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In this easy-to-use, concise, and thorough handbook, two veteran business professionals guide you through the entire proposal-writing process, from the initial contact through completion and followup. You'll benefit from the authors' expertise and insight on:

- Which jobs to target-and which to pass up
- Setting up a strong proposal team
- Evaluating potential projects
- Preparing schedules and identifying tasks
- Writing and producing a first-rate proposal
- Delivering a show-stopping client presentation

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