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Karl Keller has extensive business, academic, training, and writing experience. He has held senior executive positions in marketing, strategy, training, and technology in the managed fund, brokerage, venture capital, and private equity industries. Currently he is Principal of Communication Partners, a training and consulting firm that helps businesses improve their communication efforts.

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Karl has developed and written business plans and private offerings for capital-raising and revenue growth, has led business teams on developing large-scale technology projects, and has a strong track record in negotiating bottom-line benefits and solving business problems. He has written technology user guides and software documentation.

He also worked as a journalist covering real estate development and finance. Karl co-authored *How To Raise Capital: Preparing and Presenting the Business Plan* (Dow-Jones Irwin), designated in 1990 by *The Economist* as one of top 500 business books published in the previous 20 years. He is also co-author of *Graphics and Visual Communication for Managers*.

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