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# Creating Opportunities from the Four Industry Sourcing Challenges facing all Global Organizations

### I. Value Beyond Cost Changing the

Changing the corporate mindset from cost-savings myopia to value-creation and growth

#### IV. Realistic Innovation

Accomplishing innovation by improving enterprise and provider collaboration to achieve realistic business outcomes

HfS Four Industry Challenges of Sourcing

#### III. Talent Development

Aligning the workforce for global business services by developing our talent to go beyond tactical performance

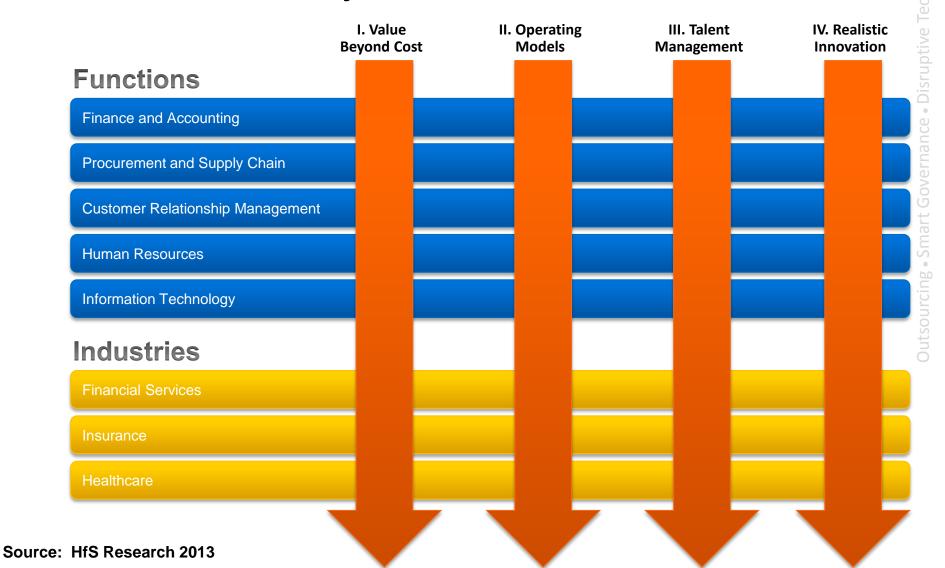
### II. The Future Operating Model

Leveraging sourcing and shared services as vehicles to achieve business objectives

Source: HfS Research 2013



Research investigating how companies overcome the challenges across major functions and industries



#### ...and here are the Sourcing Savants!



#### **Challenge #1**

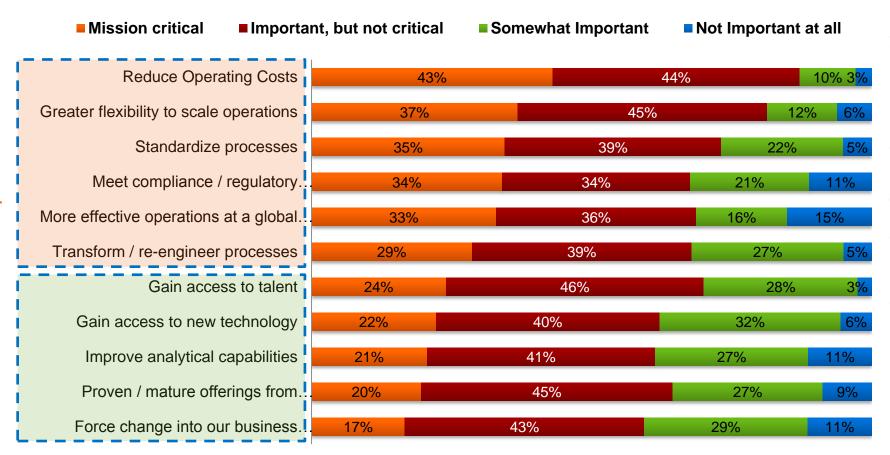
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#### **Drivers behind outsourcing decisions in 2013**

Q. How important are the following business DRIVERS behind your company's IT outsourcing and BPO decision making in today's business environment?

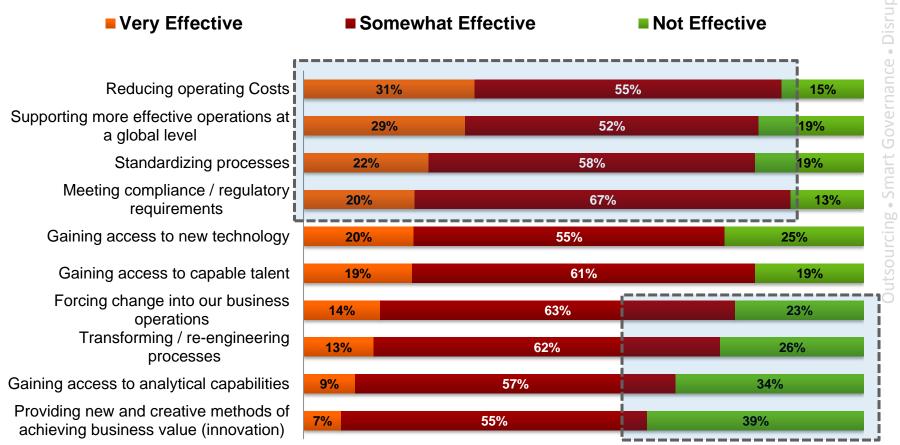


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#### **Effectiveness of IT outsourcing initiatives**

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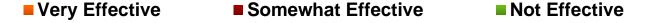


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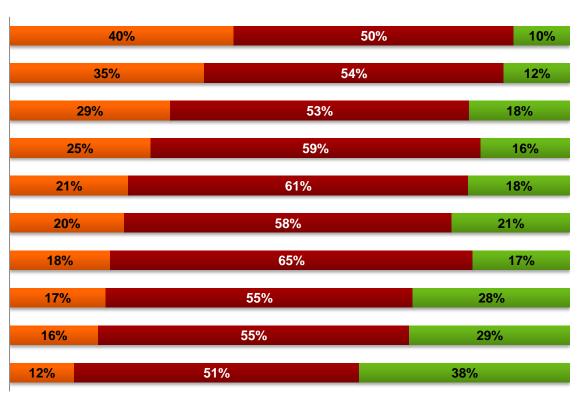
#### **Effectiveness of BPO initiatives**

Q. How effective have your current business process outsourcing initiatives been for achieving the following business benefits to date?



Standardizing processes
Supporting more effective operations at a global level
Meeting compliance / regulatory requirements
Gaining access to capable talent
Forcing change into our business operations
Transforming / re-engineering processes
Gaining access to analytical capabilities
Gaining access to new technology

Gaining access to new technology Providing new and creative methods of achieving business value (innovation)



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#### **Polling Question 1:**

#### Are buyers still overly obsessed by cost?

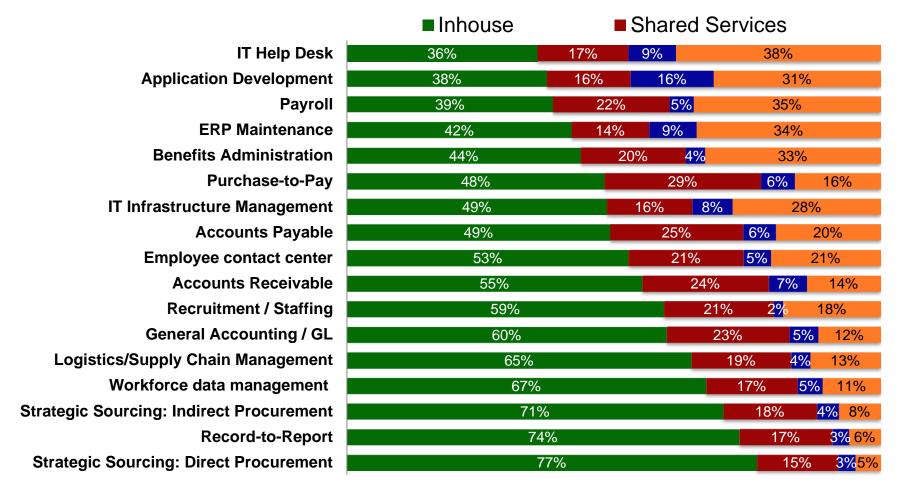
- A) Yes little has changed in in the last 5 years
- B) Somewhat, but less than they were
- C) Much less than 5 years ago

#### **Challenge #2**

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# Can we really move the needle, or are today's enterprises stagnating?

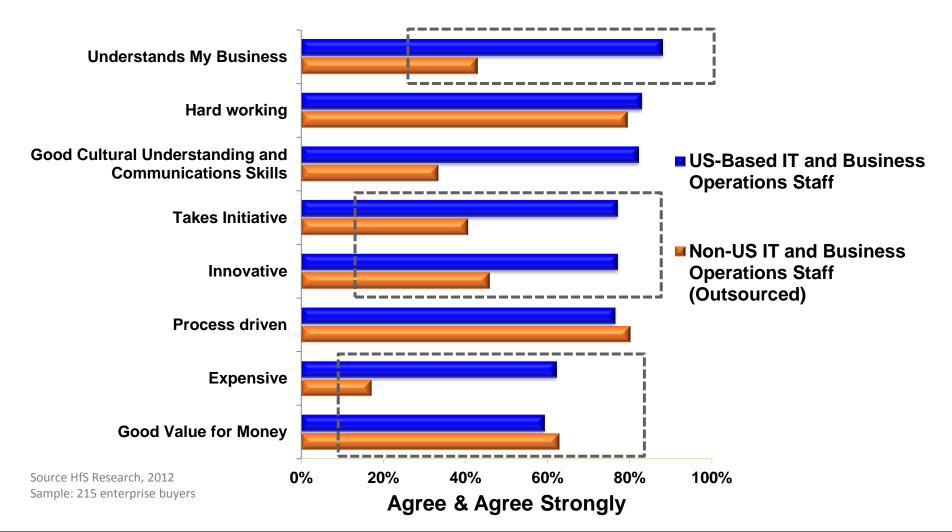
Q. What is your primary sourcing model for managing the following IT & business processes?





### Are today's outsourcing models too offshore-centric? How should the global outsourcing model be calibrated to achieve business objectives?

Q. Describe the attributes of your staff supporting Business and IT Processes



#### **Polling Question 2:**

#### Are today's ITO and BPO deals too offshore-focused?

- A) Yes more work needs to move to onshore or onsite locations
- B) Not sure we're still figuring out the optimum model
- C) They are just fine no need to change anything
- D) No we like the cost advantage and are looking to <u>increase</u> offshore component

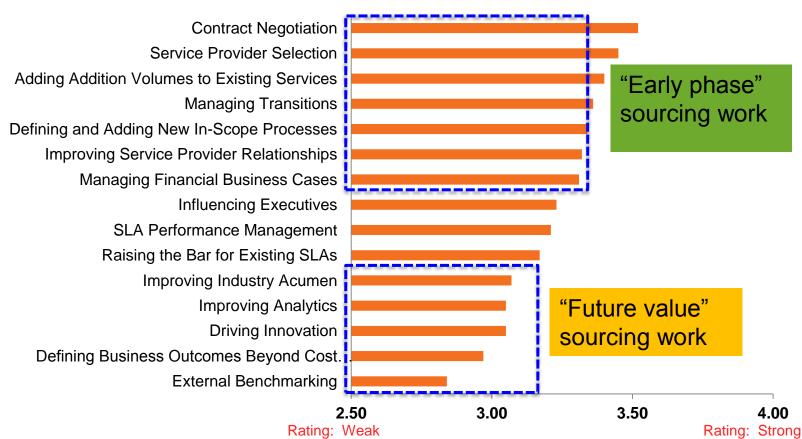
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# Buyers' talent is strong in transitional activities, but they struggle with improvements and innovation

Q. How would you assess your organization's talent in each of the following categories?

#### **Buyers View of their Talent**

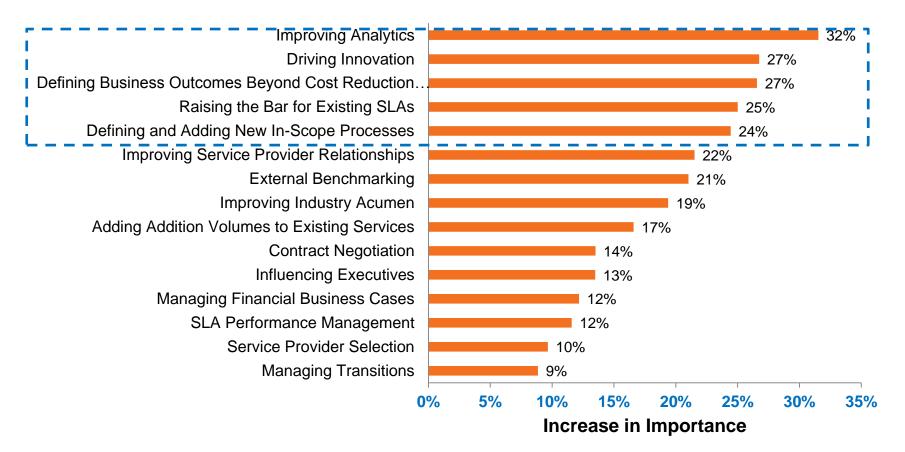


Source: HfS Research 2012, N = 282 Buy-side Executives



# The gap in talent falls exactly in the areas where the greatest shift in importance is

Q. How important are the following sourcing business objectives to your team when you first started compared to today?

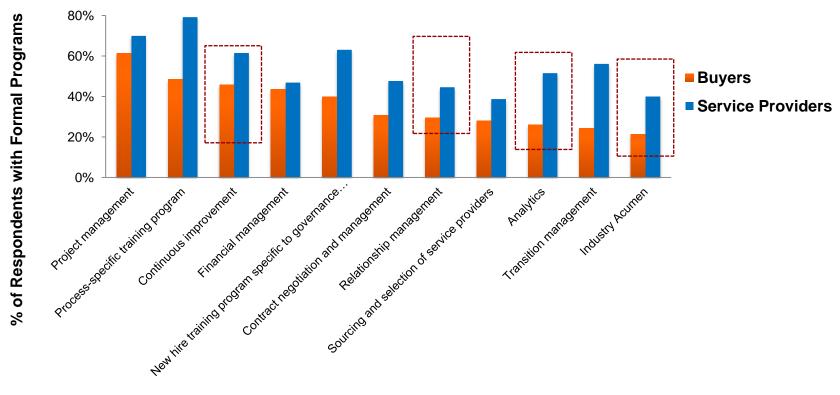


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#### Many service providers staff lack formal training

Q. In which of the following areas does your organization train and develop staff? (Formal Programs Only)



Source: HfS Research 2012, n = 282 Buy-side Executives and 155 Sell-side Executives



#### **Polling Question 3:**

#### Do we have the right talent mix for today's sourcing engagements?

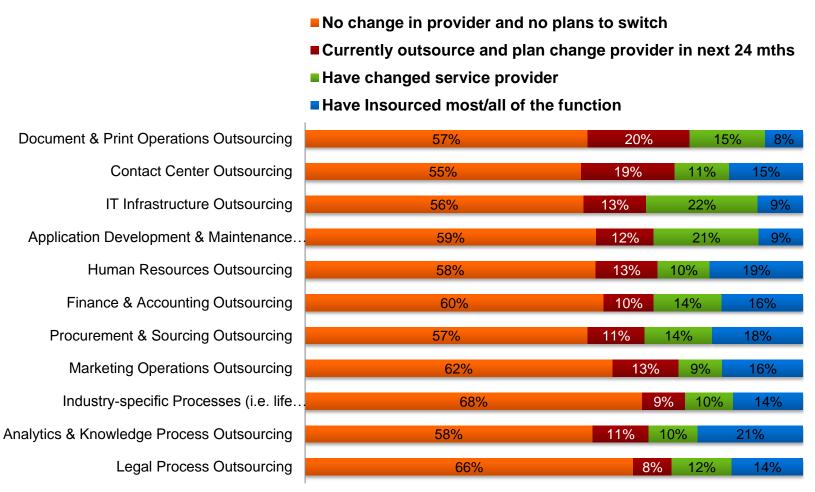
- A) Yes we have sufficient talent for both tactical contract management and innovative work
- B) Somewhat we have sufficient contract management skills, but innovation could be a bit better
- C) Barely we have sufficient contract management skills, but innovation could be a lot better
- D) No we are lacking both tactical and innovation skills

#### **Challenge #4**

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#### Buyers not totally wed to their current providers

Q. Have you (or will you) changed services provider or insourced any of the following in the last 3 years?



Source: HfS Research 2013, N = 202 Enterprises



### How can buyers and providers move from the "Lights-On" to the "Strategic"?



### Old World Outsourcing 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

### Collaborative Outsourcing 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 with a collaborative approach



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