

### The Role of Leadership in Change Management & Organization Alignment

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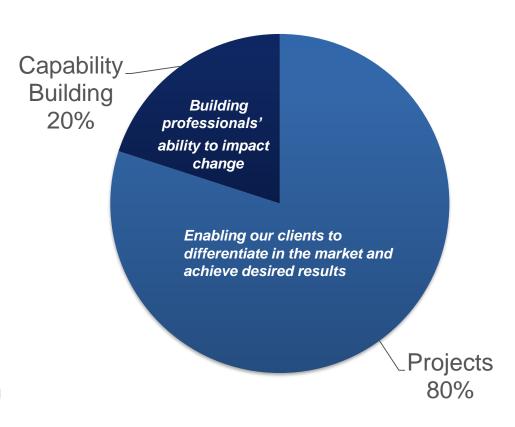
Organization Design

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Leadership Alignment

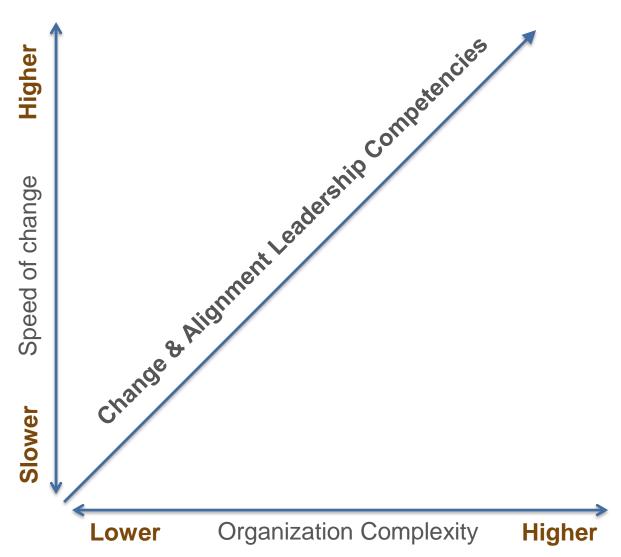
# To drive differentiation through alignment

#### Work Breakdown





## The Need for Change and Organization Alignment Competencies





#### Real change satisfies three conditions:

- 1. The change makes sense for the organization—it creates competitive advantage.
- 2. The change quickly becomes part of real work, not an alternate program or initiative to be imposed from the top or from outside.
- 3. A strong (influential, active, involved) and aligned leadership team with a clearly stated vision of success is engaged in the change process.

It can be helpful to think of change as a *process*, *a series of interconnected steps leading to a desired outcome*. Real Change Leaders understand that each step counts & connects to the next.



### Moving Leaders from Management to Change Leadership

Management	Leadership	Change Leadership
Focuses on present operations and past performance	Anticipates the future	Creates the future
Focuses team on goals	Creates personal line-of-sight to mission	Aligns organization to strategy
Focuses on planning, budgeting, goal setting	Focuses on setting a direction, envisioning the future and developing strategies	Enrolls people in the new strategic direction
Organizes people to accomplish work	Aligns people with the vision	Inspires people to fulfill and enlarge the vision
Addresses tactical concerns	Addresses strategic concerns	Integrates tactical and strategic
Measures, tracks, and reinforces performance	Motivates, inspires, and engages others in creating the vision	Tracks and shares progress toward reaching the shared vision
Relies on control mechanisms to identify & correct performance gaps	Relies on energized, motivated and inspired workforce	Relies on engaged workforce and stakeholders
Administers policies and rules	Offers guidance, coaching and insight	Challenges the organization to raise the bar
Focuses on improving job performance	Personally develops and mentors others	Identifies and develops change leaders



#### **Real Change Leaders:**

- 1. Are vision-driven
- 2. Recognize the need for change champions at all levels
- 3. Honor the primacy of customers
- 4. Commit
- 5. Treat change as both logical and emotional
- 6. Model the change they desire in others

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#### **Proficiency Level Definitions**

#### Level 3 – Real Change Leader

Has ability to change the organization and can manage and support other leaders through the change.

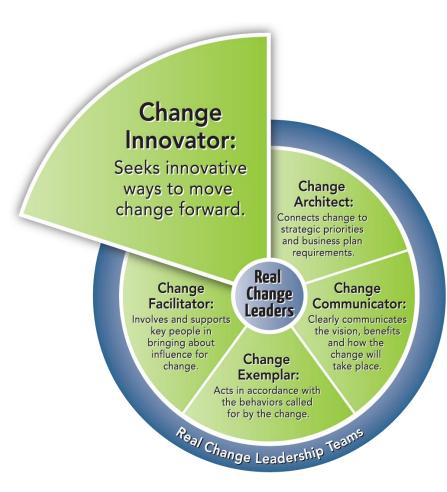
#### Level 2 – Valued Contributor

Has ability to change the organization with support. Can manage their organization, but may need support in one or more competency areas.

#### Level 1 – Learning or Needs Support

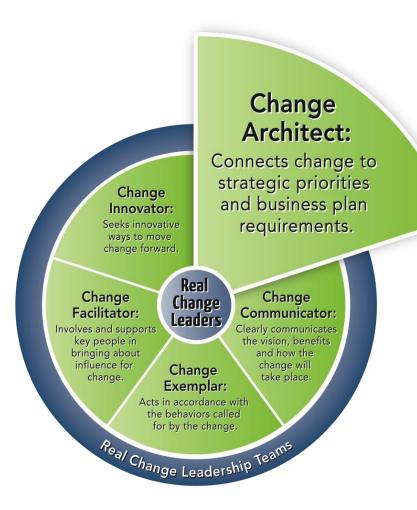
Needs support to manage the change. Should shadow successful change leaders and receive ongoing support and coaching from change practitioners.





- Asks provocative questions to intentionally challenge the status quo.
- Articulates refreshing perspectives about new possibilities and suggests original, break-through solutions to former constraints or untapped market potential, resetting boundaries to a broader view of possibilities.
- Builds a diverse team, leveraging different perspectives and cultivating a risk-tolerant environment.

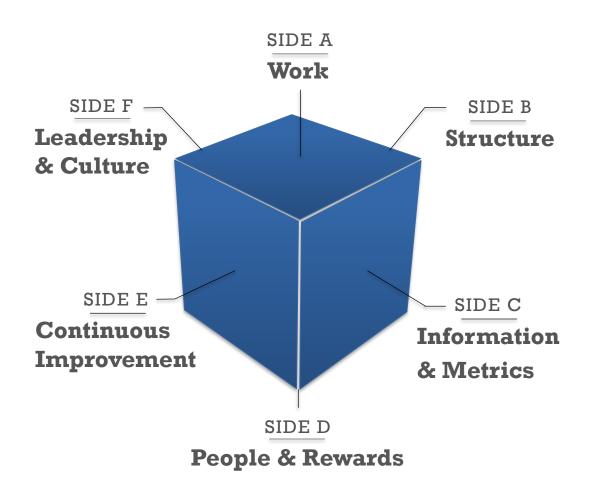


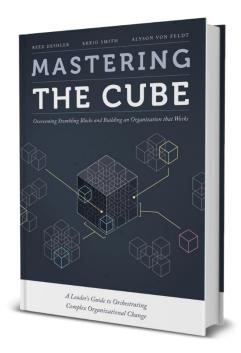


- Aligns change goals with the organization's strategic design choices and matches resources and capabilities accordingly.
- Leverages change activities to create strategic differentiation in the marketplace.
- Transforms long-term change milestones into short-term (weekly or monthly) targets and finds ways to make the change relevant to everyday work.



#### Mastering the Cube





Real Change Leaders ensure the *Cube* is aligned





- Articulates the need for change in a way that everyone in the organization can understand it and rally behind it.
- Illustrates a clear vision of the positive benefits the organization can gain from the change and brings it down to the level of the positive effects on individuals.
- Communicates how people should expect the change will roll out, setting realistic expectations so obstacles can be anticipated and overcome.





- Understands and uses visible, symbolic acts to illustrate that there has been a tangible shift in direction.
- Acts as a role model of the new behaviors needed and is visible and passionate in his/her public support for the change effort.
- Creates a sense of urgency around needed organizational change, encouraging others to embrace a new way of working.

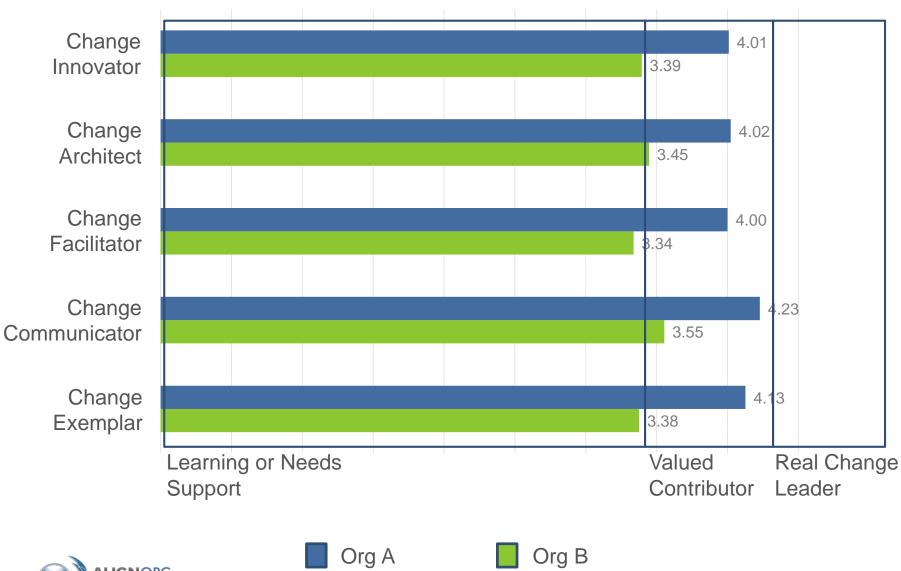




- Recognizes and brings together key individuals with strong capabilities to successfully enact change.
- Creates cross-functional teams to assist with the change, unifying them around a shared vision.
- Identifies and involves those with positional or social influence to support and remove barriers for the change team.



### Tale of Two Organization Transformations





#### Become a Real Change Leader

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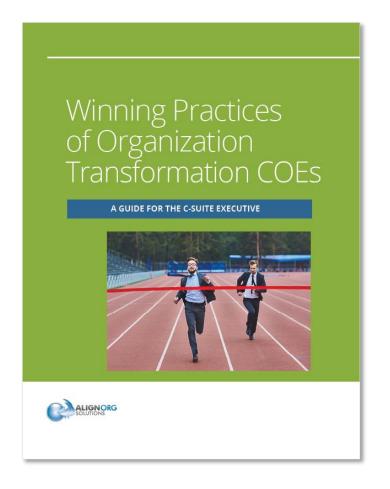
#### **Personal Reflection**

- 1. What will you do to strengthen your **real change** leader competencies?
- 2. Reflect on a current organization transformation effort in your organization:
  - Assess whether your organization has the right leadership behaviors happening
  - Think specifically of what performance improvements could be achieved with the right change leadership





### Thank you! Questions?



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#### **Today's Presenters**



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