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
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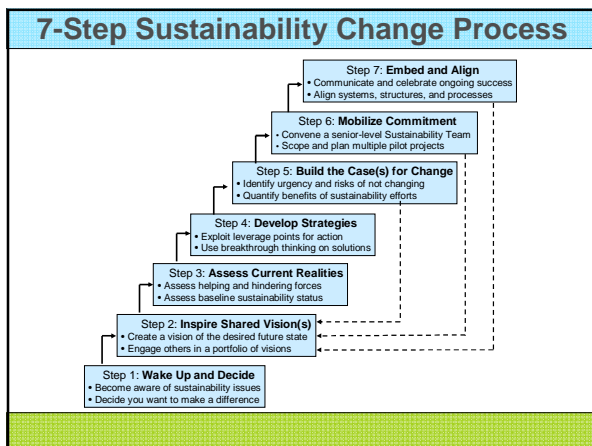
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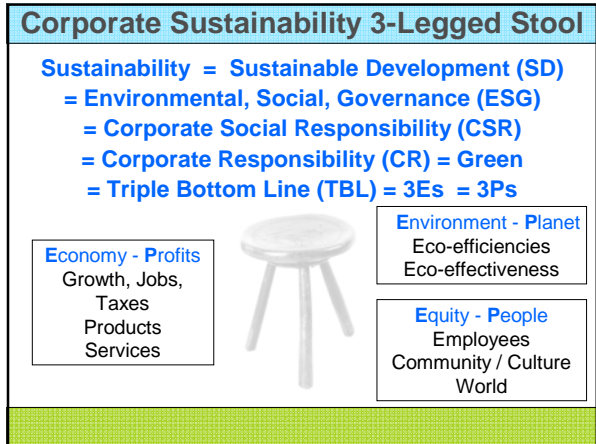
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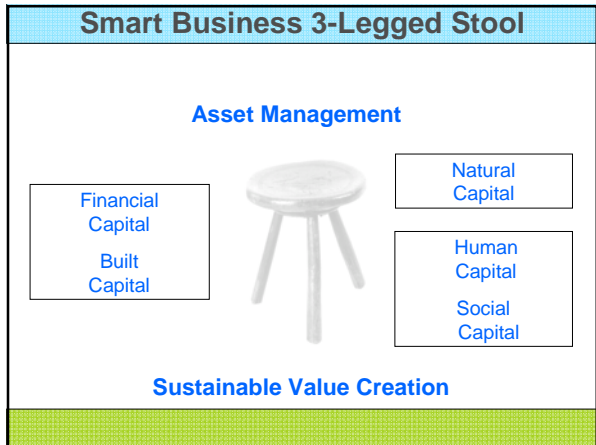


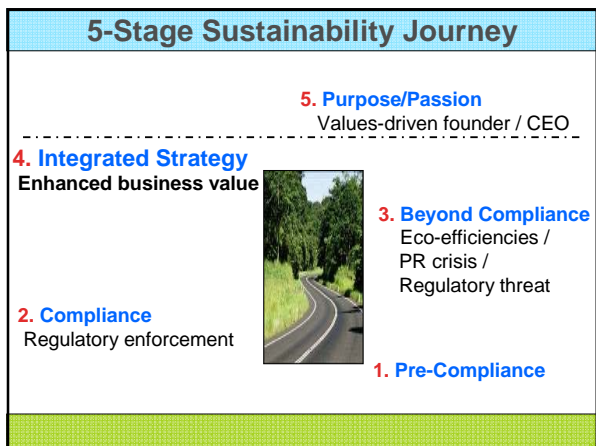


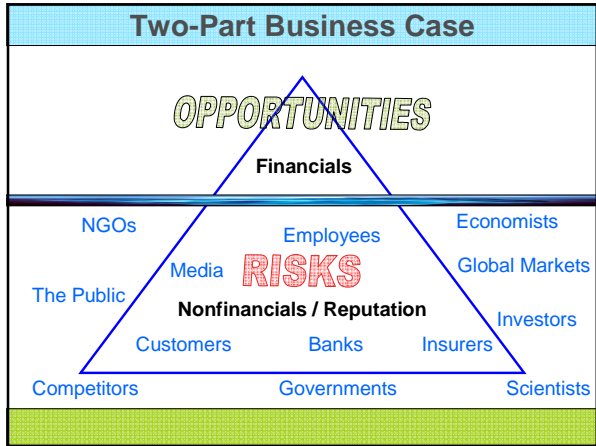
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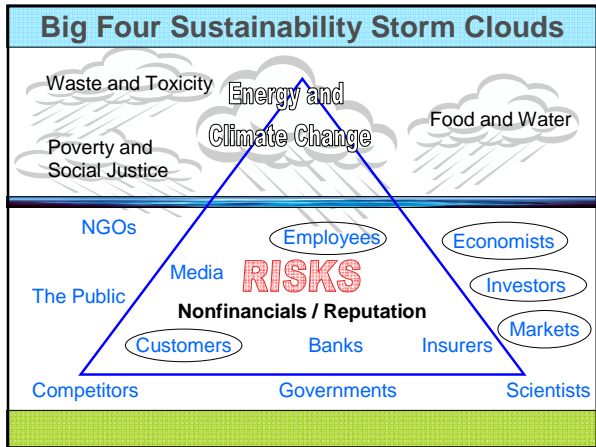


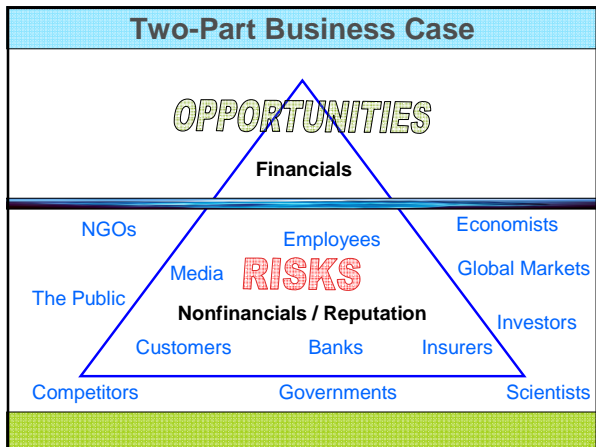












One More Goal ... or an Enabling Strategy?

Profit	Innovation
Share price	Speed to market
Growth	New markets
Revenue	Talent wars
Customer care	Productivity
Expense savings	Motivation
Competition	Brand image
Market share	Managing risks
Leadership	Compliance
Governance	Supply security





Typical SME Company Benefits

Revenue	\$4,000,000
Profit	\$200,000 (5% of Revenue)
Workforce:	50 (43 + 7 Managers)
Avg. Employee Salary	\$25,000
Avg. Manager Salary	\$55,000

Potential profit increase: **+66%**

- + Energized employees + Improved corporate image
- + Competitive advantage + Positioned for the future

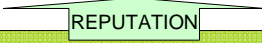





Potential Improvements

1. Reduced recruiting costs	-1%
2. Reduced attrition costs	-2%
3. Increased employee productivity	+6%
4. Eco-efficiencies: savings in energy, water, materials, waste handling	-10%
5. Increased revenue / market share	+5%
6. Lower insurance & borrowing costs	-5%

... yielding a profit increase of **+66%**





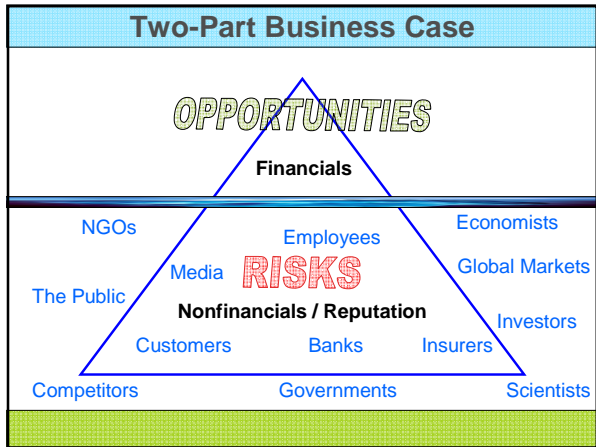
Green Building Business Case

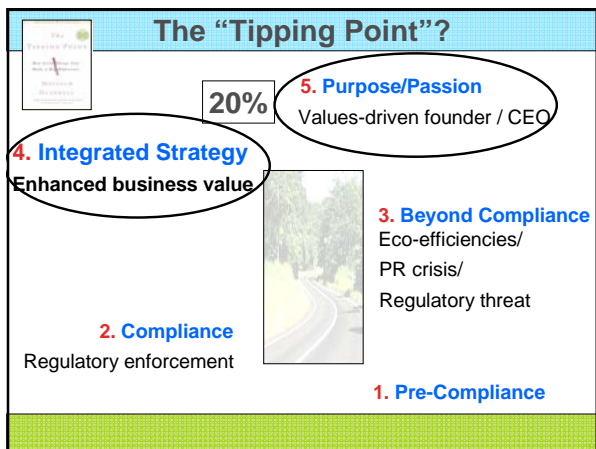
Figure 3
Financial Benefits of Green Buildings
Summary of Findings (per ft²)

Category	20-year Net Present Value
Energy Savings	\$5.80
Emissions Savings	\$1.20
Water Savings	\$0.50
Operations and Maintenance Savings	\$8.50
Productivity and Health Benefits	\$36.90 to \$55.30
Subtotal	\$52.90 to \$71.30
Average Extra Cost of Building Green	(-\$3.00 to -\$5.00)
Total 20-year Net Benefit	\$50 to \$65

Source: Capital E Analysis

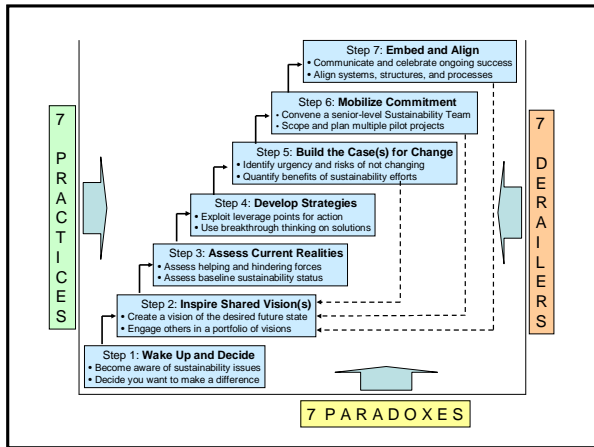
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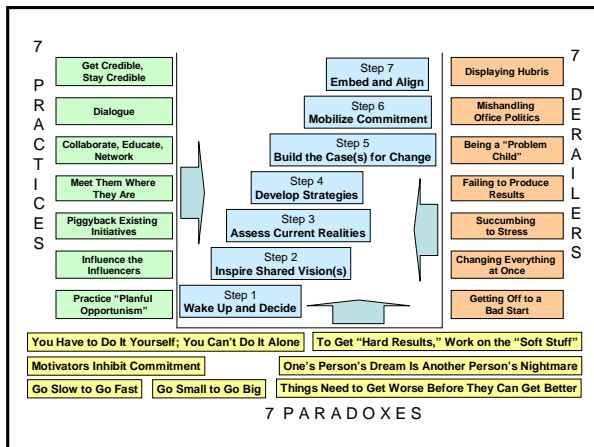




In Summary ...

Sustainability is **smart business**
Business language applies
Important stakeholders' expectations are rising
New market forces & risks are in play
Relevant to existing business priorities
Can protect & enhance company value
Many willing, helpful partners
Opportunity for leadership ... by example





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Next session

March 17, 2009, 11:30 - 12:30 P.M., C.T.
Green Collar Jobs: Sustainable Work in a Low Carbon World

Presenters: Gary Green, Department of Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and Andrew Dane, University of Wisconsin-Barron and Chippewa and Sarah White, COWS

Will future jobs be increasingly "green?" If so, what makes a job or an industry green? Is a green job a good job? What constitutes this "green economy" that we hear so much about these days? This session explores the nature of green collar jobs and their implications for business and community development. It looks at links with environmental concerns, efficiency considerations, and workforce (and employment) development in terms of education and skills requirements.

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