Accelerating Out Of The Great Recession How To Win In A Slow Growth Economy

Competition, technology, the economy, and the increasing pace of business are creating unprecedented pressure on business leaders to quickly implement new business plans, with little room for contingencies or failure. In Accelerating Business, a seasoned executive provides tips and recommendations to help companies successfully step up business plan implementation and business change, all while avoiding common pitfalls. Michael Taylor is a member of the Marketing Management Faculty at the Richard Ivey School of Business at the University of Western Ontario, in London, Ontario, Canada, and his past experience includes advising senior executives and extensively studying change management. He combines this core knowledge with his own research, observations, and practical experience in order to share a structured approach the Accelerated Implementation Model (AIM) that will help companies stay ahead of the competition without sacrificing success. Business leaders will learn how to set realistic and achievable objectives, manage risks, empower a culture of change, recognize acceptance and rejection behavior, and attentively manage the implementation. Managing change can be a complicated endeavor. The expert guidance offered in Accelerating Business provides a strong foundation that will give every organization the advantage it needs in today's competitive business world.

In 1986 Paul Crickmore's first groundbreaking book about the Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird was published. At that time, the Cold War was at its height and the SR-71 was an integral element in securing crucial intelligence from all parts of the globe. The highly sensitive nature of its missions couldn't be compromised, and it wasn't until the end of the Cold War that the operational exploits of this incredible aeronautical masterpiece could be openly written about. As time passed has more and more information has come to light, with a vast number of official documents declassified and key military figures able to talk openly about the Blackbird programme. Paul Crickmore has used these updated facts to revise his previous history of one of the world's most iconic aircraft of all time, creating what will surely be considered the definitive, timeless volume about the SR-71 Blackbird.

One-third of adults are now obese, and children's obesity rates have climbed from 5 to 17 percent in the past 30 years. The causes of the nation's obesity epidemic are multi-factorial, having much more to do with the absence of sidewalks and the limited availability of healthy and affordable foods than a lack of personal responsibility. The broad societal changes that are needed to prevent obesity will inevitably affect activity and eating environments and settings for all ages. Many aspects of the obesity problem have been identified and discussed; however, there has not been complete agreement on what needs to be done to accelerate progress. Accelerating Progress in Obesity Prevention reviews previous studies and their recommendations and presents five key recommendations to accelerate meaningful change on a societal level during the next decade. The report suggests recommendations and strategies that, independently, can accelerate progress, but urges a systems approach of many strategies working in concert to maximize progress in accelerating obesity prevention. The recommendations in Accelerating Progress in Obesity Prevention include major reforms in access to and opportunities for physical activity; widespread reductions in the availability of unhealthy foods and beverages and increases in access to healthier options at affordable, competitive prices; an overhaul of the messages that surround Americans through marketing and education with respect to physical activity and food consumption; expansion of the obesity prevention support structure provided by health care providers, insurers, and employers; and schools as a major national focal point for obesity prevention. The report calls on all individuals, organizations, agencies, and sectors that do or can influence physical activity and

nutrition environments to assess and begin to act on their potential roles as leaders in obesity prevention.

An invaluable resource for HR professionals and executive coaches, this book focuses on how to reduce the time needed to prepare high-potential (HIPO) leaders for next-level positions. Providing the leading trends, tools, and techniques in the industry, the book demystifies the process of HIPO development. It includes a powerful five-step process for increasing leaders' readiness, as well as a complete set of tools for running workshops on developmental planning and coaching. This text also serves as a core text for the author's Executive Coaching Certificate Programs.

Transform your organization into a dynamic catalyst for success Accelerating Performance is not just another "warm and fuzzy" change management book—it's a practical, comprehensive, data-driven action plan for picking up the pace and achieving more. Co-written by one of the authors of Beyond Performance, this book draws on a combination of empirical research and decades of experience advising global companies to show you how to reduce time to value by building and changing momentum more quickly than your competitors. The META framework (short for Mobilize, Execute, and Transform with Agility) offers advice for leading change at four levels: strategy, the organization, teams, and individuals. In addition to step-by-step guidance toward assessment, planning, and implementation, the book offers: A diagnostic tool for leaders, teams, and organizations to assess their starting place, and highlight the specific areas needed to improve the ability to accelerate performance. A detailed look at the factors proven to create drag—and drive—at each of the four levels: strategy, organizations, teams, and individuals. An exploration of the 39 differentiating actions that organizations can combine as dictated by their strategy and context into a winning recipe. A closer look at the practices of 23 "superaccelerators," a global (and perhaps unexpected) mix of companies that have demonstrated a consistent ability to accelerate performance. A single taste of success is all it takes to spark change, but the hard work of following through requires constant vigilance—and a plan. Learn how to capture that drive, bottle it, and use it to sustain motivation, inspiration, and achievement. Deliver at the highest level, and then turn around and do even better next time. Accelerating Performance gives leaders a step-by-step framework for taking action and transforming their organizations, teams, and even themselves—starting today.

This book introduces an innovative new digital approach to speed up cultural change in organisations and reduce failure rates through use of the Culture Acceleration Tool and Methodology (CATM). Including real life case studies, the book demonstrates the possibility of a higher success rate with organisational culture change management.

Written by a distinguished cast of contributors, Alan Turing: Life and Legacy of a Great Thinker is the definitive collection of essays in commemoration of the 90th birthday of Alan Turing. This fascinating text covers the rich facets of his life, thoughts, and legacy, but also sheds some light on the future of computing science with a chapter contributed by visionary Ray Kurzweil, winner of the 1999 National Medal of Technology. Further, important contributions come from the philosopher Daniel Dennett, the Turing biographer Andrew Hodges, and from the distinguished logician Martin Davis, who provides a first critical essay on an emerging and controversial field termed "hypercomputation".

Considers S. 2725 and companion bill H.R. 10805, to authorize the construction by AEC of six nuclear power facilities for the production of electric power.

Filip Vostal examines the changing nature of academic time, and analyzes the 'will to accelerate' that has emerged as a significant cultural and structural force in knowledge production.

Many companies move workloads to the cloud only to encounter issues with legacy processes and organizational structures. How do you design new operating models for this environment? This practical book shows IT managers, CIOs, and CTOs how to address the hardest part of

any cloud transformation: the people and the processes. Author Mike Kavis (Architecting the Cloud) explores lessons learned from enterprises in the midst of cloud transformations. Youâ??ll learn how to rethink your approach from a technology, process, and organizational standpoint to realize the promise of cost optimization, agility, and innovation that public cloud platforms provide. Learn the difference between working in a data center and operating in the cloud Explore patterns and anti-patterns for organizing cloud operating models Get best practices for making the organizational change required for a move to the cloud Understand why site reliability engineering is essential for cloud operations Improve organizational performance through value stream mapping

Accelerating Cleanup at Toxic Waste Sites: Fast-tracking Environmental Actions and Decision Making presents truly innovative advances in investigative and cleanup technologies, offering valuable solutions that streamline the data collection process, speed up the time it takes to characterize a site, and expedite decision making. Using easy to understand graphic displays, tables, text summaries, and real world case studies, and by synthesizing technical and regulatory reference information crucial to the development of effective cleanup strategies, this book provides the framework for environmental professionals to develop project and program approaches that meet today's needs. An advanced text for those with at least basic understanding of environmental investigation, cleanup, regulations, decision making, and policy development, Accelerating Cleanup at Toxic Waste Sites addresses the "human" side of the environmental industry and why it is perhaps one of the most important considerations for successful accelerated cleanup. This book takes the next step by providing managers, project teams, and other professionals with approaches that bring techniques, regulations, strategies, and people together into one comprehensive package that works.

"What better opportunity than now to strengthen your business and come out of the recession even stronger? David Rhodes and Daniel Stelter provide an easy-to-understand perspective on the current economic environment, and some practical strategies to help readers come out ahead. A timely read for all who care about their business." —Paul Polman, CEO, Unilever "This is the most comprehensive assessment of the global economy that I've seen and is a must-read for any business, economic, or governmental-related leader". Jeff M. Fettig, Chairman & CEO, Whirlpool Corporation "A fascinating account of the causal factors of the meltdown and what we can do to avoid repetition." Sanjay Khosla, Executive Vice President and President, International for Kraft Foods "This book combines brilliant analysis and strategic insight with a clear message: Companies that want to play a role in tomorrow's markets must act immediately. There's no place for complacency. The opportunities in the post-crisis world are good--and better than many might think." Dr. Jürgen Hambrecht, CEO, BASF "The lessons from companies that came out winners during past recessions are invaluable in the current context. Rhodes and Stelter strike a welcome note of optimism in today's tough times by showing that companies can do a lot to thrive when the global economy is struggling." Dr. Dieter Zetsche, CEO, Daimler "There are great lessons for today's chief executives: well-managed companies can prosper in the downturn and accelerate faster than their competitors in the upturn. Rhodes and Stelter have dug deep into history to vividly show how companies can do it." Dr. Martin C. Halusa, CEO, Apax Partners Worldwide LLP From the world's leading business strategy consultancy comes this essential guide to prospering in the aftermath of what is being called the Great Recession Accelerating Out of the Great Recession, by The Boston Consulting Group's David Rhodes and Daniel Stelter, is a call to action for today's executives. It shows how companies can win in a slow-growth economy by seizing the initiative--differentiating themselves from less fleet-footed rivals and executing their strategies with single-minded determination. It combines comprehensive and big-picture analysis of the global economic meltdown with smart management advice on how to win in an era of greater competition. The book is underpinned by a historical review of great companies that survived

and thrived in past downturns, along with two new surveys of top executives and insights drawn from discussions with corporate leaders around the world. As such, it offers the clearest, most authoritative assessment yet of some present-day trends and "new realities"--and what they mean for business. Accelerating Out of the Great Recession shows today's executives how to: Learn from the decisive actions taken by companies such as General Electric, IBM, and Proctor & Gamble in order to accelerate out of past downturns Take the fight to your competitors--diversify and expand now, while other businesses are affected by the downtown Shake off conventional wisdom to protect and grow your market share Develop a new managerial mindset for today's tough times Backed by exceptional research and outstanding, up-to-the-minute advice, Accelerating Out of the Great Recession explains the magnitude and enduring nature of changes that have taken place in the global economy and how you can outperform today to create and sustain an advantage over your competitors for the long haul. The nine papers in this volume examine the historical experience of particular populations in Western Europe and North America in a search for the processes that change fertility patterns. The contributors' findings enable them to reevaluate some of the conflicting hypotheses that have been advanced for these changes. The authors stress the effects on fertility of changing mortality. Several theoretical discussions emphasize the importance both of the turnover in adult positions due to mortality and of the highly variable life expectancy of children. The empirical analyses consistently reveal strong associations between levels of fertility and mortality. On the other hand, some essays question whether variations in opportunities to marry acted as quite the regulator that Malthus and many after him have thought. In both preindustrial and industrial populations, fertility regulation within marriage emerges as the primary mechanism by which adjustment occurred. Originally published in 1978. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the distinguished backlist of Princeton University Press. These editions preserve the original texts of these important books while presenting them in durable paperback and hardcover editions. The goal of the Princeton Legacy Library is to vastly increase access to the rich scholarly heritage found in the thousands of books published by Princeton University Press since its founding in 1905. Science is rightly a fundamental part of primary school education, but that doesn't make it easy to teach - especially for teachers without a science background. This straight talking book from an experienced science writer and communicator looks at how to make the most of it and give primary school children a good grounding in the topic. Getting Science sets out to engage the sense of wonder. The science in this book is not for the children, but for the adults who have to explain it. Starting with a whirlwind tour of the great milestones of modern science, Getting Science goes on to take each of the main curriculum topics and give it a new twist. It provides the information needed to understand the key topics better and be able to put them across with enthusiasm and energy. This book will help teachers to get children excited by science, to understand science rather than just answer questions. Getting Science makes

science fun, approachable and comprehensible to those who just don't get it. These are the worst of times, these are the beast of times. It's Dxas, so tag it on something. Enter James Aberdeen, half optimist, half masochist, and half something else. This pensive, young immigrant is about to take a leap from high school alienation to university angst. Centred in London, this passage evokes the contemplation that his days of frivolousness are numbered and his descent into responsibility is about to begin. During this careful evolution into adulthood, taking place over summer vacation, he ponders daily encounters and muses about the mysteries and ironies of life; all while trying to have FUN. Naturally, James' opinions are developed relative to the naivety of a new adult, ranging from the enigma of heavy petting to that of laymen quantum mechanics. As summer draws to a close, the story winds to an unexpected finale. In fact, in this tale's quaint imitation of life, many things are not as they appear. The narrator's adventures, both in mind and body, are often complimented by the presence of three close friends, each with very different perspectives. All four are characters in their own right, hobbling along on life's comical journey.

An unusual perspective on current End Times events, as predicted in the Book of Revelation, including the Rapture and the Tribulation.

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What is the ketogenic diet plan and what does it do specifically? Welcome to one of the greatest choices you have at any time made in your life. This concise book can open up your eyes to the life of wholesome fats and the real dangers of an excess of carbohydrates, the last of which is a little something most of us suffer from every day. A brand new age has begun, a time wherein you say no to excess body weight, to the dangers of heart disease or any other degenerative health conditions. Apart from the standard components of any ketogenic diet plan, the following concepts are going to be focused on: - Ketogenic elements you ought to take into account. - Helpful truths with regards to ketogenic health sources, ketosis, and also ketones. - Extra proof that has actually been seen and that points out fats may be great for you. - Our body's reaction to the use of wholesome fats. - The reason why ketones may possibly be so much more efficient for your cerebrum and gut than carbs and glucose. - And even various other subtopics which are not detailed here. So assuming that you take your physical body and the types of foods you eat serious enough, I am positive you notice the value in studying a guide like this. Doing this can have a big impact on your quality of life and the choices you make every day. Simply click on that "buy" button in the corner.

Canadian winters are notorious! But this collection will warm your heart, brighten your day, and lift your spirits with its 101 stories about embracing and making the most of those long winter months. Winters in Canada are tough, but so are the people! Any Canadian – from east to west coast; from city to rural – will love the

101 stories in this new collection about embracing those long winter days and making the most of them. Filled with amusing and encouraging stories about weathering the cold, creating warm memories with family and friends, and playing great winter sports.

This collection offers the full digital editions of two seminal books by global leadership expert John P. Kotter: his international bestseller, Leading Change, and Accelerate, his award-winning framework for enabling companies to compete and win in a world of constant turbulence and disruption. Leading Change—now considered the change bible for leaders and managers worldwide—reveals why change is so difficult and lays out an actionable, eight-step process for implementing successful transformations. Cited by business leaders and influential organizations worldwide as the book to read when starting any type of change initiative, Accelerate (XLR8) vividly illustrates the five core principles underlying a new dual operating system, the eight accelerators that drive it, and how leaders must create a sense of urgency through role modeling. Perhaps most crucial, the book reveals how the best companies focus and align their people's energy around what Kotter calls the big opportunity. If you're a pioneer, a leader who knows that bold change is necessary to survive and thrive in an ever-changing world, these two books will set you on a path to accelerate into a better, more profitable future. Regarded by many as the authority on leadership and change, John P. Kotter is a New York Times bestselling author, award-winning business and management thought leader, business entrepreneur, inspirational speaker, and Harvard Business School professor. His ideas, books, speeches, and the company he founded in 2008, Kotter International, have helped mobilize people around the world to better lead organizations, and their own lives, in an era of increasingly rapid change. Kotter has authored nineteen books to date—twelve of them bestsellers. His books have reached millions and have been printed in over 150 foreign language editions.

The world faces social, political, and economic turmoil on an unprecedented scale—along with unsettling levels of turbulence and volatility. Market leadership today is less of a predictor of leadership tomorrow. Therefore, senior executives today must strive to own the future. In Own the Future, The Boston Consulting Group, one of the world's most prestigious and innovative management consulting firms, offers a roadmap. Drawing on the firm's experience advising organizations on how to achieve and sustain competitive advantage, this book offers 50 ideas to help readers chart their organization's path to future leadership. The articles are organized along ten attributes critical to success in the current environment—adaptive, global, connected, sustainable, customer-first, fit to win, value-driven, trusted, bold, and inspiring. The future may be unknowable, but The Boston Consulting Group offers insights from its 50 years of practice on how readers can position their organization to win—to change the game and to own the future.

Proven strategies and innovative solutions for developing and retaining

successful leaders Many organizations today are facing a crisis of leadership. As the Baby Boomer generation exits the workforce, companies are struggling to find qualified leaders to fill critical roles. Accelerating Leadership Development offers solutions for leadership development, management, and retention from award-winning development firm Global Knowledge. Accelerating Leadership Development provides a proven model to help companies develop high-potential employees with the competencies and knowledge capital to assume critical roles successfully. It includes practical and rigorous tools that enable organizations to identify targets and predict those targets' success with six measurable factors. With this proven development system, companies can develop a pipeline of ready leaders with high levels of engagement and retention. Features actionable, effective principles and strategies for leadership development using a results-oriented framework Chapters address communication and delegation strategies, effective feedback models, shifting of responsibility and accountability to direct reports, and contemporary coaching and development approaches Based on in-depth research and client interactions from one of the most prominent names in workforce development For any business that experiences a leadership failure or a lack of qualified leaders for vital positions, the consequences can be devastating. This practical and effective guide to leadership development offers real solutions for long-term excellence.

Isn't acceleration just for gifted kids? This is a common assumption when we think about who benefits from efforts to accelerate student learning. For generations, students identified as gifted have been separated from other students and provided enriched learning opportunities many adults believe would be wasted on other students. More recently, in response to failed efforts to remediate low-achieving students, the term has been extended to efforts to reverse the negative effects of grade retention for many low-achieving students. The most promising application of the term involves efforts to extend the curriculum and instruction usually reserved for gifted students to all students.Accelerating the Learning of All Students: Cultivating Culture Change in Schools, Classrooms, and Individuals explores the multiple applications of the term "acceleration" and the assumptions that shape schools, classrooms, and individuals that encourage and discourage efforts to accelerate the learning of all students. This book begins with an exploration of the multiple definitions of acceleration, examining the social and historical context that led to an emphasis on labeling and sorting students. Descriptions of exemplary programs geared to each group of students provide useful ideas for addressing special needs of students. These descriptions also illustrate the wisdom of providing a rich, challenging learning experience to all students rather than focussing on separating them for special instruction. The book proceeds to explore the conditions in schools and classrooms that facilitate or hinder efforts to accelerate learning of all students. Focusing on the importance of changing individuals' assumptions about students, adult roles in schools, acceptable educational

practices, appropriate communication patterns and the value of change, the book ends with a challenge to all of us to assume responsibility for making schools a better place for all students. Written by authors who bring a wealth of experiences to this topic, Christine Finnan and Julie D. Swanson draw on their own research and experience and on current research to provide a much-needed exploration of issues surrounding efforts to effectively educate all students. Accelerating the Learning of All Students provides hope to all citizens and educators that the dismal history of educating low-income students can be turned around, and that all students can be provided the rich, engaging educational experience that has historically been reserved only for those identified as gifted. Advances in technologies and knowledge are creating new avenues for research and opportunities for the discovery and clinical development of innovative therapies and diagnostics. However, despite these opportunities, only a small fraction of investigational products are successfully developed into cures and therapies that can be accessed by patients. One response to the ever-widening gap between the number and promise of basic scientific discoveries and the translation of those discoveries into therapies is a renewed emphasis on collaborative approaches among federal agencies, academia, and industry, all directed at the advancement of the drug development enterprise. The newly developed Cures Acceleration Network (CAN)-a part of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) within the National Institutes of Health (NIH)-has the potential to catalyze widespread changes in NCATS, NIH, and the drug development ecosystem in general. On June 4-5, 2012, the IOM Forum on Drug Discovery, Development, and Translation held, at the request of NCATS, a workshop-bringing together members of federal government agencies, the private sector, academia, and advocacy groups-to explore options and opportunities in the implementation of CAN. Accelerating the Development of New Drugs and Diagnostics: Maximizing the Impact of the Cures Acceleration Network: Workshop Summary summarizes the workshop.

Making decisions and predictions from noisy observations are two important and challenging problems in many areas of society. Some examples of applications are recommendation systems for online shopping and streaming services, connecting genes with certain diseases and modelling climate change. In this thesis, we make use of Bayesian statistics to construct probabilistic models given prior information and historical data, which can be used for decision support and predictions. The main obstacle with this approach is that it often results in mathematical problems lacking analytical solutions. To cope with this, we make use of statistical simulation algorithms known as Monte Carlo methods to approximate the intractable solution. These methods enjoy well-understood statistical properties but are often computational prohibitive to employ. The main contribution of this thesis is the exploration of different strategies for accelerating inference methods based on sequential Monte Carlo (SMC) and Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC). That is, strategies for reducing the computational effort while keeping or improving the accuracy. A major part of the thesis is devoted to proposing such strategies for the MCMC method known as the particle Metropolis-

Hastings (PMH) algorithm. We investigate two strategies: (i) introducing estimates of the gradient and Hessian of the target to better tailor the algorithm to the problem and (ii) introducing a positive correlation between the point-wise estimates of the target. Furthermore, we propose an algorithm based on the combination of SMC and Gaussian process optimisation, which can provide reasonable estimates of the posterior but with a significant decrease in computational effort compared with PMH. Moreover, we explore the use of sparseness priors for approximate inference in over-parametrised mixed effects models and autoregressive processes. This can potentially be a practical strategy for inference in the big data era. Finally, we propose a general method for increasing the accuracy of the parameter estimates in non-linear state space models by applying a designed input signal. Borde Riksbanken höja eller sänka reporäntan vid sitt nästa möte för att nå inflationsmålet? Vilka gener är förknippade med en viss sjukdom? Hur kan Netflix och Spotify veta vilka filmer och vilken musik som jag vill lyssna på härnäst? Dessa tre problem är exempel på frågor där statistiska modeller kan vara användbara för att ge hjälp och underlag för beslut. Statistiska modeller kombinerar teoretisk kunskap om exempelvis det svenska ekonomiska systemet med historisk data för att ge prognoser av framtida skeenden. Dessa prognoser kan sedan användas för att utvärdera exempelvis vad som skulle hända med inflationen i Sverige om arbetslösheten sjunker eller hur värdet på mitt pensionssparande förändras när Stockholmsbörsen rasar. Tillämpningar som dessa och många andra gör statistiska modeller viktiga för många delar av samhället. Ett sätt att ta fram statistiska modeller bygger på att kontinuerligt uppdatera en modell allteftersom mer information samlas in. Detta angreppssätt kallas för Bayesiansk statistik och är särskilt användbart när man sedan tidigare har bra insikter i modellen eller tillgång till endast lite historisk data för att bygga modellen. En nackdel med Bayesiansk statistik är att de beräkningar som krävs för att uppdatera modellen med den nya informationen ofta är mycket komplicerade. I sådana situationer kan man istället simulera utfallet från miljontals varianter av modellen och sedan jämföra dessa mot de historiska observationerna som finns till hands. Man kan sedan medelvärdesbilda över de varianter som gav bäst resultat för att på så sätt ta fram en slutlig modell. Det kan därför ibland ta dagar eller veckor för att ta fram en modell. Problemet blir särskilt stort när man använder mer avancerade modeller som skulle kunna ge bättre prognoser men som tar för lång tid för att bygga. I denna avhandling använder vi ett antal olika strategier för att underlätta eller förbättra dessa simuleringar. Vi föreslår exempelvis att ta hänsyn till fler insikter om systemet och därmed minska antalet varianter av modellen som behöver undersökas. Vi kan således redan utesluta vissa modeller eftersom vi har en bra uppfattning om ungefär hur en bra modell ska se ut. Vi kan också förändra simuleringen så att den enklare rör sig mellan olika typer av modeller. På detta sätt utforskas rymden av alla möjliga modeller på ett mer effektivt sätt. Vi föreslår ett antal olika kombinationer och förändringar av befintliga metoder för att snabba upp anpassningen av modellen till observationerna. Vi visar att beräkningstiden i vissa fall kan minska ifrån några dagar till någon timme. Förhoppningsvis kommer detta i framtiden leda till att man i praktiken kan använda mer avancerade modeller som i sin tur resulterar i bättre prognoser och beslut.

Accelerating Process Improvement Using Agile Techniques explains how agile programming is applied to standard process improvement. By applying agile

techniques, IT organizations can speed up process improvement initiatives, minimize the resources these initiatives require, and maximize the benefits of process improvement. The book details step-by-step how to implement the Accelerating Process Improvement Methodology (APIM) and how to integrate APIM with various standard process improvement models and methodologies, including the ISO 9000 series, SPICE, TQM, SPIRE, PMBOK, and CMM/CMMI. Agile process improvement enables organizations to rapidly set strategic goals, meet a greater percentage of user requirements, and realize a quicker return on investment. About the Author Deb Jacobs is a Professional Consultant with Focal Point Associates specializing in process improvement and project management. She currently provides support to organizations in training, process improvement consulting, project management consulting, software engineering consulting, and proposal development. Ms. Jacobs has over 25 year's in project management, process improvement management, system/software engineering, and proposal development with a BS in Computer Science. Accelerating out of the Great Recession: How to Win in a Slow-Growth EconomyMcGraw Hill Professional

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