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Why Settle for Market Research? How to Harness the Power of Competitive Intelligence in the Workplace

Schaumburg, IL –Oct. 25, 2011 – A bold new book provides rare insight into the practices of competitive intelligence (CI) for business. The book shows how CI, sometimes considered too risky or unnecessary, is different from – and often superior to – market research.

With the publication of *New Directions: A Competitive Intelligence Tale*, business leaders can get an accurate portrayal of the value of CI and how to apply it to their situations. It's written by CI industry veterans David Kalinowski and Gary Maag.

"Competitive intelligence is not a game," says Maag. "It's about real people in the business trenches – constantly learning how to adapt and stay ahead of their competition. We wrote it to demonstrate the actual problems a CI analyst faces, and we demonstrate practical ways to overcome them."

Through a case study that reads like a mystery novel but educates and informs like a business manual, the authors outline specific steps to take to implement CI to get powerful results. The book identifies the necessary components of good CI research and its positive impact on business strategies and tactics.

The book also features a master guidebook on the dos and don'ts of CI, plus real-world ways to integrate it into any business.

Order *New Directions: A Competitive Intelligence Tale* online at www.newdirectionsinci.com.

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About David Kalinowski and Gary Maag

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