Executive Summary

The TriView National Bank Case Study was prepared for use in the 2001 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Examiner Preparation Course. The TriView National Bank Case Study describes a fictitious financial services institution. There is no connection between the TriView National Bank Case Study and any financial services institution, either named TriView National Bank or otherwise. Other organizations cited in the case study are also fictitious.

TriView National Bank scored in band 2, showing that the institution is in the beginning stages of a systematic approach responsive to the basic purposes of the Items, but major gaps exist in approach and deployment in some Categories. In addition, the institution is in the early stages of obtaining results stemming from approaches. If this were an actual Baldrige application with this scoring profile instead of a case study, the TriView National Bank probably would have been evaluated by a group of Examiners, each working independently during the Stage 1—Independent Review. For the 2001 Examiner Preparation Course, the TriView National Bank Case Study was evaluated using the Stage 2—Consensus Review Process, and Site Visit Issues were developed and included as part of the Scorebook.
Use of a Case Study Packet

A Baldrige case study packet is composed of the tools used to train Baldrige Examiners and their working documents in the evaluation process. As such, it demonstrates the Baldrige Award application and evaluation processes and provides insight into, and understanding of, the Criteria upon which evaluations are based. An especially useful tool, the case study packet includes information relating to scoring, Criteria responses, examination processes, and site visit procedures, as well as illustrating the format for an application.

In addition to their use by Examiners and applicants, case study materials are used by state and local award programs across the United States and in the internal award programs of many organizations. Countries around the world have also used the documents in the creation of their Baldrige-based award programs. Self-assessment and self-improvement uses of the case study packet are limitless, and outreach efforts of the Baldrige community are strengthened by use of the materials in this packet.

The six documents described below illustrate the 2001 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award application and evaluation processes.

The TriView National Bank Case Study

The TriView National Bank Case Study is a sample application written for a fictitious organization applying for the Baldrige Award. It demonstrates the form and content of an application, providing information requested in the seven Categories of the Business Criteria for Performance Excellence. Responses are presented for each of the 18 individual items, comprising 29 separate Areas to Address.

The TriView National Bank Case Study was an important part of the 2001 Examiner Preparation Course. It was used in practice exercises about the Baldrige Award scoring system. The three evaluation dimensions of the scoring system are Approach, Deployment, and Results. The anchor point of the scoring system is 50%, which is awarded for an effective system, deployed in all major areas of the organization and achieving positive results in most major areas. Further details on scoring are given in the Handbook for the Board of Examiners and the Scorebook for Business, Education, and Health Care. The TriView National Bank Case Study scores are given in the TriView National Bank Scorebook.

The TriView National Bank Scorebook

The TriView National Bank Scorebook contains comments and a scoring range on each of the 18 Items of the application as well as a listing of specific issues to be addressed in the event of a site visit. These issues provide the initial basis for site visit planning which also includes verification and clarification of the major points of the application.

The recommended scoring ranges for the TriView National Bank Case Study are shown at the beginning of the report. For an actual application, information from the Examiners’ scores is used by the Panel of Judges to determine if the applicant advances to the next stage of the review process. Details of the review process are given as introductory material in the TriView National Bank Feedback Report.

The TriView National Bank Feedback Report

The TriView National Bank Feedback Report is an example of the report that all applicants will receive in response to their application. Prepared by members of the Board of Examiners, feedback reports are based on the written application, comments and scores, and the results of site visits, if any.

Feedback reports summarize key themes of the application evaluation, identify the band of an applicant’s total score, identify a percentage range for each Criteria Category, and list strengths and opportunities for improvement. They are intended to report the findings of the Examiners and should not be prescriptive in nature.

The 2001 Business Criteria for Performance Excellence

The 2001 Business Criteria for Performance Excellence provide a system and framework for organizational excellence. These Criteria are the basis for organizational self-assessments, for making Awards, and for giving feedback to applicants.

The Business Criteria for Performance Excellence, like their health care and education counterparts, evolve with changing performance requirements and as these requirements become better understood. For 2001, there are a number of key changes in the Business Criteria. Criteria questions have been better aligned throughout the seven Categories and in the new Organizational Profile to accomplish the purpose of Baldrige self-assessment and external assessment: to determine organizational gaps and alignment in approach and deployment (Categories 1–6) and to determine organizational gaps and strength of performance in results areas (Category 7).
Handbook for the Board of Examiners
The Handbook for the Board of Examiners provides basic information about the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award and the processes used in evaluating applicants. Its intent is to ensure fair and thorough evaluations of all Award applicants and to guide the Examiners in fulfilling their responsibilities.

Scorebook for Business, Education, and Health Care
The Scorebook for Business, Education, and Health Care provides Examiners with a concise, organized, and standardized method to record comments and scores as they evaluate an applicant for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. In addition to various worksheets used by Examiners, this booklet contains a high-level flowchart illustrating the scorebook development process.

Note: This packet is intended for use with the 2001 Business Criteria for Performance Excellence for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. It is anticipated that the Criteria and Award processes will undergo some change each year. Therefore, the 2001 Case Study Packet may not be directly comparable with future editions.

Baldrige Educational Materials
To receive individual copies of the 2001 Criteria for Performance Excellence, the 2001 Education Criteria for Performance Excellence, the 2001 Health Care Criteria for Performance Excellence, and the 2001 Baldrige Award Application Forms, use the information provided on the back cover to contact the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

To order bulk copies of the Criteria or any of the materials listed below, contact the American Society for Quality. See the back cover for telephone, E-mail, and fax numbers.

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