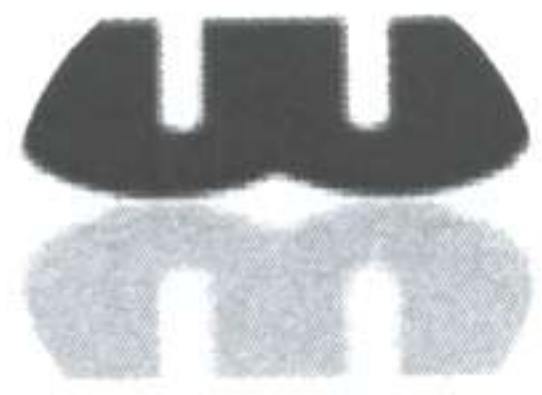


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# Do You Need A Personal 'Advisory Board' As A Leader?

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Not a board of directors. Not a mentor. But do you need a team of trusted advisors as a sounding board to help you grow your leadership skills. It's an option worth considering. The personal "advisory board" I'm suggesting is a loose network of trusted colleagues from whom you can get advice in all areas of work and life.

# The Why, Who, and How of a Personal Advisory Board for Leaders

## How Does This Network Benefit You?

- Resources in your industry to discuss or validate trends
- Quick answers to questions when you don't have time to go through "proper" channels
- Recommendations for suppliers who perform consistently at a reasonable price when you don't have time to go through a long vetting process for yourself
- Recruitment of the best job candidates
- Referrals on equipment, software, and project management processes that others have tested and that you need to put into use quickly
- Referrals on quality training or speakers
- Job searches when you're ready to make a move—either internally or externally

Your personal "advisory board" benefits your organization as well. The more you can "work your network" for information and leads, the more money you save your employer.

## Who Do You Include in Your Network of Advisors?

**Most professionals will want and need these people:**

- Industry experts or consultants in and out of other organizations
- Counterparts in other organizations, departments, divisions, or regions
- Suppliers who service your industry

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