Program Area: Learning & Development

Category: Best Learning Strategy

The category Best Learning Strategy is for a written description of a workplace learning strategy and governance model that supports a learning vision and positive organizational outcomes.

Training, learning, talent, HR, or other related department can enter either alone or together with a helping organization (such as a vendor aka solution provider, or consultant). Helping organizations cannot enter alone.

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| **Judging Criteria: The judges will evaluate your entry on a scale of 1-6 on each of these criteria below.** |
| 1. **Fit to the Needs**
 | The learning strategy is effective and appropriate for the business/organizational learning needs and situation. |
| 1. **Design and Deployment of the Program**
 | The learning strategy was designed effectively and encompassed the following: 1) Vision and Mission: The strategy is guided by a vision and mission that are connected to organizational outcomes. 2) Strategy Elements: The Learning strategy is defined clearly and includes the elements (resources, processes, technology) required to execute on the vision and mission and create a positive impact on the organization. 3) Governance: The learning function has an effective governance model for priority setting, data gathering, and communication. The learning strategy was deployed in a manner that captured the organizational goals and desired results positively.  |
| 1. **Change Management**
 | There was an effective change management strategy that produced positive organizational outcomes. |
| 1. **Measurable Benefits**
 | The learning strategy produced measurable benefits and outcomes for the organization and learning function. |
| 1. **Overall**
 | Overall, the learning strategy demonstrates a positive impact for the organization and learning function. |

Entry Overview:

***Please make sure all information matches the online application.***

Entry Information

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| **Entry Title** | (Insert text here) |
| Name of Entering Organization | (Insert text here) |
| \*Name of Helping Organization (Vendor) if submitted jointly: | (Insert text here) |
| \*OPTIONAL PR | (Insert text here) |
| Date | (Insert text here) |
| Brief Description of Entry (2-3 Sentences) | (Insert text here) |

Company Background (of entering organization, not the solution provider)

Insert company logo here

Use the grid below to give information about the organization, size and scope, and industries served.

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| **Company-at-a-Glance** |
| Headquarters | (Insert text here) |
| Year Founded | (Insert text here) |
| Revenue | (Insert text here) |
| Employees | (Insert text here) |
| Global Scale (Regions that you operate in or provide services to) | (Insert text here) |
| Customers/Output, etc. (Key customers and services offered)  | (Insert text here) |
| Industry | (Insert text here) |
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Budget and Timeframe

Please fill out the following grid with your best ability. You may offer an estimate or range for each. If this information is confidential or not applicable, enter N/A. Your entry will not be judged based on this information; however, this offers the judges a greater understanding of your entry, complexity, and/or maturity.

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| **Budget and Timeframe** |
| Overall budget | (Insert text here) |
| Number of (HR, Learning, Talent) employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of Operations or Subject Matter Expert employees involved with the implementation? | (Insert text here) |
| Number of contractors involved with implementation | (Insert text here) |
| Timeframe to implement | (Insert text here) |
| Start date of the program | (Insert text here) |

Entry Details:

Judging Criteria 1: Fit to the Needs

Use this area to describe the business conditions and business needs that led the organization to create the learning strategy.

Details:

Overview

Use this area to provide a high-level description of the learning strategy at the organization. What goals were established and were they achieved? Was this program integrated throughout the enterprise and, if so, how? Did this program tie into organizational objectives?

Details:

Judging Criteria 2: Design and Deployment of the Program

Use this area to discuss how the learning strategy was designed for its audience and deployed.

*Details:*

Judging Criteria 3: Change Management Efforts

Describe any challenges or obstacles that may have been encountered. How were they overcome? What was the process for addressing change management?

*Details:*

Judging Criteria 4: Measurable Benefits

Use this area to discuss the measurable benefits as seen by the organization.

*Details:*

Judging Criteria 5: Overall

Use this section to provide a summary of key findings. What lessons were learned? What is next/future outlook?

Details: