



# Developing a Sound, Persuasive Evidence-Driven Business Case for Your Shared Services Start Up and Continued Success

CHAZEY PARTNERS

# Who's Who

Name | Institution | Role

SSO: Exploring, Launching or  
Maturing?

Do you have a Business Case?

Your expectations for this  
workshop?



# INTRODUCTION



## Global Management Consulting & Advisory Services

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### Who We Are

Founded 2006, headquartered in California, global offices, extensive work in Latin America

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### What We Do

Evaluations & assessments, strategic advice, project management, implementation support, process and market expertise

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### Where We Focus

Finance, Human Resources, IT, Procurement, Facilities, Customer Operations & other functions

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### The Chazey Difference

Practitioners first, staff continuity, high ROI, knowledge transfer, client engagement in transformation

### Shared Services

From Business Case to Implementation, plus correction & optimisation of existing operations



### Robotic Process Automation

Automation assessment, proof of concept, vendor selection & provider of IA solutions



### Business Transformation

“Back office” transformation, M&A integration, organizational design



### Enterprise Wide Security

Business Continuity Planning & Organizational Cybersecurity



# Chazey Partners Introduction



## **PHIL SEARLE, FOUNDER and CEO**

Phil Searle has more than 25 years of experience in Finance, Shared Services, Technology and Outsourcing and is a globally recognized expert in business transformation, shared services, offshoring, and outsourcing, covering both the private and public sectors. Prior to founding Chazey, he was Group Vice President and CFO of Cendant TDS International, responsible for all aspects of Finance across four continents, including Decision Support, Financial Planning & Analysis, and Controllershship and Financial, as well as certain HR Shared Services. Prior to Cendant, Phil was VP Finance and Corporate Controller at 3Com Corporation. Here he headed the Corporate Controller Function and the Worldwide Shared Finance Services team. His responsibilities included far reaching organizational, technology, service delivery and business process improvement initiatives resulting in the global roll-out of ERP solutions and Shared Services for Finance, HR, Supply Chain, Logistics and Customer Support.

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## **ROBERT TOWLE, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER**

Robert has over 20 years of experience in finance, shared services and technology implementations. He has managed multiple shared services transformation projects and has held multiple roles managing shared services operations in the U.S., U.K. and in multiple locations in India. Recently he has led an assessment of a multi-university system including Finance, Information Technology and Human Resources as well as engagement for the transformation for the EMEA region of a multi-billion financial services firm, including building an Accounting Shared Services Center and Center of Expertise for FP&A.

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## **CRAIG ACKERMAN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, US and GLOBAL HEAD, RPA PRACTICE**

Craig brings over 25 years of experience in business leadership, transformation, shared services and outsourcing to this role. He is an accomplished C-level partner, with multiple successes in rapidly assessing organizational leadership capabilities, team effectiveness and key processes to define or optimize corporate structure, enhance service quality and achieve strategic savings. Recently Craig was SVP and Director of a multi-function finance, HR and procurement shared services team at Day & Zimmermann, a \$2.7B industrial, defense, and workforce services organization. In a previous role with SAIC, a Federal service provider, Craig was Deputy Director for Shared Services as well as a member of an enterprise PMO charged with removing \$100M in overhead costs through functional transformation, shared services establishment and strategic cost reduction.

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## **RUSS MICHNA, HEAD of OPERATIONS and BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

Russ has 10 years of experience in Business Transformations and Operations Management and is well suited to supporting leadership teams to create employee centric and customer focused processes. He has a proven track record in completing complex projects to time and budget. His experience includes the assessment, design, and implementation of an organizational restructuring plan resulting in a sustained reduction of 60% to operating costs. He has directly led workflow, scheduling, and compensation as well as helped manage a company-wide migration to a full service ERP system. This project resulted in a 33% improvement in customer retention in the first year of implementation. Russ is a member of the Institute of Management Accountants and holds received his M.B.A. and bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University.

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Who We Have Worked With

OUR CLIENTS

WHERE WE COME FROM



If you are considering implementing a SSO, it is crucial that you understand how to develop a dynamic business case to secure buy-in from faculty and employees to ensure that your shared services initiative doesn't fail before implementation or during expansion

## AGENDA

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# Shared Services Defined

# Shared Services...

## Elevator Speech

- Treats its **internal client** with the same level of respect and service that external clients expect

## Definition

- Provides non-core services to the institution, employing a **specialist team, geographically unconstrained, and focusing on the requirements of the internal client**. This involves a philosophy and approach totally unlike traditional “management-driven” centralization.

## Goal

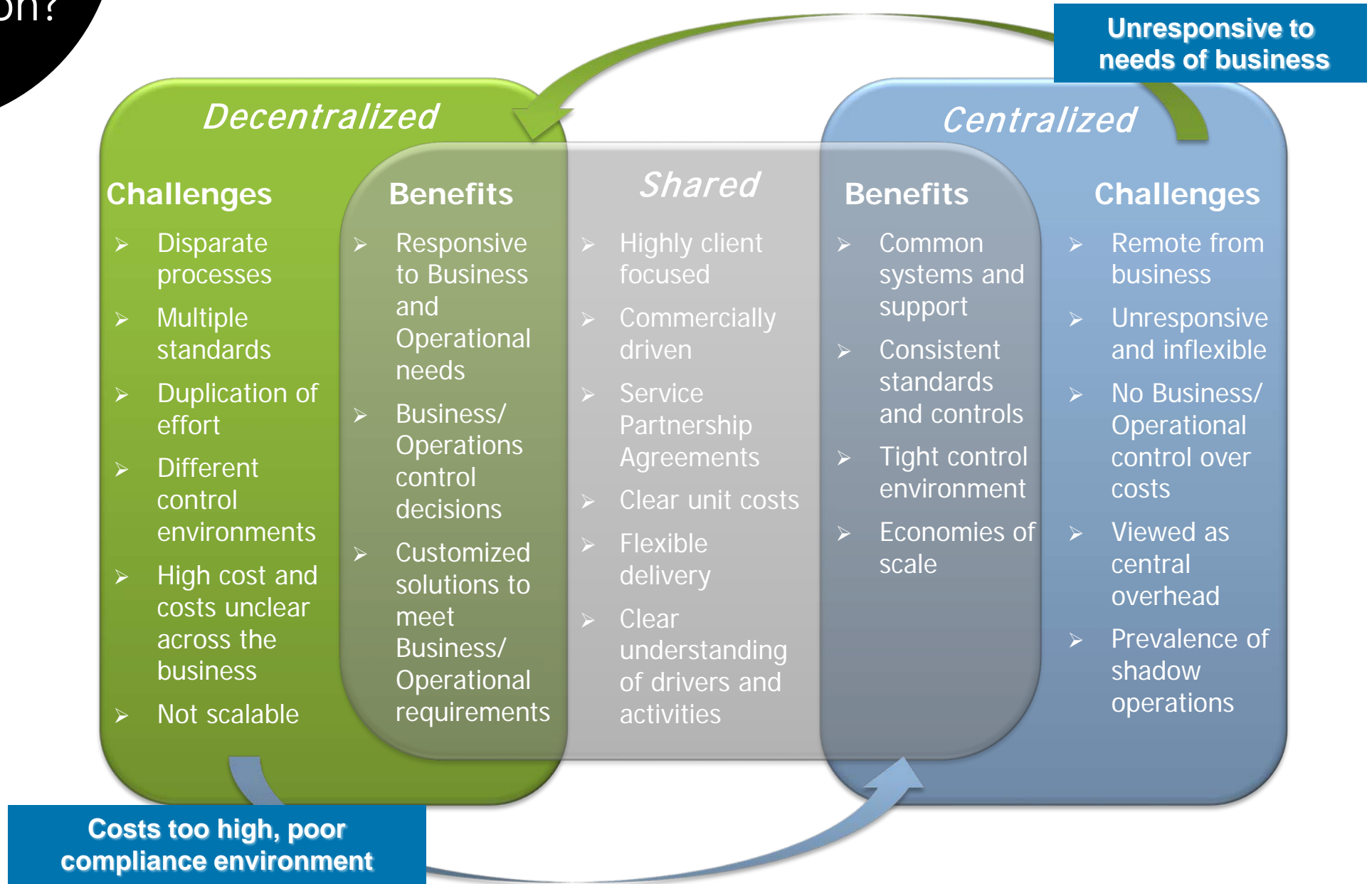
- Has the goal of providing **high quality, non-core, but mission critical services** (which can include both repetitive common processes and more specialized professional services) to the institution at **lower cost and more efficiently** than the institution could otherwise provide for itself.

## How-To

- Achieves cost savings and higher quality of service by **leveraging organizational re-alignment, economies of scale, technology, lower cost locations, standardized end-to-end processes and best practice**.



# Centralization?



# Client Interaction Framework (CIF)

## Account Management

- SSO to client; via reporting, interaction, escalation & communication

## Client Contact Management

- Client to SSO; to manage and resolve queries and drive learning/improvement

## Service Partnership Agreements

- SPAs are 2-way agreements clarifying both SSO services and client inputs

## Client Feedback

- Client satisfaction continuously monitored both informally and formally

## Continuous Improvement

- Mechanisms to identify the areas for improvement and to develop solutions

## Process Control Database

- Documents end-to-end SSO processes; highlights activity of both SSO & client

## Performance Measurement

- Comprehensive KPIs, measures and metrics framework, SSO & client

## Performance Reporting

- Process performance will be reviewed monthly by SSO and client

## Recharging Methodology

- Define basis for charging for SSO services to turn consumers into clients

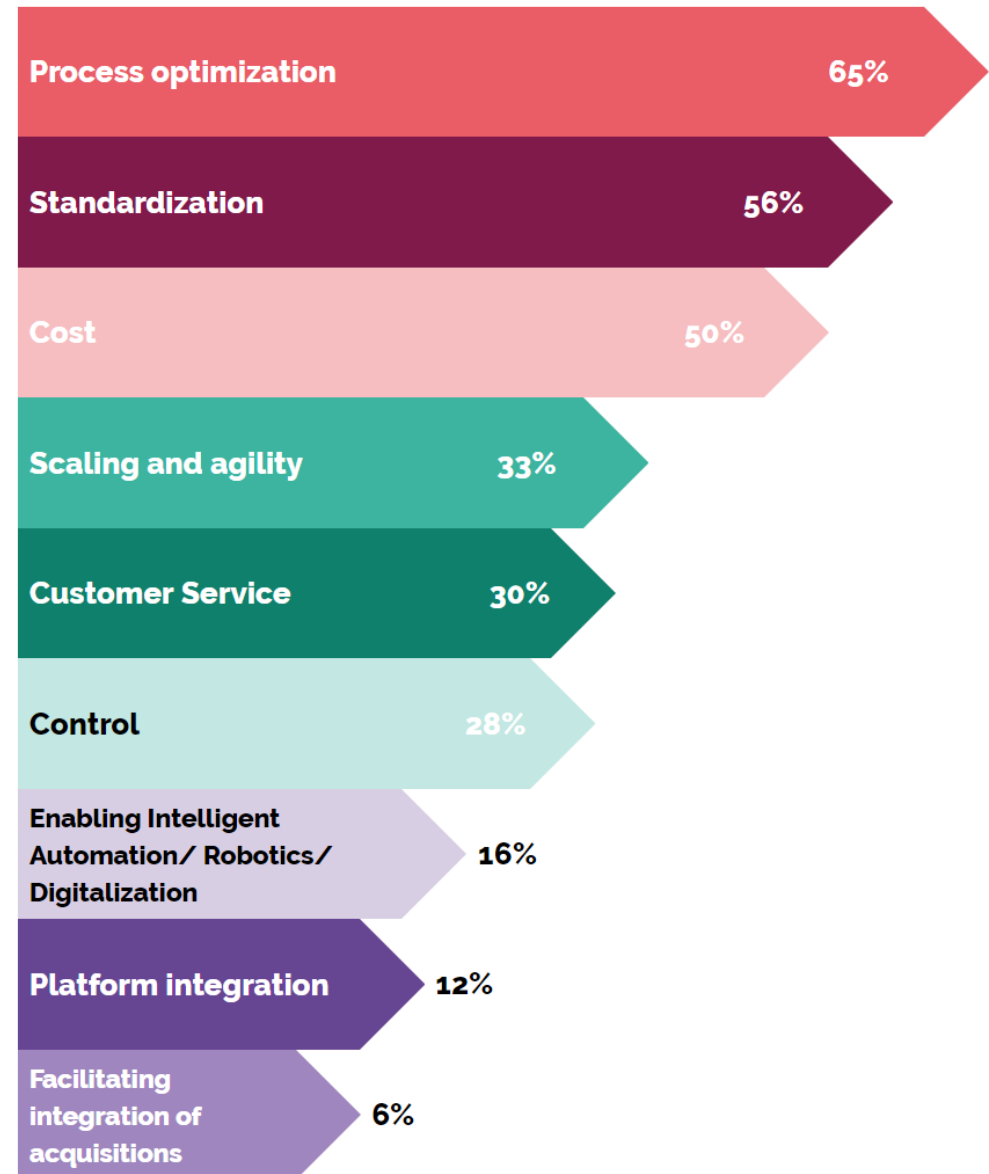
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# Conducting a Value Assessment

Methodology



## What are the 3 most important benefits of Shared Services to your enterprise?



# Key Drivers & Technology Enablers

## Key Drivers of Shared Services

- Achieve efficiency savings
- Improve quality & leading practices
- Compliance, visibility, control
- Scalability
- Innovation & culture change
- Critical mass for technology enablement
- Free up capacity and enable the business
- Enable alternative service delivery models

## Key Technology Enablers

- ERP
- Document management & workflow
- Case management & performance measurement
- Self-service portals
- Governance
- Core technology strategy



## Conducting a Value Assessment

### **Exercise:**

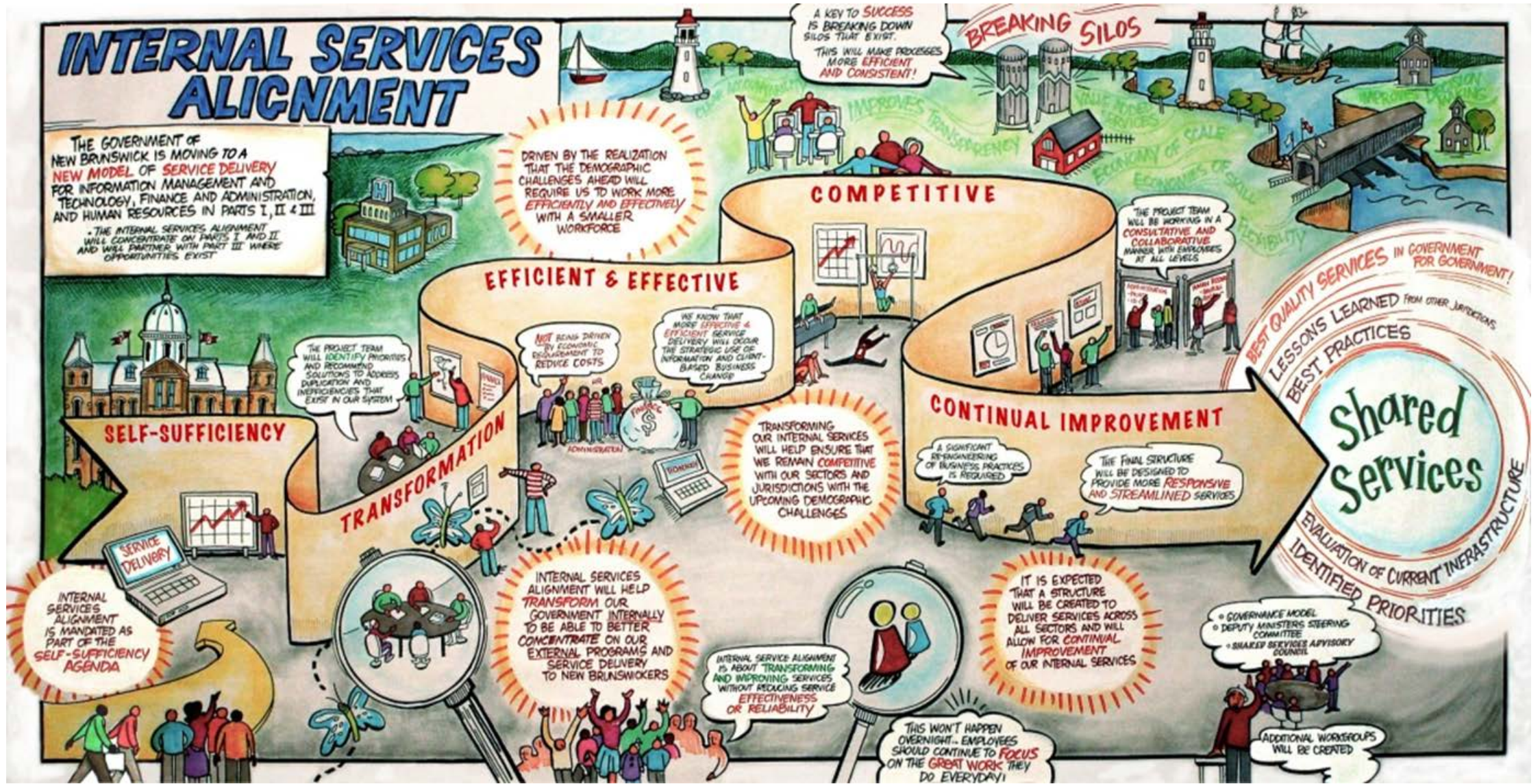
- **What are the drivers for change on your campus / in your system?**

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# Shared Services Roadmap

How the value assessment can be used to develop a roadmap or modify the existing plan

# Transformation Roadmap Example





# 5 Stages of Transformation

## Business Case

- Provides framework to achieve executive buy-in & sign-off; Acts as essential control mechanism
- Key activities: stakeholder interviews, Activity Based Analysis, Leading Practices Diagnostics

## Design

- Provides all templates, plans and frameworks to support actual deployment
- Key activities: Design processes & technology, plans for training, hiring & employee transition

## Build

- Building processes & technology, training staff, and set-up of end-state location
- Key Activities: Configure processes, build technology, recruitment & training

## Deploy

- Full operationalization of new end-state across organization with new processes and systems
- Key activities: Detailed deployment plan, testing, Service Partnership Agreements

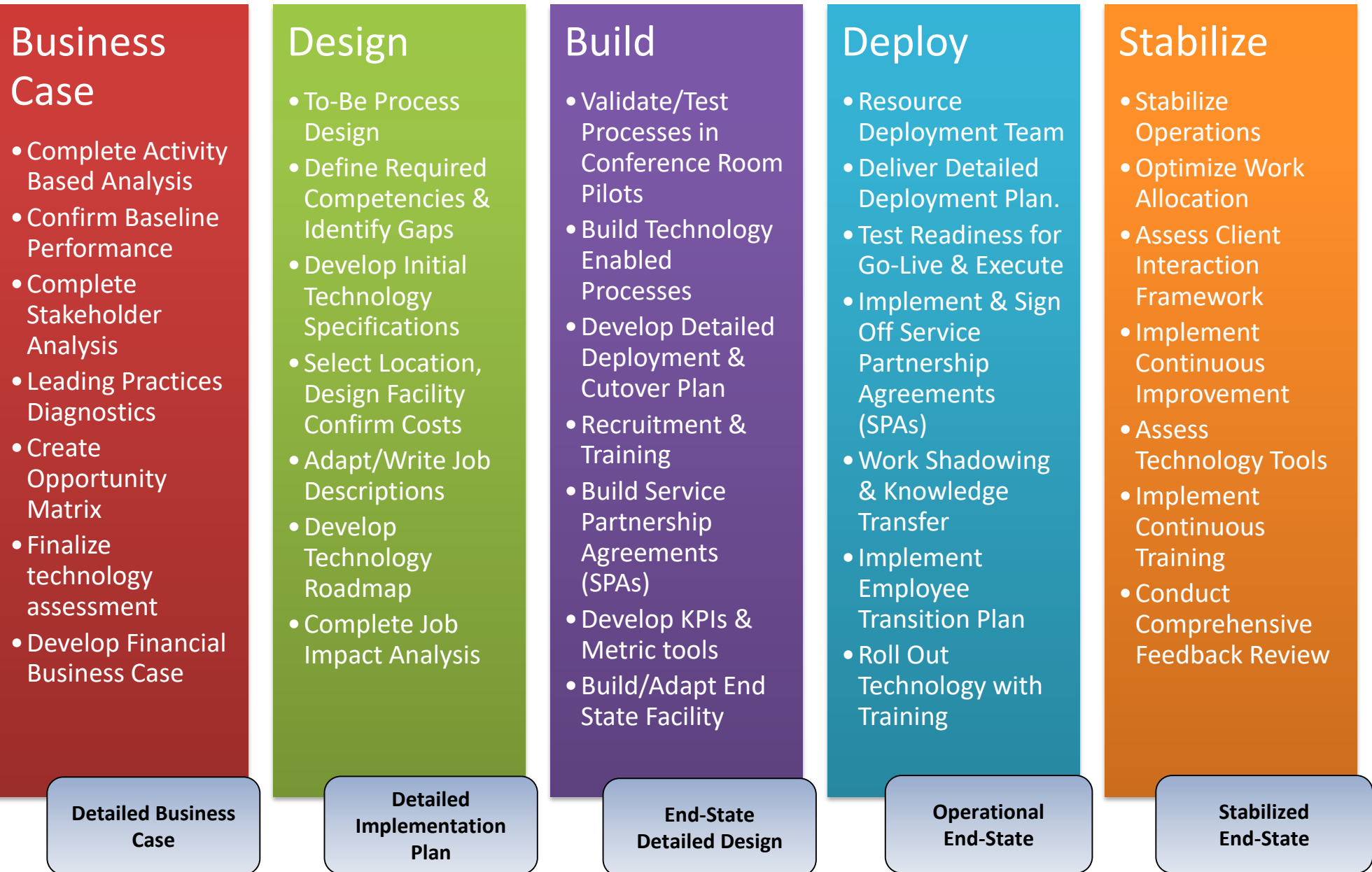
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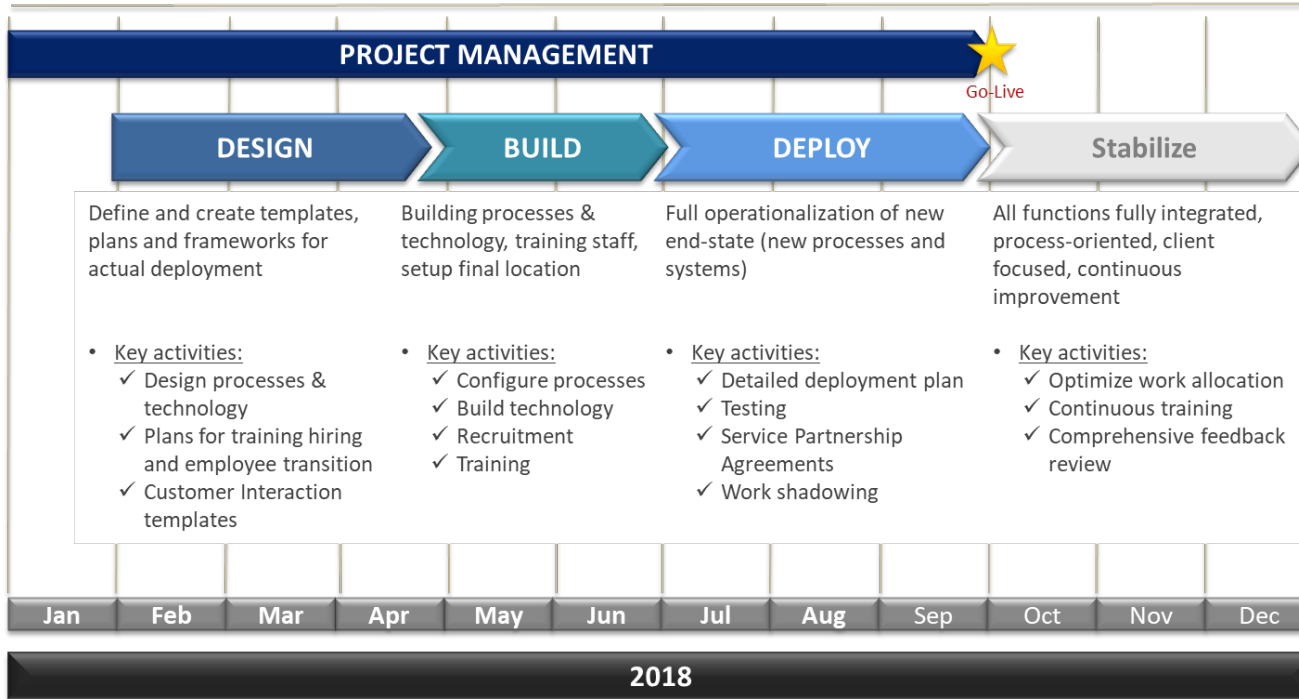
- All functions fully integrated, process-orientated, client-focused, culture of continuous improvement
- Key Activities: Optimize work allocation, continuous training, comprehensive feedback review

# Key Activities and Deliverables

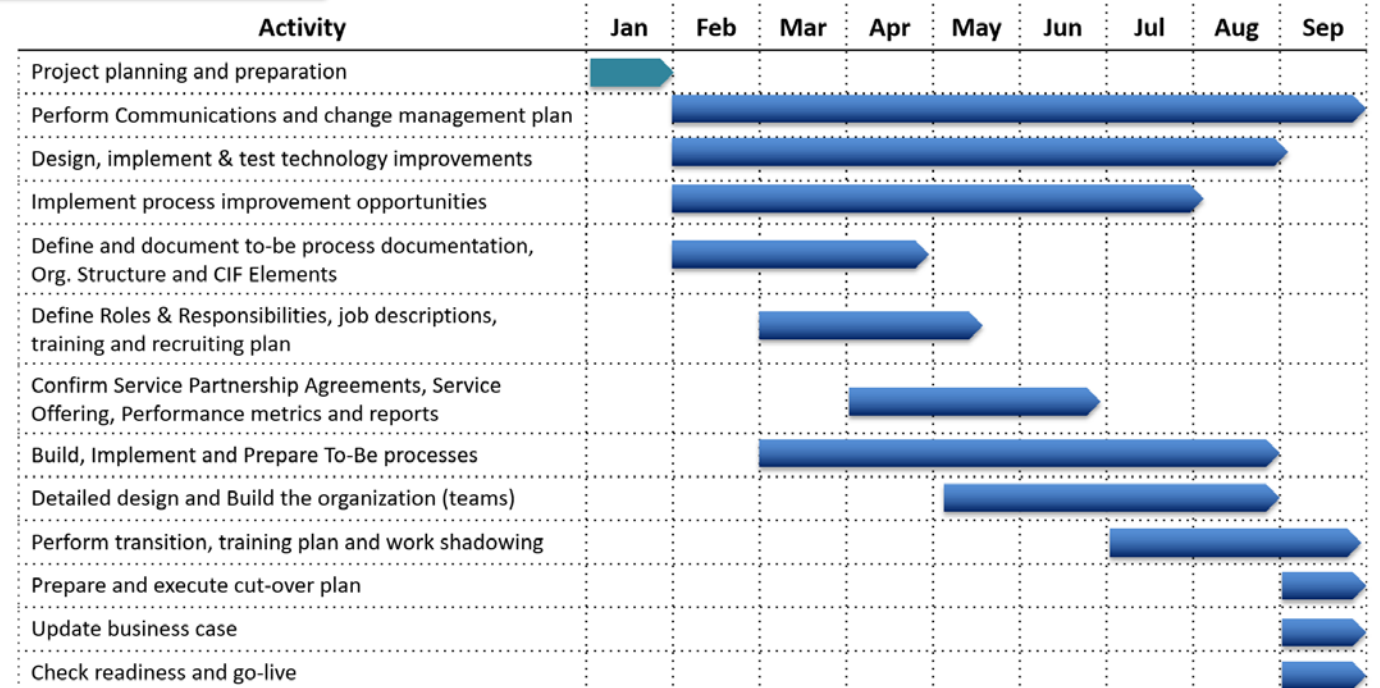


## Key Deliverables





# High Level Roadmap Examples





## Shared Services Roadmap

### **Exercise:**

- **How will you develop / how have you developed your roadmap?**

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# Service Delivery Opportunity Areas

Prioritizing these areas

- **Finance**
  - Accounts Payable
  - Billing/Accounts Receivable
  - General Ledger
  - Consolidations
  - External Reporting
  - Planning and Budgeting
  - Treasury/Cash Management
  - Internal Audit
  - Tax
  - Foreign Exchange
  - Business Support Analysis
  - Financial Reporting
  - Project Accounting
  - Cost Accounting
  - Lockbox Services
  - Records Management
  - International Accounting
  - Credit & Collections
- **Marketing**
  - Corporate Brand Compliance
  - Public Affairs/Media Relations
  - Communication Services
- **Human Resources**
  - Payroll
  - Travel & Expense
  - Compensation & Benefits Administration
  - Records Management
  - Training & Development
  - Relocation Services
  - Evaluation Planning/Review
  - Policies & Procedures
  - Labor Relations
  - Recruiting/New Hire Onboarding
  - Headcount Reporting
  - Succession Planning
  - Employee Recognition
- **Information Technology**
  - Desktop Support
  - Application Maintenance
  - Telecommunications
  - Hardware & Software
  - Application Development
  - Data Center Operations
  - Technology Planning & Development
  - Acquisition Support
  - IT Security
- **Sales Operations**
  - Sales Compensation
  - Order Management
- **Legal**
  - Litigation Support & Coordination
  - Regulatory Compliance
- **Corporate Services**
  - Travel Services
  - Real Estate
  - Facilities/Site Services
  - Fleet Management
  - Security
  - Environment, Health & Safety
  - Insurance
  - Mailroom
  - Health Clinics/Day Care Centers
  - Engineering
  - Emergency Management

# Robotic Process Automation

“Bots” transact in any IT application or website, typically in the same way a human would, to automate complex, rule-based work.

## Benefits



### OVERALL COST REDUCTION

- The average cost of implementing and running a robot is much less than the equivalent FTE costs and decreases with large-scale deployments



### SPEED & PRODUCTIVITY

- RPA is typically 2X-3X faster than humans
- Even if robots work at same pace as humans they can work round the clock, unlike humans



### ACCURACY & COMPLIANCE

- Robots work to 100% accuracy levels and enable compliance
- Avoiding human error saves costs



### SCALABILITY & FLEXIBILITY

- Robots can easily be scaled up and down to handle demand fluctuations and seasonal variations



### REMOVAL OF NON-VALUE-ADD PROCESSES

- Upskill the workforce to decision-making roles



## Service Delivery Opportunity Areas

### **Exercise:**

- **What is the potential scope & what services are under consideration?**

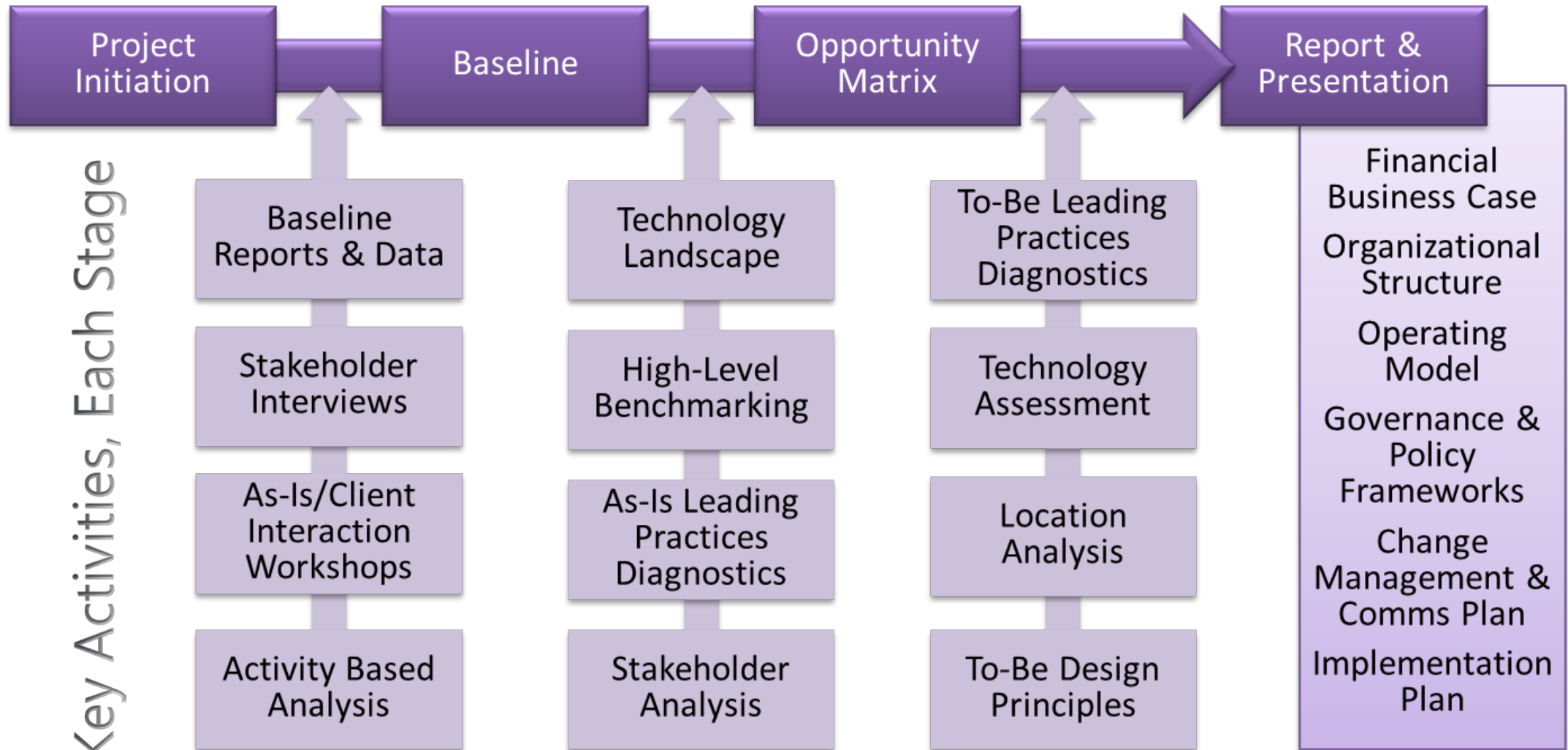


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# Creating a Business Case

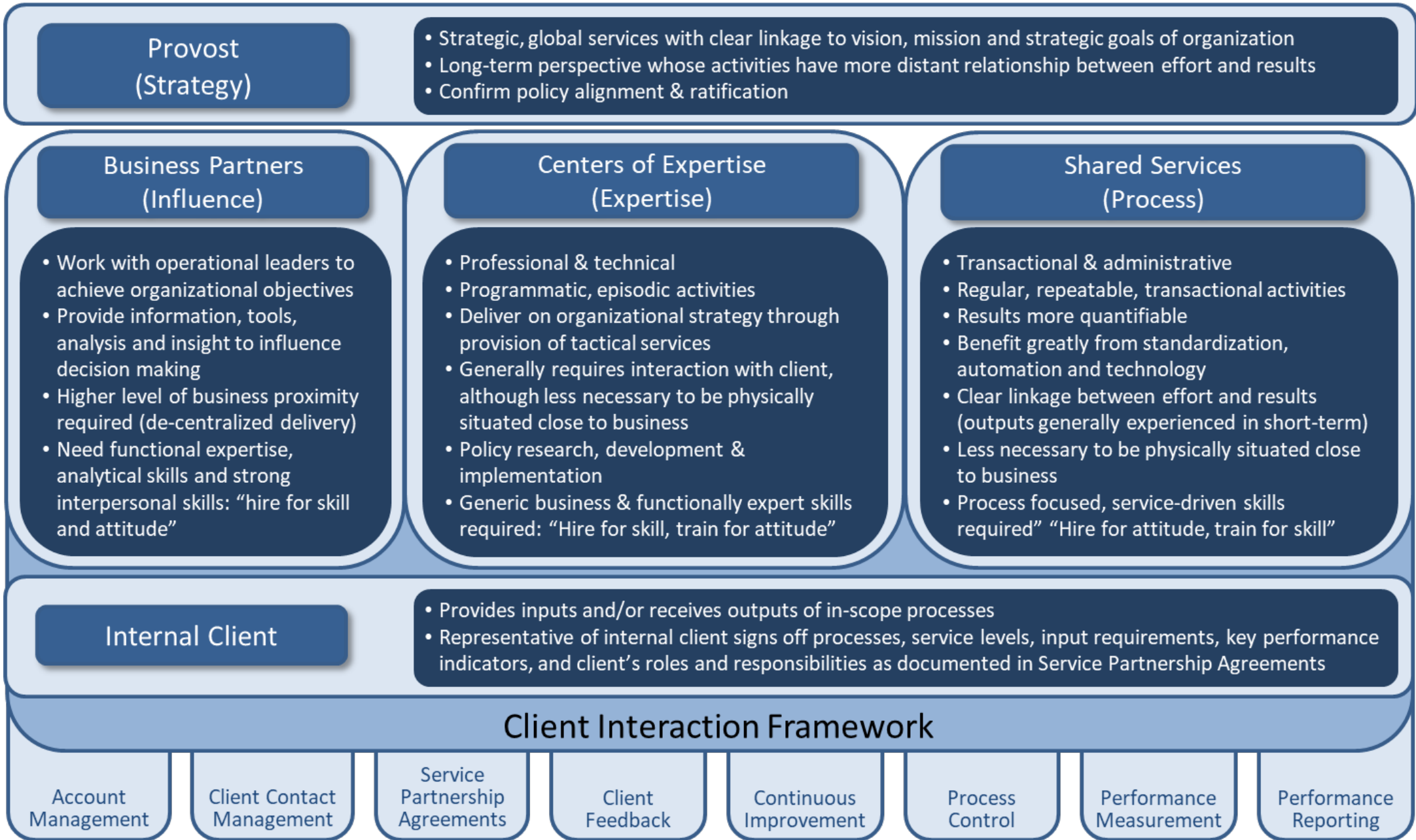
Is it ever too late to create a business case?

# Business Case, Key Deliverables



Key Activities, Each Stage

# Operating Model



# The 4 C's of Change Management

## **Communication**

You own the message, generally one-way information transfer

## **Consultation**

Recipient can influence/impact message, but you have ultimate veto/decision

## **Collaboration**

You do not control or ultimately own the final outcome; you agree to accept with the outcome and direction decided by majority

## **Consensus**

Collaboration with all participants having a veto



- Be clear on your intent/purpose
- All of these can be appropriate depending on issue and audience
- Higher education tends to favor consensus, but hard to keep everyone happy, so this environment can be change adverse



## Creating a Business Case

### **Exercise:**

- **How will you anticipate and overcome change resistance?**

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# Measuring Success

If you have already developed a business case, when should you go back to review?

# Case Study



UC Davis has four colleges and six professional schools, while the UC Davis Health System serves 6 million people from over 33 counties



Good initial work in the Business Case and Design

However, due to the time schedule, the Build cycle was compressed and rushed Deployment

Resulted in sub-optimal service delivery and customer issues

Fixed through

- review of services
- leadership change
- a comprehensive “playbook” of areas to modify

Successful ‘re-boot’ led to expansion

HR activities for additional schools and medical center

# Optimization Areas

## Internal Client

- Service orientation in place
- Structured way of dealing with customers
- Customer satisfaction levels understood
- SPAs in place
- Reality versus perception
- Account management

## Process

- Processes documented
  - Standardized, controlled & repeatable activity
  - Recharging methodology
  - Benchmarking – internal/external
- Metrics: Control Based; Efficiency & Effectiveness

# CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

## Technology

- ERP implemented
- Document Scanning Solution
- Workflow
- Automated Payments
- Elimination of Side Systems
- Self services tools
- Automated Score Cards

## People

- Skilled Leadership in place – do not compromise on competencies
- Team shape & stability – process shaped/spans of control/staff – perm v temps
- Team members – culture, values & behavioral competencies assessed
- Team morale, reward & retention
- Working environment conducive to team working



# Warning Signs & Causes of Failure

## Warning Signs

- Shadow operations
- Low customer satisfaction scores
- Complaints about paying chargebacks
- Losing clients/ market share
- Lack of standardized processes
- High employee turnover, SSC “too quiet”
- Minimal use of automation tools
- High cost of operation

## Causes of Failure

- Lack of senior level sponsorship
- No business case
- Weak project management
- Taking on too much, too soon
- Technology issues
- Roles & responsibilities poorly defined
- Weak processes

## Lessons Learned

- Executive sponsorship is key
- Develop clear business case
- Do not underestimate change management
- Leverage formal Client Interaction Framework
- Innovate & continuously improve
- Global standards & process ownership
- Standardize & integrate technology
- Transformation takes a team



## Measuring Success

### **Exercise:**

- **How will you plan for continuous improvement?**

**Leverage Our Experience  
for Your Success**

**THANK YOU**

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