21st Century Workforce Flexwork: Elements for Success



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Telework



Extending the workplace beyond the traditional office

Working at home, hoteling and co-working

Telework

A voluntary arrangement

A management prerogative; not an entitlement

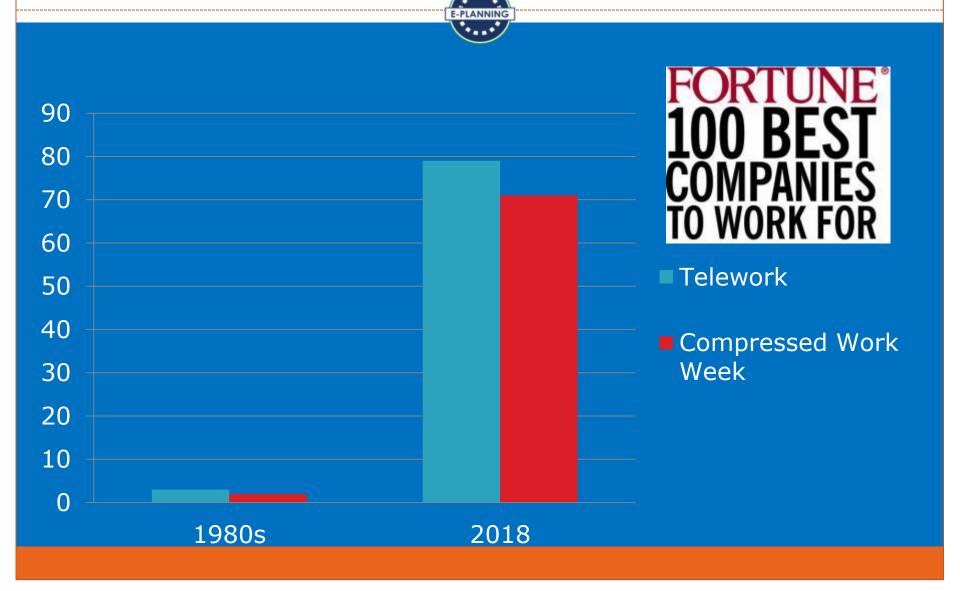
Return on Investment (ROI)



- Reduced employee absenteeism (2-4 days)
- Reduces or eliminates tardiness
- Lowered facility costs, demand for parking spaces (10-90%)
- Solution for Business Continuity
- Increased worker productivity (10 to 20%)
- Increased employee morale, recruitment, retention (50-65%)
- Better communication among time zones
- Environmentally friendly "green" program*

^{*}All data based on 50-60 case studies

Does Teleworking Improve Recruitment and Retention?



Prevalence of Flexibility Programs



82%

Flex-Time (flexible start/stop times)

48%

Shift Flexibility

48%

Compressed Workweek (4/10, 9/80)

Strong Adoption of Telework Among US Employers

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85%

Ad hoc

(e.g., to meet a repair person, care for a sick child)

56%

Telework on a <u>regular monthly basis</u> (at least one day per month, but not full time)

53%

Telework on a <u>regular weekly basis</u> (at least one day per week, but not full time)

34%

<u>Full-time</u> telework (every regularly scheduled workday)

Measuring Productivity



How Productivity is Measured when Employees are Teleworking?	Percent
Responsiveness of employee (e.g., how quickly employee responds to e-mails, returns phone calls)	48%
Line manager/supervisor establishes specific goals/parameters with the employee	43%
On the honor system; there is no standard mechanism in place to manage/measure productivity for telecommuters	37%
Our standard methods for measuring productivity are effective for both telecommuters and on-site employees	36%
Employee records time worked on a timesheet or other logging system	34%
Employee reports progress against assigned tasks on a scheduled basis	26%
Organization is still working out how to manage/measure productivity for employees when they telecommute	23%
Organization monitors employees via software (e.g., software that tracks and records computer behavior)	9%
Other	3%

Source: SHRM Survey Findings: 2014 Workplace Flexibility— Overview of Flexible Work Arrangements

Why Formalize?



- To be consistent
- To define a process and develop a policy
- To define the role of management
- To define clear expectations
- To identify selection criteria for jobs and individuals
- To offer training
- To expand the program
- To measure success

Implementation Milestones



Gain management commitment Program implementation – full or pilot

Train participants and managers

Select telework coordinator

Select participants and supervisors

Evaluation and troubleshoot

Form a steering committee

Determine the technology component

Develop policies / agreements

Assess costs and savings

Organizations with Successful Programs



- Delta Airlines
- County of Los Angeles
- Bank of America
- Home Depot
- Assurant
- Atlanta Regional Council
- Federal Government
- CH2MHill

- State of Georgia
- GE
- Lathem Time
- Mercedes Benz USA
- Vacation Express
- Vocalocity
- Delta Dental of Washington

Successful Programs



- Start with a pilot
- Plan and train for technology
- Train the Managers and Teleworkers
- Formalize: have a policy or agreement
- There is an adjustment period initially
- Fit organizational and departmental culture
- Plan for access and communication
- Are seamless to the world



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