



2008-2009 Regional Connects Strategic Risk-Taking PRE-WORK

The topic for this year's upcoming Regional Connects meetings is Risk-Taking, which is a WFF Core Competency, defined as:

Risk Taking: Takes calculated risks to support business goals; willing to challenge the status quo and traditional ways of doing things.

Please be prepared to share your thoughts around the following topics at your Regional Connects meeting: **What risk have you taken in the past and what did you learn from the experience?**

Also, think about a project or assignment you may have been considering. During the program, you will get an opportunity to start assessing this opportunity.

Strategic Risk-Taking Self-Assessment

In order to prepare for the meeting and to get the most out of the session, please take a few minutes to rate yourself on the following questions.

Directions: Rate yourself on each statement from Strongly Disagree (1) to Strongly Agree (5). Circle the number that represents you on that statement.

Risk-Taking Assessment		Strongly Disagree			Strongly Agree	
1.	I regularly see projects and assignments as opportunities.	1	2	3	4	5
2.	I am not afraid to take a chance on a project or assignment.	1	2	3	4	5
3.	I do not have to be able to control all of the factors to decide to take a project or assignment.	1	2	3	4	5
4.	I can create numerous options to solve a problem.	1	2	3	4	5
5.	I can accept that once a project or assignment has started, it may need new solutions in order to succeed.	1	2	3	4	5
6.	I am not afraid to fail at what I try.	1	2	3	4	5
7.	I see risk-taking, or stepping outside-the-box, as part of my drive for success.	1	2	3	4	5
8.	I am able to overcome a set back and try again.	1	2	3	4	5
9.	I am not afraid to take on a challenging assignment or project that is outside my area of expertise or experience.	1	2	3	4	5
10.	I can adapt to changing priorities and work conditions while on an assignment or project.	1	2	3	4	5
11.	I do not have a hard time deciding whether the risk is worth the reward.	1	2	3	4	5
12.	I see risk-taking as part of my strategy for professional growth and success.	1	2	3	4	5
TOTAL OF CIRCLES IN EACH COLUMN						

Summary:

When you have finished the assessment, total up the number of circles in each column. If you have more #1s and #2s, you are a Low Risk-Taker (LRT). If you have more #4s and #5s, you are a High Risk-Taker (HRT).