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In this easy-to-use, concise, and thorough handbook, two veteran business professionals guide you through the entire proposal-writing process, from the initial contact through completion and followup. You'll benefit from the authors' expertise and insight on:

- Which jobs to target-and which to pass up
- Setting up a strong proposal team
- Evaluating potential projects
- Preparing schedules and identifying tasks
- Writing and producing a first-rate proposal
- Delivering a show-stopping client presentation

In their unique nine-step proposal-writing process, the authors demonstrate how even a first-time proposal writer can create a winning proposal. Throughout the book, you'll follow a case study of a proposal-writing team in action, and chapter checklists, summaries, and samples will keep you on time, on track, and on budget. If you want to profit from every proposal you write, the *Handbook for Writing Proposals* will show you how. In nine easy steps, you can produce and deliver professional, polished, and profitable proposals every time.

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