The REAL Offshore Story

Thad McIlroy Arcadia House San Francisco & Toronto

Presentation to the IPA Technical Conference, Chicago, June 8, 2005

Offshoring

- Surrounded by protectionist misconceptions
- Everyone is fixated on labor costs "they're stealing our jobs!"
- The press is, as usual, a source of comfort and deep insight

What is the Real Offshore Story?

Too many people think it's about cheap labor...labor savings are the wrong target
It's really about using the best technology in the world in the most effective manner

India: A Study in Contrasts!







 ∞

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TAXABLE ADDRESS ADDRE

494.4.4.4.4

Contraction of the Architecture of the Architecture of the

At the Same Time

- Unquestionably India is far way: there are cultural differences (as much as some people try to pretend there are not)
- Unquestionably, communication is a key factor in the success of the work we do every day
- Indian vendors do not yet fully understand the way we work in North America
- A hybrid offshore model is your best bet

Enter: The Hybrid Vendor

- The very best of onshore know-how and customer relations with...
- The very best in technology and smart labor in India

What Should We Send Offshore?

Let's explore that this evening...

What Creates a Successful Offshore Vendor Relationship?

- Trust, of course
- A long-term commitment
- An ethical commitment
- A great facility(ies)
- Really smart people
- Onshore and offshore management

Thank You!

Thad McIlroy Arcadia House thad@arcadiahouse.com