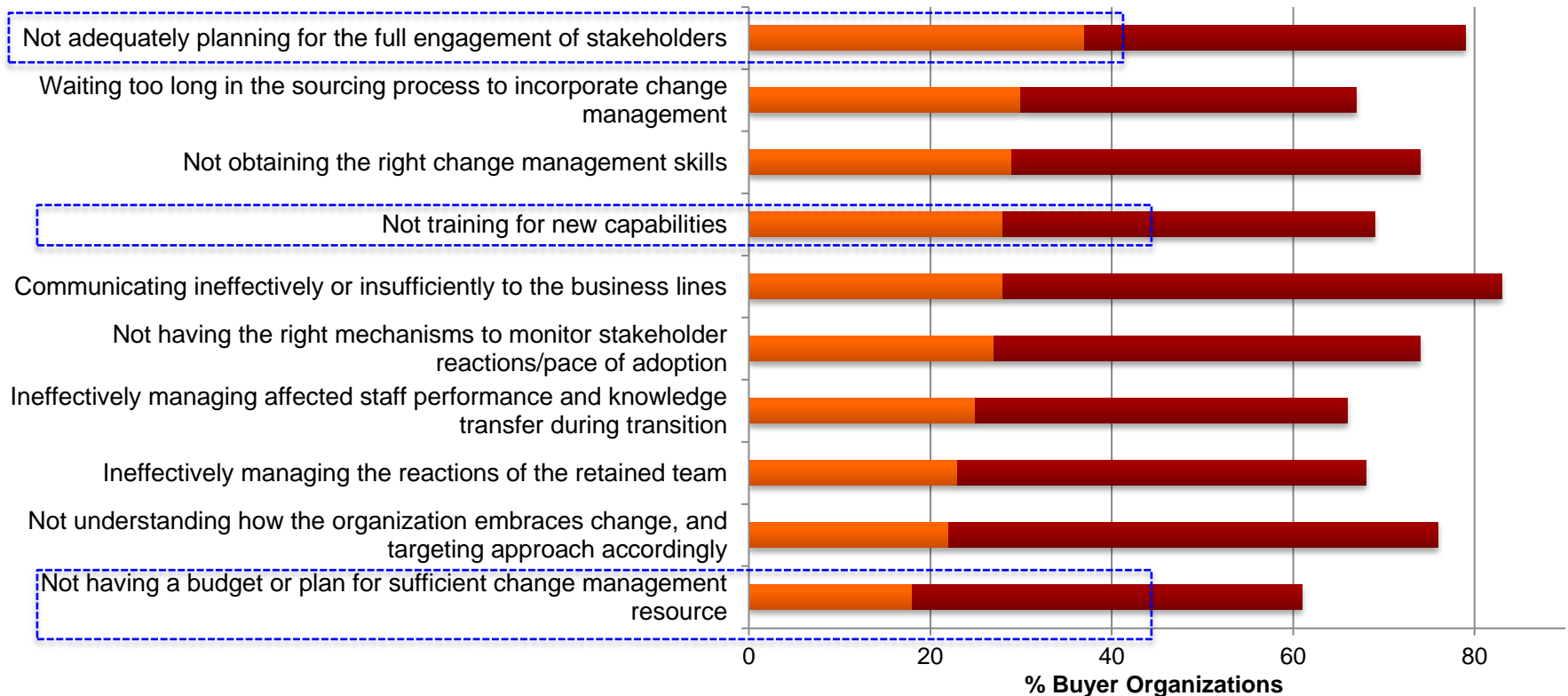
Source: HfS Research and Sourcing Change, 2011  
Sample: Enterprise Buyers of Sourcing n=105

# Poor stakeholder engagement and inadequate training are bigger culprits for sourcing failure than lack of budget

Q. To what extent was/is your outsourcing program negatively impacted because of the following

■ Significant negative impact

■ Some negative impact



Source: HfS Research and Sourcing Change, 2011  
Sample: Enterprise Buyers of Sourcing n=105





# Overcoming lethargy and stagnation – be honest and clear about the mission

- Avoid “analysis paralysis”
- Avoid stagnation
- Use “real” communication
- Agree to disagree
- Stay focused on the ultimate goals



# Relationships that have greater alignment with corporate strategies create better outcomes.

## Alignment with Corporate Strategies Impacts Outcomes

Respondents from \$3B+ Enterprises



Source: HfS Research and PwC 2012, N = 188 Respondents from enterprises with more than \$3B in revenue



# Importantly, those who manage performance create better outcomes

## How Well Performance Management Is Executed Compared to Outcomes

Respondents from \$3B+ Enterprises



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# All-in-all, a well designed and executed retained organization will create a higher-performance relationship



## Typical Vendor Relationship

- “This is about getting them to meet our needs”
- Assign blame and apply penalties
- Customer decides, vendor executes
- Customer defined metrics
- Adversarial - arbitrary outcomes
- Each party is often surprised and actions are reactive

## High Performance Relationship

- “This is about meeting both our needs in a sustainable way”
- Diagnose and work jointly
- Joint input
- Metrics are jointly developed
- Problem-solving - good precedents
- Planning is highly integrated, and actions are proactive



# High Performance BPO in Practice

*Eric Simonson*  
*Managing Partner, Everest Group*





# Overview of Everest Group's research practice

Subscription services – reports, inquiry, data cuts, etc.

## Market Vista

Global services tracking across functions, sourcing models, locations, and service providers – industry tracking reports also available

Banking, financial services, insurance

Healthcare

Finance & accounting

Procurement

Information technology

Cloud Vista

Human resources

Recruitment process

Global sourcing

PricePoint

Service provider Intelligence

Transaction Intelligence

## Custom research capabilities

- Benchmarking | Pricing, delivery model, skill portfolio
- Peer analysis | Scope, sourcing models, locations
- Locations | Cost, skills, sustainability, portfolio
- Tracking services | Service providers, locations, risk
- Other | Market intelligence, service provider capabilities, technologies

# Why study BPO relationships?

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- With over a decade of history with BPO, the market is increasingly showing ***different outcomes*** across efforts
- Those who live and breath BPO have a sense for what separates typical from best-in-class, but it had ***not been rigorously analyzed***
- The study aimed to ***quantitatively*** identify the most important differences in BPO efforts

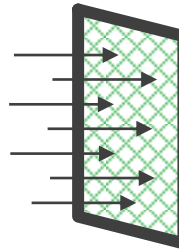
# Methodology

## Survey administration

The screenshot shows a survey form with multiple sections. The top section includes a header and a question: "Please answer these questions to reflect on your BPO relationship. Clearly, you can consider to be successful?". Below this are several sections with questions and response options, including a table with columns for 'Strongly disagree', 'Disagree', 'Neutral', 'Agree', and 'Strongly agree'.

## Data cleansing and filtering

695 survey respondents



263 qualified respondents

### List of filters

- Organizations with annual revenue greater than US\$500 million
- Organizations in an active BPO relationship
- BPO service recipient organization
- Respondent is closely involved in BPO initiative
- Respondent role in organization is manager or above

## Analysis and insight generation

### Cross-tab trend analysis



### Statistical analysis

- Statistical significance
- Correlation analysis

# Summary of findings

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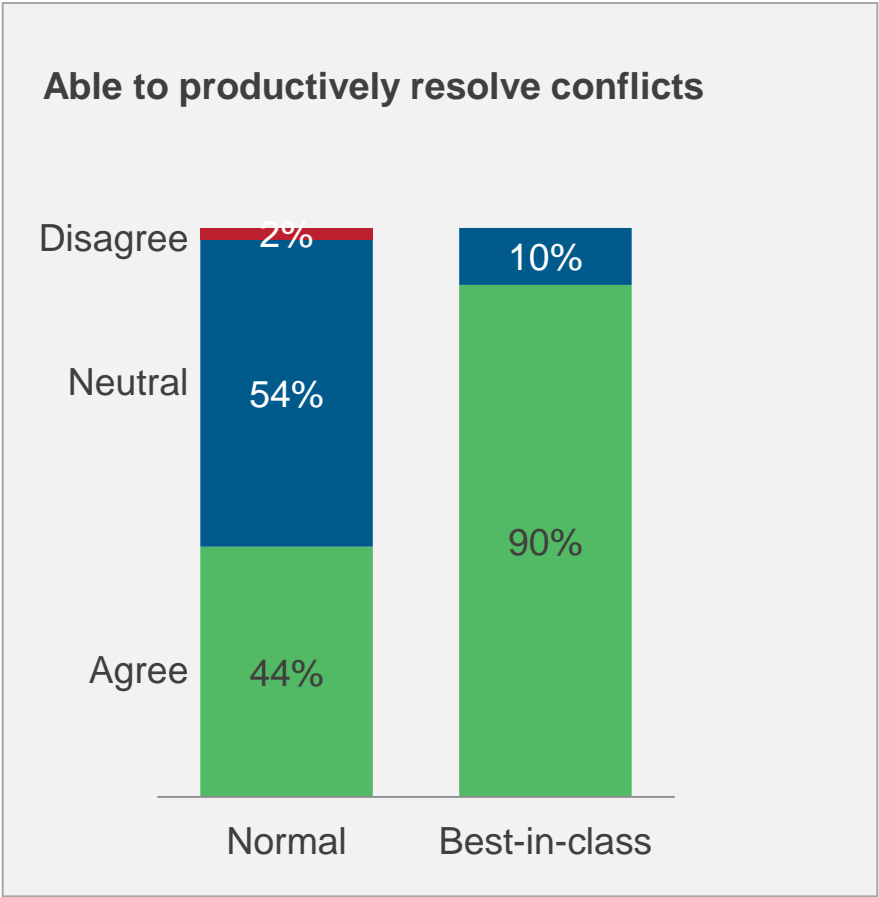
## The “service”

- **Successfully standardized processes** | 64% vs. 36%
- **Business case includes value beyond cost savings** | 67% vs. 27%
- **Information from services to capture more value** | 48% vs. 25%

## “Serving”

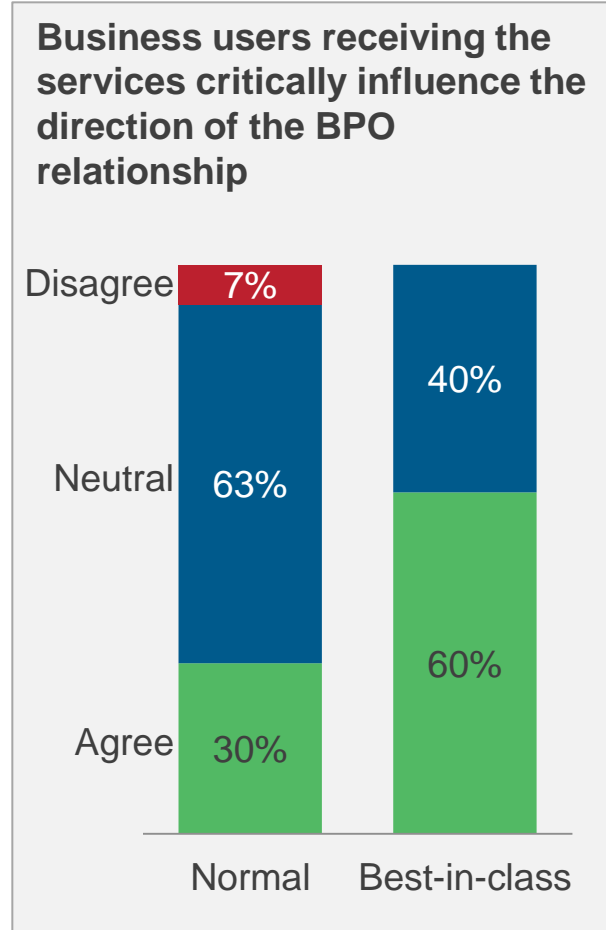
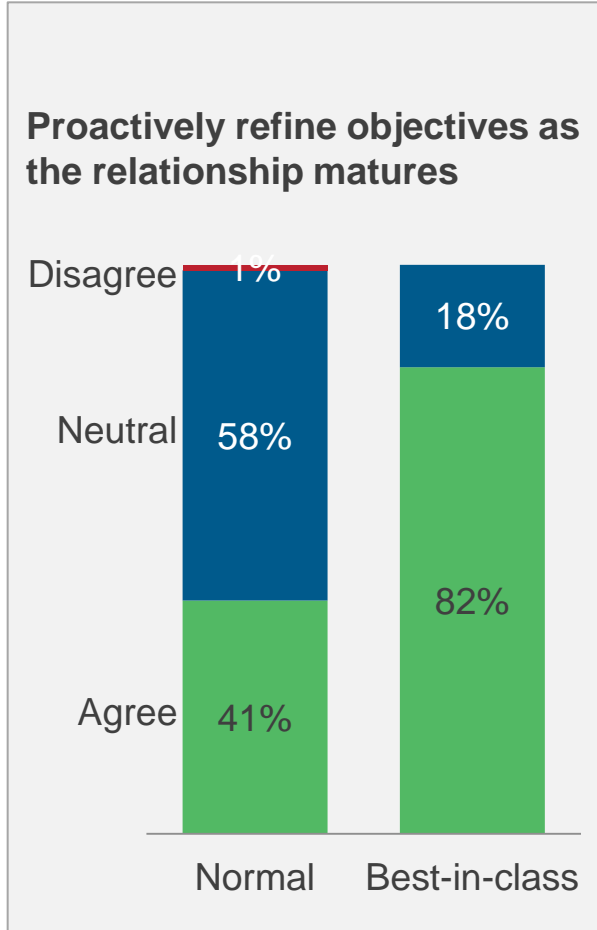
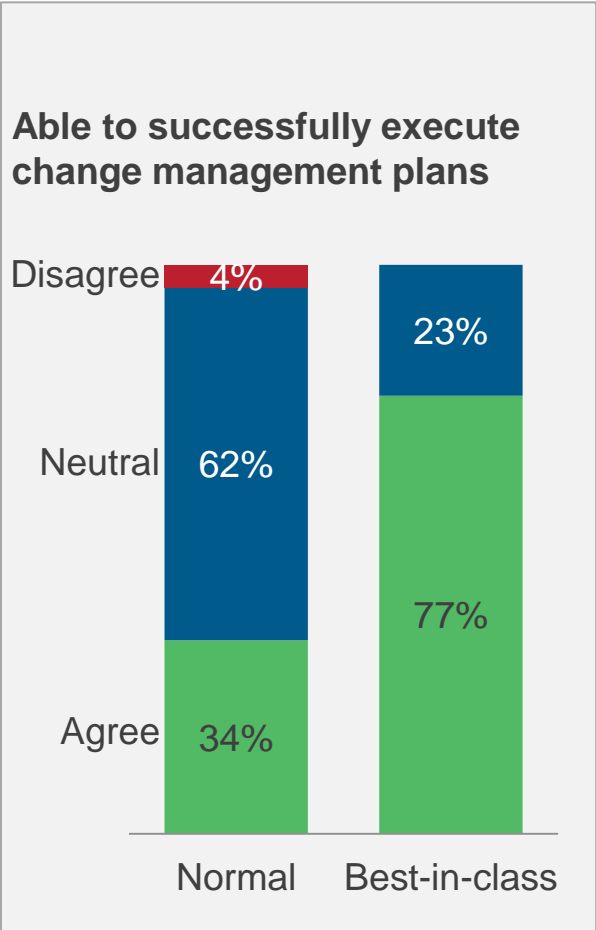
- **Build leading relationships** | Well beyond the contract
  - Create partnership with service provider
  - Productively resolve conflicts
- **Embrace change** | Move beyond “doing change management”
  - Successfully execute change
  - Proactively refine objectives
  - Involve those receiving the service!

# Build leading relationships | Well beyond the contract





# Embrace change | Move beyond “doing change management”



# **The High Performance BPO Survey**

*Professor Leslie Willcocks  
London School of Economics Outsourcing Unit*



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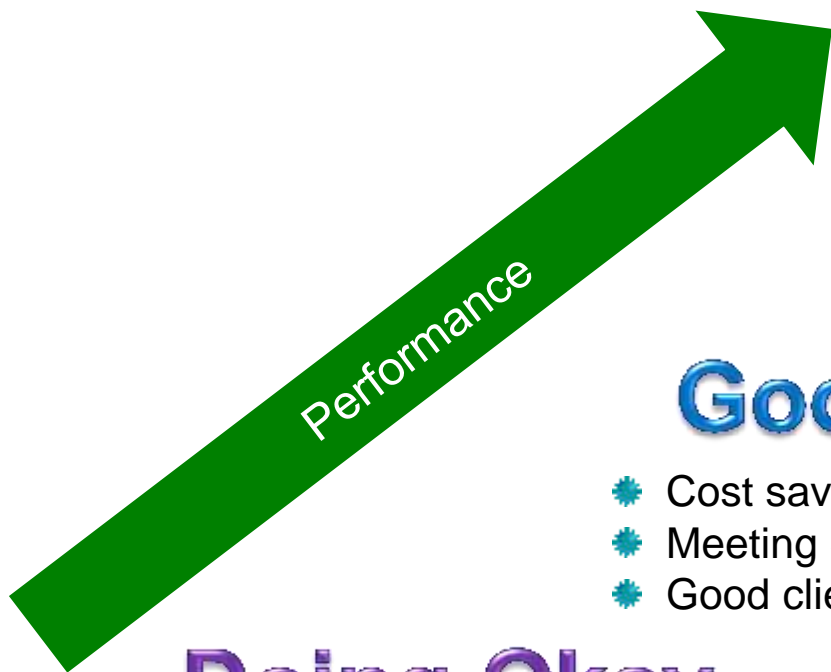


- A *literature review* of 1,356 BPO and ITO findings from academic research studies identified as robust
- Our previous *BPO case study* research 2000 -2011
- New *in-depth interviews* with client-provider executive pairs in 20 organizations and still collecting data
- Access to the *Everest Group's 2011 survey* of 263 senior client BPO executives sponsored by Accenture



~60% normal,  
~20% potential best-in-class  
~20% best-in-class

# Current Research



## High

- ✱ Cost savings delivered
- ✱ Beyond SLAs to end-to-end process management
- ✱ High client satisfaction
- ✱ Innovation delivered
- ✱ Business benefits delivered

## Good

- ✱ Cost savings delivered
- ✱ Meeting SLAs
- ✱ Good client satisfaction

## Doing Okay

- Marginal cost savings delivered
- Acceptable service performance
- Marginal client satisfaction

## Poor

- ✱ No cost savings; costs increased
- ✱ Poor service performance
- ✱ Low client satisfaction

Which practices distinguish relationships with **high** performance from BPO relationships with “**poor**”, “**doing okay**”, or “**good**” performance?





# Our New Research Findings

that create and sustain **GREAT** performance

to enact transformational practices

partner

Transformational leaders from client and provider organizations



# Delivering Innovation



## Delivering Innovations

- Acculturating
- Inspiring: generating ideas
- Funding
- Injecting: change management



### Transformational Leadership

the missing link

## Requires a Pair of Transformational Leaders

**Focus on the future** —the leaders focus on where they want to be, not where they are

**Spirit of togetherness** —the leaders present a united front ; provider deeply and meaningfully embedded

**Transparency** —the leaders are open and honest

**Problem solving** —the leaders diagnosis and fix problems rather than assign blame

**Outcomes first** —the leaders do what is best for the client organization and then settle a commercially equitable agreement

**Action-oriented** —leaders act swiftly to remove or workaround obstructions stemming from people, processes, or contracts

**Trust**—the leaders feel secure and confident in the other partner's good will and intentions

**Political stature and clout**

# Partnership View

Partnership View



**Great  
Performance**

*“I’m not interested in being a recipient of service. I want us to be strategic partners. It is a word that is tossed around in a clichéd way. But for me, strategic partner means: let’s talk about my five most important objectives and how that overlaps with the things that the provider does.”* -- Commercial Director, Energy Company

*“Accepting the provider as part of our infrastructure and not treating them as a vendor but more of a partner -- has been very successful for us.”* -- VP Global Shared Services, Pharmaceutical Company

# Transformational Practices

- Our new case research identified over 20 practices that we think distinguish **great** from **poor**, **doing ok**, and **good** performance - further testing in progress...

- We confirm the 8 practices from Everest Group/LSE/Accenture survey

- 2 robust practices we will highlight today:
  - \*Managing end-to-end processes
  - \*Delivering innovation

**transformational  
practices**



# Managing End-to-end Process

Performance

## Great: End-to-end process

- Report end-to-end process performance to client business users
- Use KPIs and analytics as key drivers of performance
- Partners collaborate to improve KPI, which may or may not involve SLA
- Revisit if SLAs make sense to end client

## OK/Good: Clearly defined SLAs & roles

- Well defined SLAs with clearly defined roles
- Transparency into SLAs with drill downs
- Report SLAs to client business users
- Tend to start relationship with too many SLAs

## Poor: Still struggling

- Poor definition of processes
- Poor allocation of responsibilities
- Limited, misdirected measurement





**Performance**



## Great: Transformational Innovation

- Delivered through transformation projects
- Gain-share benefits
- Exploit innovation clauses
- Create governance for innovation

## Okay/Good: Incremental Improvements

- Contractual productivity improvements require provider to innovate
- Mixed effectiveness on innovation clauses like invest days & innovation funds

## Poor: None

- Innovation not in the business case or contract
- Client focused on costs only
- Provider pocketed any benefits from innovation

# Access to Research



## High-Performance BPO Research:

<http://www.accenture.com/Microsites/highperfbpo/Pages/home.aspx>  
<http://www.outsourcingunit.org/>

## MASTER REPORT:

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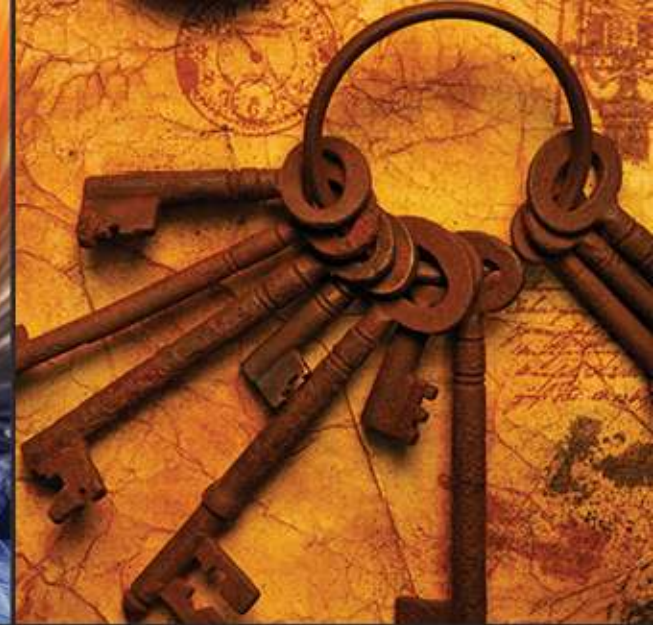
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