

Top Characteristics of Successful CEOs in the 21st Century

Those Polled Say Inspirational Leadership is Most Critical

MINNEAPOLIS (September 5, 2012) – Chuck Bolton, a C-suite level executive and top team coach, nationally recognized author, speaker, instructor and president of The Bolton Group LLC, (www.TheBoltonGroup.com), recently polled more than 100 CEOs and C-suite leaders to answer the question, “What characteristics are a must of successful CEOs in the 21st century?” Responses were received from CEOs in 10 countries including the United States, Canada, France, UK, Switzerland, Australia, Egypt, Nigeria, India and Pakistan.

The characteristics (in descending order) revealed from the poll are:

1. Inspirational Leadership
2. Exceptional Team Builder
3. Unimpeachable Integrity
4. Clear Communicator
5. Compelling Visionary.

“The success characteristics for CEOs required in today’s economy are different than a generation ago. These findings confirm today’s CEOs need to inspire, build and develop top talent, create trust, and communicate clearly and continuously. They must have a vision for success that compels others to buy in. These are critical skills for sustained success in today’s collaborative, human capital-driven, global economy,” says Bolton. “Top CEOs intuitively know they set the agenda and pace for their organizations. When CEOs learn and master these skills, they’ll perform better and everyone around them will get better.”

Over the next five weeks, Bolton will share ideas for how CEOs can develop each of these five CEO success characteristics via his video blog at <http://chuckbolton.wordpress.com/>

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