Measuring ROI in Human Resources

Calculating the Impact of ROI on HR Programs

Agenda

Human resources executives, now more than ever, are under pressure to demonstrate the business value of the HR function from CEOs, CFOs, COOs, and other business leaders. This webcast shows how the concept of ROI is being applied to portray the value of HR projects and programs. The methodology discussed indicates the success of HR programs through six types of ROI data, offering executives credible information.

This webcast will discuss:

• Drivers for the use of ROI in the HR function.
• Elements, steps, and standards of ROI methodology and how it is used to influence the success and image of HR
• How ROI for human resources is typically implemented in an organization

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HR Accountability Progress


HR Program Value Chain

Level | Measurement Focus
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0. Input | Measures input such as volume and efficiencies
1. Reaction & Planned Action | Measures participant reaction to the program and captures planned actions
2. Learning | Measures changes in knowledge, skills, and attitudes
3. Application | Measures changes in on-the-job behavior or actions
4. Business Impact | Captures changes in business impact measures
5. ROI | Compares program benefits to the costs
Shifting Paradigms

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<td>• No business need for the program</td>
<td>• Program linked to specific business</td>
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<td>• No assessment of performance issues</td>
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<td>• No specific measurable objectives</td>
<td>• Specific objectives for application and business impact</td>
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<td>• No effort to prepare program participants to achieve results</td>
<td>• Results expectations communicated to participants</td>
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<td>• No effort to prepare the work environment to support application</td>
<td>• Environment prepared to support application</td>
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<td>• No efforts to build partnerships with key managers</td>
<td>• Partnerships established with key managers and clients</td>
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<td>• No measurement of results or ROI analysis</td>
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<td>• Planning and reporting are input focused</td>
<td>• Planning and reporting are outcome focused</td>
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The ROI Process Collects Six Types of Data

1. Reaction and Planned Action
2. Learning and Confidence
3. Application and Implementation
4. Business Impact
5. Return on investment
6. Intangible benefits

... and includes a technique to isolate the effects of the program or solution.

The use of the ROI Process is Impressive:

• Process refined over a 25-year period
• Thousands of impact studies conducted each year
• More than 300 case studies published on ROI use
• Over 15,000 have attended a two-day ROI workshop
• Over 4,000 individuals certified to implement the ROI Process
• 30 books developed to support the process
• ROI Process adopted by hundreds of organizations in manufacturing, service, non-profit, and government settings in 44 countries

- See the ROI Fact Sheet -
Why Use Impact and ROI Analysis?

Reactive
- Show contributions of selected programs
- Justify/defend budgets
- Identify inefficient programs that need to be redesigned or eliminated

Proactive
- Aligns learning to business needs
- Earn respect of senior management / administrators
- Improve support for HR
- Enhance design and implementation processes
- Identify successful programs that can be implemented in other areas
- Earn a “seat at the table”

Applications
- Learning and Development
- Career Development
- Competency Systems
- Diversity Programs
- E-Learning
- Executive Coaching
- Gainsharing
- Meetings and Events
- Leadership Development

- Organization Development
- Orientation Systems
- Recruiting Strategies
- Safety & Health Programs
- Self-Directed Teams
- Skill-Based/Knowledge-Based Compensation
- Technology Implementation
- Quality Programs
- Wellness/Fitness Initiatives

Basic Elements

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<th>An Evaluation Framework</th>
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<td>A Process Model</td>
<td>Operating Standards and Philosophy</td>
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<td>Implementation</td>
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How many of these elements do you have in place?
The ROI Methodology

Evaluation Planning
- Develop/Review Objectives of Solution

Data Collection
- LEVEL 1: Reaction and Planned Action
- LEVEL 2: Learning and Confidence
- LEVEL 3: Application and Implementation
- LEVEL 4: Business Impact

Data Analysis
- Collect Data During Solution Implementation
- Collect Data After Solution Implementation
- Isolate the Effects of Solution
- Convert Data to Monetary Value

Reporting
- Capture Costs Of Solution
- Identify Intangibles
- Intangible Benefits
- Generate Impact Study

ROI Calculation
ROI = \( \frac{\text{Net Project Benefits}}{\text{Project Costs}} \)

Cost of project $230,000
Benefits of project (1st year) $430,000
ROI = \( \frac{$430,000 - $230,000}{$230,000} \) = 0.87 x 100 = 87%

Evaluation Framework

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<td>1. Reaction &amp; Planned Action</td>
<td>Measure participant satisfaction with the project/project and captures planned action.</td>
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<td>2. Learning &amp; Confidence</td>
<td>Measures changes in knowledge, skills, and attitude.</td>
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<td>3. Application &amp; Implementation</td>
<td>Measures implementation and changes in behavior in the performance setting.</td>
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<td>5. Return on Investment</td>
<td>Compares benefits to the costs.</td>
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12 Guiding Principles

1. When conducting a higher-level evaluation, collect data at lower levels.
2. When planning a higher level evaluation, the previous level of evaluation is not required to be comprehensive.
3. When collecting and analyzing data, use only the most credible sources.
4. When analyzing data, select the most conservative alternatives for calculations.
5. Use at least one method to isolate the effects of the program or project.
6. If no improvement data are available for a population or from a specific source, assume that little or no improvement has occurred.
7. Adjust estimates of improvements for the potential error of the estimates.
8. Avoid use of extreme data items and unsupported claims when calculating ROI calculations.
9. Use only the first year of annual benefits in the ROI analysis of short-term solutions.
10. Fully load all costs of the solution, project, or program when analyzing ROI.
11. Intangible measures are defined as measures that are purposely not converted to monetary values.
12. Communicate the results of the ROI Methodology to all key stakeholders.

The ROI Process

A comprehensive measurement and evaluation process that generates six types of measures:
- Reaction and Planned Action
- Learning and Confidence
- Application and Implementation
- Business Impact
- Return on Investment
- Intangible Measures

This balanced approach to measurement includes a technique to isolate the effect of the program or solution.

Results-based Solutions

- Performance solutions/projects are initiated, developed and delivered with the end in mind.
- Participants understand their responsibility to obtain results with programs/solutions.
- Support groups (management, supervisors, co-workers, etc.) help to achieve results from performance solutions.
- A comprehensive measurement and evaluation system is in place for each program/project.
- Variety of approaches utilized to measure contribution, representing a balanced viewpoint.
- Follow-up evaluations (Application, Impact, and ROI) are developed for targeted solutions/projects and results are reported to a variety of stakeholders.
Collecting Follow-Up Data

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<th>Type of Data</th>
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<td>Surveys/Questionnaires</td>
<td>✓</td>
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<td>Observation on the Job</td>
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<td>Interviews</td>
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<td>Follow-Up Focus Group</td>
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<td>Action Planning</td>
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<td>Performance Monitoring</td>
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Isolating the Effects of the HR Program

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<th>Best PracticeUse2</th>
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<td>1. Comparison Group Analysis</td>
<td>35%</td>
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<td>2. Trend/Forecasting Analysis</td>
<td>20%</td>
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<td>3. Expert Estimation</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>4. Other</td>
<td>20%</td>
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1 Listed in order of credibility  
2 Percentages exceed 100%

Converting Data to Money

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<td>Standard values</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>Low</td>
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<td>Records / Reports analysis</td>
<td>High</td>
<td>High</td>
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<td>Databases</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
<td>Moderate</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expert estimation</td>
<td>Low</td>
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Tabulating Program Costs

**Direct**
- Program Materials
- Facilitator Costs
- Facilities
- Travel

**Indirect**
- Needs Assessment
- Program Development
- Participant Time
- Administrative Overhead
- Evaluation

Intangible Benefits

- Complaints
- Conflicts
- Teamwork
- Customer service
- Commitment
- Stress
- Job satisfaction
- Engagement

Defining the Return on Investment

The ROI is calculated the same as the financial ROI for a building.

\[
\text{Benefits/Cost Ratio} = \frac{\text{Monetary Benefits}}{\text{Program Costs}}
\]

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\text{ROI (\%)} = \frac{\text{Net Monetary Benefits}}{\text{Program Costs}} \times 100
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**Example**

Costs for project (25 participants) \$80,000
Benefits from program (1st year) \$240,000

BCR = __________ 

ROI = ______________ \times 100 = ____% 

A great ROI? Depends on the target.

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**ROI Best Practices**

1. The ROI methodology is implemented as a process improvement tool and not a performance evaluation tool.
2. ROI impact studies are conducted very selectively, usually involving 5-10% of programs.
3. A variety of data collection methods are used in ROI analysis.
4. For a specific ROI evaluation, the effects of the solution are isolated from other influences.
5. Business impact data are converted to monetary values.
6. ROI evaluation targets are developed, showing the percent of programs evaluated at each level.
7. The ROI methodology generates a micro level scorecard.
8. ROI methodology data are being integrated to create a macro scorecard.
9. The ROI methodology is being implemented for about 3-5% of the budget.
10. ROI forecasting is being implemented routinely.
11. The ROI methodology is used as a tool to strengthen/improve processes.

*Based on benchmarking with over 200 organizations using ROI routinely*

**Evaluation Targets**

- **Level 1:** Reaction & Planned Action: 90-100%
- **Level 2:** Learning & Confidence: 40-60%
- **Level 3:** Application & Implementation: 30%
- **Level 4:** Impact: 10-20%
- **Level 5:** ROI: 5-10%
Criteria for Selecting Programs – Level 4 & 5 Evaluation

- Expected life cycle of the program
- The importance of the program in meeting organization’s goals
- The cost of the program
- Visibility of the program
- The size of the target audience
- Extent of management interest

What happens if we maintain a status Quo?

- Budget?
- Influence?
- Support?
- Other Issues?

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ROi QUIZ

True or False? Please choose the answer you feel is most correct

1. The ROI Methodology generates just one data item, expressed as a percentage. □ □
2. A program with monetary benefits of $200,000 and costs of $100,000 translates into a 200% ROI. □ □
3. The ROI Methodology is a tool to strengthen and improve HR processes. □ □
4. After reviewing a detailed ROI impact study, senior executives will usually require ROI studies on all programs. □ □
5. ROI studies should be conducted very selectively, usually involving 5-10% of programs. □ □
6. While it may be a rough estimate, it is always possible to isolate the effects of a program on impact data □ □
7. A program costing $100 per participant, designed to teach basic skills with job related software, is an ideal program for an ROI impact study. □ □
8. Data can always be converted to monetary value, credibly. □ □
9. The ROI Methodology contains too many complicated formulas. □ □
10. The ROI Methodology can be implemented for about 3-5% of my HR budget. □ □
11. ROI is not future oriented; it only reflects past performance. □ □
12. ROI is not possible for soft skills programs. □ □
13. If an ROI impact study, conducted on an existing program, shows a negative ROI, the client is usually already aware of the program’s lack of results. □ □
14. The best time to consider an ROI evaluation is three months after the program is completed. □ □
15. In the early stages of implementation, the ROI Methodology is a process improvement tool and not a performance evaluation tool for the HR staff. □ □
16. If senior executives are not asking for ROI, there is no need to pursue the ROI Methodology. □ □
So, how did you do?

Now that the answers to the quiz have been explained, see how you fared. Tally your scores. Based on the interpretations below, what is your ROI acumen?

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<td>You could be an ROI consultant</td>
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<td>10-13</td>
<td>You could be a speaker at the next ROI Conference</td>
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<td>7-9</td>
<td>You need a copy of a thick ROI book</td>
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<td>4-6</td>
<td>You need to attend a two-day ROI workshop</td>
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<td>1-3</td>
<td>You need to attend the ROI certification</td>
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Southeast Corridor Bank

Program Title: Managing Retention  
Target Group: Bank Tellers  
Solution: Skills Based Pay System to Reduce Employee Turnover

### RESULTS

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<td>Composite Rating: 4.2 out of 5</td>
<td>Positive self assessment on program understanding</td>
<td>95% participation rate</td>
<td>Turnover reduced from 71% to 35%</td>
<td>BCR: 3.58</td>
<td>Customer Satisfaction</td>
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<td>Positive self assessment on each course with few exceptions (only two failed to be promoted because of performance in training)</td>
<td>86 requests for training compared to 46 the year before</td>
<td>Staffing level reduced by 4%</td>
<td>ROI: 258%</td>
<td>Job Satisfaction</td>
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<td>138 review situations</td>
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<td>Product Satisfaction</td>
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<td>257 promotions compared to 139 the year before</td>
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**Technique to Isolate Effects of Program:** Estimates from branch managers and branch staff, adjusted for error

**Technique to Convert Data to Monetary Value:** External studies at similar institutions and standard values (for staffing)

**Fully-loaded Program Costs:** $857,196 First year; $433,200 Second year
Program Title: Diversity
Target Group: Managers and Employees
Solution: All-Inclusive Workforce Program (AIW)

RESULTS

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<tr>
<td>Composite Rating: 4.39 out of 5 (for six items)</td>
<td>Averaged 4.28 out of 5 (for learning on six objectives)</td>
<td>Managers: Supports AIW (87%) Addresses Problems (81%) Encourages Staff (78%)</td>
<td>Attirition Rate Improvement = 9.77%</td>
<td>BCR: 2.6 ROI: 163%</td>
<td>Employee Satisfaction Communication Cooperation Diversity Mix Teamwork</td>
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<td>Employees: Supports AIW (65%) Identifies Differences (63%) Encourages Staff (60%)</td>
<td>91% of Managers successful completed action plans</td>
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Technique to Isolate Effects of Program: Manager’s estimate, adjusted for error
Technique to Convert Data to Monetary Value: Standard cost item ($89,000 per Turnover)

Fully-loaded Program Costs: $1,216,836
Program Title: Preventing Sexual Harassment
Target Group: Primary First and Second Level Managers (655)  
Secondary: All employees through group meetings (6,844)
Solution: Workshops and meetings on company policy and sexual harassment regulations

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| Overall rating 4.11 out of 5  
93% provided action items | 65% increase post-test versus pre-test  
Skill practice demonstration | 96% conducted meetings and completed meeting record  
4.1 out of 5 on behavior change survey  
68% report all action items complete  
92% report some action items complete | Turnover reduction: $2,840,632  
Complaint reduction: $360,276  
Total improvement: $3,200,908 | 1,051% | Job Satisfaction  
Absenteeism  
Stress Reduction  
Better Recruiting |

Technique to Isolate Effects of Program: Trendline analysis; participant estimation
Technique to Convert Data to Monetary Value: Historical costs; internal experts
Fully-loaded Program Costs: $277,987
## Sample of Published ROI Studies

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<th>Case Study Name</th>
<th>Measuring the ROI:</th>
<th>Key Impact Measures:</th>
<th>ROI</th>
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<td>Cracker Box</td>
<td>Performance Management (Restaurant Chain)</td>
<td>A variety of measures, such as productivity, quality, time, costs, turnover, and absenteeism</td>
<td>298%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Federal Information Agency</td>
<td>Internal Graduate Degree Program (Federal Agency)</td>
<td>Retention, individual graduate projects</td>
<td>153%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Healthcare, Inc.</td>
<td>Sexual Harassment Prevention (Health Care Chain)</td>
<td>Complaints, turnover, absenteeism, job satisfaction</td>
<td>1052%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Imperial National Bank</td>
<td>Executive Leadership Development (Financial)</td>
<td>Team projects, individual projects, retention</td>
<td>62%</td>
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<tr>
<td>International Car Rental</td>
<td>First Level Leadership Development (Auto Rental Company)</td>
<td>Various measures – at least two per manager</td>
<td>105%</td>
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<td>MetroTransit</td>
<td>Absenteeism Control/Reduction Program (Major City)</td>
<td>Absenteeism, customer satisfaction</td>
<td>882%</td>
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<td>Midwest Electric</td>
<td>Stress Management Program (Electric Utility)</td>
<td>Medical costs, turnover, absenteeism</td>
<td>320%</td>
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<td>National Crushed Stone</td>
<td>Skill-Based Pay (Construction Materials Firm)</td>
<td>Labor costs, turnover, absenteeism</td>
<td>805%</td>
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<tr>
<td>National Steel</td>
<td>Safety Incentive Plan (Steel Company)</td>
<td>Accident frequency rate, accident severity rates</td>
<td>379%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nations Hotel</td>
<td>Executive Coaching (Hotel Chain)</td>
<td>Cost reduction, sales growth, operating efficiency, retention, and customer satisfaction</td>
<td>221%</td>
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<td>Nextel Communications</td>
<td>Diversity (Communications Company)</td>
<td>Retention, employee satisfaction</td>
<td>163%</td>
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<td>Southeast Corridor Bank</td>
<td>Retention Improvement (Financial Services)</td>
<td>Turnover, staffing levels, employee satisfaction</td>
<td>258%</td>
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<td>United Petroleum</td>
<td>E-Learning (Petroleum)</td>
<td>Sales</td>
<td>206%</td>
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<tr>
<td>VA Sunshine Healthcare Network</td>
<td>Competency Development (Veteran’s Health Administration)</td>
<td>Time savings, work quality, faster response</td>
<td>159%</td>
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References for Published Studies


Additional Reading


Origin/Development

- The ROI Methodology™ was developed by Dr. Jack J. Phillips in the 1970s, refined through application and use in the 1980s, and implemented globally during the 1990s.
- First impact study – 1973, Measuring the ROI in a Cooperative Education Program, for Lockheed-Martin
- First public presentation on the methodology – 1978, ASTD Annual Conference
- First book published to include methodology – 1983, Handbook of Training Evaluation and Measurement Methods, Gulf Publishing (this was the first USA book on training evaluation)
- First one-day public workshop –1991, Birmingham, Alabama
- First two-day public workshop –1992, Johannesburg, South Africa
- First international partnership established – 1994, Indonesia
- First public certification workshop – 1995, Nashville, Tennessee
- ROI Network organized - 1996
- First ROI Network Conference –1997, New Orleans, Louisiana
- First international ROI Network conference – 2002, Toronto, Canada
- First ROI in Government Conference – 2003, Gulfport, Mississippi, Co-sponsored by the University of Southern Mississippi
- First ROI software release – 2003, KnowledgeAdvisors
- On-line ROI certification launched – 2006, University Alliance
- ROI Certification offered as part of Masters and Ph.D. degree – Capella University, 2006.

Use

- Over 3,000 organizations are using the ROI methodology, through planned implementation.
- 2,000 organizations have formally implemented the methodology through ROI Certification™ conducted by the ROI Institute.
- approximately 5,000 impact studies are conducted annually in learning and development and human resources.
- At least 200 public sector governmental units are using the methodology.
- ROI implementation was first pursued in manufacturing, then moved to service, healthcare, non-profits, governments, and is now in educational systems

Applications

Typical applications include:

- Apprenticeship
- Career Management
- Competency Systems
- Diversity
- E-Learning
- Coaching
- Information Assurance
- Gainsharing
- Meetings and Events
- Management Development
- Leadership Development
- Organization Development
- Orientation
- Recruiting
- Safety & Health Programs
- Self-Directed Teams
- Skill-Based/Knowledge-Based Compensation
- Technology Implementation
- Total Quality Management
- Wellness/Fitness Initiatives

Articles and Publicity

- Over 60 articles have been published on the ROI methodology in major publications in 20 countries.
- The ROI methodology has been a cover story on at least 15 publications, magazines, and journals.
- At least 50 interviews in major global business and professional publications
- Over 25 radio and TV interviews in different countries

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Books
- Sixteen books have been published on the ROI methodology and its application (www.roiinstitute.net)
- Award winning book – *Bottomline on ROI*, Patti P. Phillips, CEP Press, Atlanta, GA, 2002 (received ISPI award)

Case Studies
- Over 100 case studies published in books, journals, and industry publications
- First public sector case book – 2002, published jointly by the International Personnel and Management Association and the American Society for Training and Development
- International case studies under development in 12 countries

Workshops (One-Day, Two-Day, and Three-Day)
- Approximately 200 one-day workshops conducted with over 8,000 participants
- Approximately 500 two-day workshops conducted with more than 15,000 specialists and managers attending (offered in almost every major international city)
- Routine schedules of one-day, two-day, and three-day workshops offered in the USA by ASTD (www.astd.org) and through partners around the world

ROI Certification™
- Five-day workshop plus two work products lead to certification for ROI implementation
- Over 3,000 professionals have attended certification, representing over 2,000 organizations in at least 50 countries
- Certifications offered routinely about 25 times per year both internally and publicly by the ROI Institute (www.roiinstitute.net)
- On-line certification begins every month-six months duration (www.roiinstituteonline.com)

Global Implementation
- First implementation of the ROI methodology outside the USA – 1992, South Africa
- First certification in non-English language – 1995, Italy
- Implementation is accomplished through partners in various countries
- Implementation is currently occurring in 44 countries, with additional implementations planned in other countries
- Books published in 28 languages
- Twelve international case study books in development or in the planning stages

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As a world-renowned expert on accountability, measurement, and evaluation, Dr. Jack J. Phillips provides consulting services for Fortune 500 companies and major global organizations. The author or editor of more than 50 books, Phillips conducts workshops and makes conference presentations throughout the world.

His expertise in measurement and evaluation is based on more than 27 years of corporate experience in the aerospace, textile, metals, construction materials, and banking industries. Phillips has served as training and development manager at two Fortune 500 firms, as senior human resource officer at two firms, as president of a regional bank, and as management professor at a major state university.

This background led Phillips to develop the ROI methodology—a revolutionary process that provides bottom-line figures and accountability for all types of learning, performance improvement, human resource, technology, and public policy programs.

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