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#### Review

Key concepts, useful case studies, tips, techniques, and job aids in an easy-to-read format that skillfully lead you through the assessment process: *Needs Assessment Basics* has it all. Even better, Deborah Tobey helps us negotiate the process within the context of today's time- and resource-deprived business environment that often forces needs analysis to the bottom of our-to-do lists. A must-read for training professionals. --Toby Cannon, Director, Training & Development, Broadcast Music

This book will be an integral part of your reference library. It is well designed and easy to read; Deborah Tobey has created the perfect guide to needs assessment. --M. Sharon Bartee, Human Resource Manager, General Mills-Pillbury

All of Deborah Tobey's years of corporate, consulting, and academic experience shine through in this book. *Needs Assessment Basics* is a practical guide for anyone wishing to generate results through training including those new to the training field, seasoned HRD practitioners, or any business leader involved in training. If you are searching for proven strategies and practical tools to help ensure training delivers real impact, this book delivers them. --Mark K. Marshall, Vice President, Lee Hecht Harrison

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