

Pricing For Profitability Activity Based Pricing For Competitive Advantage

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.

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From banks to brokerage houses, profitability is the watchword for today's financial institutions. The search is unceasing for better ways to achieve it, maintain it, and defend it against competitive pressures. For some time, managers within financial institutions have been aware of a powerful new tool for cost analysis developed in the manufacturing sector: activity-based costing (ABC). A handful of financial services consultants around the world have been helping their financial services clients to migrate ABC from its birthplace in the manufacturing sector to the world of financial services, where it can be immensely effective as a basis for strategic decisions. It was time for a book that clarifies for general executives how ABC works and what contributions it can make to the formation of winning strategies. And it was time for a practical, comprehensive book that initiates management accountants in the financial services sector into this new approach to cost analysis. The Price Waterhouse Guide to Activity-Based Costing for Financial Institutions is that book. The ABC approach is particularly effective because financial services companies sell services as well as products. Profitability measurement cannot rely on older, more traditional methods of cost accounting, techniques that focus on the costs of raw materials and labor. The Price Waterhouse Guide to Activity-Based Costing for Financial Institutions shows how these firms can use the breakthrough concept of ABC in the same way that other companies manage all activities from the top down, more efficiently. This book explains the methods of this technique, with detailed guidelines that help firms plan for costs before they occur, rather than simply monitoring them.

Written with the decision maker in mind, this new text from Professor Will Seal, author of the highly successful Management Accounting, takes a practical, real-world approach to the subject. Suitable for one or two semester courses, the text is aimed at both specialist and non-specialist students at an introductory level. The book provides concise and manageable coverage of key topics and theory, and is supported by contemporary examples from both the manufacturing and services industries, ensuring it is relevant and engaging to both today's students and tomorrow's decision makers.

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.

When designed and executed correctly, cost information programs alert decision makers about problems to overcome and opportunities to take advantage of. The difficulty is, conventional sources of financial information often do just the opposite—they hide or misrepresent problems, fail to identify opportunities, and lead to solutions that are ineffective and potentially perilous.

As effective organizational decision making is a major factor in a company's success, a comprehensive account of current available research on the core concepts of the decision support agenda is in high demand by academicians and professionals. Through 110 authoritative contributions by over 160 of the world's leading experts the Encyclopedia of Decision Making and Decision Support Technologies presents a critical mass of research on the most up-to-date research on human and computer support of managerial decision making, including discussion on support of operational, tactical, and strategic decisions, human vs. computer system support structure, individual and group decision making, and multi-criteria decision making.

In order to effectively solve business problems, managers need to understand how managerial accounting can improve decision-making. This book lays the groundwork by presenting managerial accounting in a strategic framework. Each module examines cost estimation and planning decisions in both the short- and long-term context. Budgets are then discussed as devices that connect planning and control decisions. Within each chapter, a specific decision problem is framed in a four-step manner. Throughout the pages, Chapter Connections ties the decision problems to concepts in earlier chapters. End-of-chapter material also provides a good balance of quantitative and qualitative problems. This approach enables managers to learn the linkages among seemingly unrelated decisions.

Written by a leading pricing researcher, Pricing Strategies makes this essential aspect of business accessible through a simple unified system for the setting and management of prices. Robert M. Schindler demystifies the math necessary for making effective pricing decisions. His intuitive approach to understanding basic pricing concepts presents mathematical techniques as simply more detailed specifications of these concepts.

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 land-mark 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.

Describes a system of corporate financial planning and analysis founded on activity-based costing

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.

Many corporate managers struggle to see the relevance of accounting in their everyday responsibilities. Weygandt shows them how managerial accounting information fits in the larger context of business so they are better able to understand the important concepts. The new Do It! feature reinforces the basics by providing quick-hitting examples of brief exercises. The chapters also incorporate the All About You (AAY) feature as well as the Accounting Across the Organization (AAO) boxes that highlight the impact of accounting concepts. With these features, readers will have numerous opportunities to think about what they have just read and then apply that knowledge to sample problems.

This book explains the power of using ABM to increase the profitability of your business. It provides step-by-step guidance on basic principles, comparisons between traditional methods, definitions of processes, activities and cost-drivers as well as details of data collection techniques and implementation steps. Through the book's numerous detailed examples a logical picture builds up of how to obtain the benefits that ABM can deliver.

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.

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

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.

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.

Salient Features:· Explanation of the concept and frameworks of CRM systems· Comprehensive discussion on the main components of Siebel application modules, operating environment and tools· Coverage of the entire project cycle from the pre-requisites and methodology of eight-phased implementation to post-implementation support issues· Coverage of the issues like Balance Scorecard (BSC) of Siebel implementation, aspects of an intelligent customer-centric enterprise, privacy and security, and future prospects

Everyone jokes about the 20/20 hindsight of cost management. In Life-Cycle Costing, Jan Emblemsvag proposes to do something about it. Here's a new approach to life cycle costing that brings activity-based costing, risk, and uncertainty into the forefront. You'll focus on future costs and learn how you can perform any type of cost management activity better than before by introducing uncertainty into models and exploiting them to the max. Order your copy today!

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.

For undergraduate introduction to Market Pricing courses. A comprehensive and practical, step-by-step guide to pricing analysis and strategy development. The Strategy and Tactics of Pricing shows readers how to manage markets strategically—rather than simply calculate pricing based on product and profit—in order to improve their competitiveness and the profitability of their offers. The fifth edition contains a new chapter on price implementation and several updated examples on pricing challenges in today's markets. Features: NEW! Show students how proper pricing can increase profitability—New Chapter on Price Implementation. A completely new chapter on implementing pricing strategy identifies the challenges involved in embedding strategic pricing principles within an organization. This chapter also describes how managers can lead a structured change process to build a more profitable commercial organization. NEW! Offer access to pricing software—Three-Month Trial of LeveragePoint Software. This edition is now available with software for creating and communicating economic value estimations systematically—from LeveragePoint Innovations Inc. While versions of this software that enable sharing require corporate contracts for access, versions for individual student and practitioner use are available without charge for three months with the purchase of The Strategy and Tactics of Pricing. NEW! Make pricing theory relative—Updated Examples of Pricing. Helping connect pricing theory to what students are familiar with, this edition includes updated examples with more topical illustrations of current pricing challenges such as: • iPhone pricing • New models for pricing music • Services pricing NEW! Present the latest information—Heavily Revised Chapters. The revised chapter on Pricing Policy provides a theoretically-grounded framework to describe specific policies for managing price changes for situations such as: -Cost-based price increases -Price reductions in a recession -Discounts The chapter on Value Creation now addresses the difference between how to consider value when it is driven by tangible monetary drivers (saving money on gas) versus the more subjective

psychological drivers (doing the right thing for the environment). The chapter on Value and Price Communication has been substantially revised to describe how to communicate value in a wide variety of product and customer contexts. This chapter also demonstrates how to target communications to affect specific behaviors throughout the customer's buying process. The chapter on Price Setting has been expanded to provide a robust process for setting prices that can be widely applied to consumer and business markets.

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.

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.

The volume includes a set of selected papers extended and revised from the International Conference on Informatics, Cybernetics, and Computer Engineering. Intelligent control is a class of control techniques, that use various AI computing approaches like neural networks, Bayesian probability, fuzzy logic, machine learning, evolutionary computation and genetic algorithms. Intelligent control can be divided into the following major sub-domains: Neural network control Bayesian control Fuzzy (logic) control Neuro-fuzzy control Expert Systems Genetic control Intelligent agents (Cognitive/Conscious control) New control techniques are created continuously as new models of intelligent behavior are created and computational methods developed to support them. Networks may be classified according to a wide variety of characteristics such as medium used to transport the data, communications protocol used, scale, topology, organizational scope, etc. ICCE 2011 Volume 1 is to provide a forum for researchers, educators, engineers, and government officials involved in the general areas of Intelligent Control and Network Communication to disseminate their latest research results and exchange views on the future research directions of these fields. 90 high-quality papers are included in the volume. Each paper has been peer-reviewed by at least 2 program committee members and selected by the volume editor Special thanks to editors, staff of association and every participants of the conference. It's you make the conference a success. We look forward to meeting you next year.

"Marvelous! I read Common Cents on a recent cross-country flight and . . . I was mesmerized. Bravo!" --Tom Peters, author of In Search of Excellence and Thriving on Chaos The first edition of Common Cents was the world's bestselling book on Activity-Based Costing (ABC) and Activity-Based Management (ABM). This completely revised and updated edition uses numerous case histories and new implementation strategies to reflect today's transition from manufacturing to service, and explains how all professionals can use ABC and ABM to dramatically improve decision making.

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.

Activity Based Costing for Construction Companies provides guidelines on how overhead costs can be managed for using Activity Based Costing (ABC), providing gains in contractor competitiveness. Illustrated with a range of case studies and examples it also presents a map that shows construction contractors how to implement ABC to calculate overhead costs accurately, identifying non or low-value added operations which can then be improved.

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.

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.

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.

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.

"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 successfully. Jacket Design: Andrew Liefer.

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