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## Governments Could Pay High Price for Lagging on Tech

Sam Blakeslee, who heads up the Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy at Cal Poly, warns failure to keep up can disconnect government and citizens.



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Sam Blakeslee speaks at the 2015 California Technology Forum.

### By Eyragon Eidam

To hear the 2015 California Technology Forum's keynote speaker tell it, government is straddling the divide between potential successes and missed opportunities when it comes to technology.

Sam Blakeslee, who heads up the Institute for Advanced Technology and Public Policy at California Polytechnic State University, addressed government and technology industry officials at Thursday's forum and spoke to the challenges and opportunities presented through advancing technology.

While much of Blakeslee's address focused on the vast potential for meaningful connection between business, government and the public, he also warned of the paradox of "creative destruction" that is inextricably linked to advancing technologies.

He connected the advent of nearly instantaneous, free news websites to the failings of many newspapers, and pointed to the massive ripples

seen throughout the music industry in the wake of the successes of iTunes and other instant-download outlets.

"This technology revolution goes far beyond the amazing new gadgets we wear, carry and touch almost every hour of every day. The revolution didn't stop at giving us neat new George Jetson-type devices," he said during his address. "It went quickly toward deconstructing the entire economic ecosystem that we once knew as our status quo."

The technological advancements are just the beginning of what, Blakeslee believes, will become an even more extensive peer-to-peer society that will continue to challenge many of our "legacy institutions" in the years to come.

"What [political theorist Karl] Marx couldn't possibly anticipate was the rise of technology-enabled peer-to-peer economy in which average citizens would simultaneously engage that economy as both the owners of capital and the providers of labor." he said.

Companies like Amazon and eBay have changed the way people do business. Individual-to-individual business transactions pose a substantial threat to brick-and-mortar businesses, he said.

"The rate of change is accelerating," he said.

Blakeslee also called on attendees to consider what the effective uses of social media mean for groups like ISIS.

"We are now seeing the al Qaeda model being replaced by one even more effective and deadly," he said. "ISIS has understood the potential of the peer-to-peer revolution and is using it to great effect. ISIS saw the game-changing potential of shedding the complex command and control system of al Qaeda and replacing it with a peer-to-peer model. What they did was weaponize social media ..."

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#### OWNER:

County of Alameda - Public Works Agency 951 Turner Court, Room 300, Hayward, CA 94545

### BID DATE: August 20, 2015 @ 2:00 P.M.

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#### OWNER:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 1727 30th Street, Bidder's Exchange, MS 26, Sacramento, CA 95816

### BID DATE: August 26, 2015 @ 2: 00 P.M.

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Contract No. 03-4F0404, Federal Aid Project ACSTP-P065(102)

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### BID DATE: August 18, 2015 @ 2: 00 P.M.

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### REQUESTING SUB & SUPPLIER BIDS

From All Qualified
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Subcontractors/Sub-consultants/Suppliers/
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La Palma Recharge Basin Contract No. LPRB-2015-1 Owner: Orange County Water District

Reyes Construction is requesting bids for:

SUBCONTRACTORS: Traffic Control, SWPPP, Surveying, Shoring, Dewatering, Earthwork, Structural Excavation & Backfill, Trucking, Wet Utilities, Monitoring Well, Minor Concrete Structure, Structural Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Structural Steel, Masonry, Roofing, Doors, HVAC, Mechanical, Fiber Optics, Cathodic Protection, Electrical, instrumentation & Controls, Guardrail, Fencing, Paint & Coating, Landscaping.

SUPPLIERS: Traffic Control Material & Equipment, BMP Materials, Steel Pipe, Waterworks Material, Ready Mix Concrete, PVC Pipe & Fittings, Misc. Metals, Precast Catch Basin, Sluice Gates, Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RCP), Vertical Turbine Pump, Aggregate, Rip Rap, Misc. Concrete Materials & Supplies, Valves Meters

### BID DATE: August 27, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Assistance will be available for obtaining Bonds, Lines of Credit, and/or Insurance, necessary equipment, supplies, materials or related assistance services.

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Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo Station Improvements Project Owner: Orange County Transportation Authority

Reyes Construction is requesting bids for:

SUBCONTRACTORS: Wet utilities, Fencing, Landscape and Irrigation, Minor Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Structural Concrete, Earthwork, Signage, Plumbing and Mechanical, Doors, Drywall, Painting & Coating, Demolition, Electrical, Asphalt Paving, SWPPP, Quality Control Testing, Surveying, Railing & Handrails, Ceramic Tiling, Flooring.

**SUPPLIERS:** Miscelaneous Metals, Ready Mix Concrete, PVC Pipe & Fitting, Trench Drain, Concrete Supplies, Clay Pipe, Precast Manhole Shaft, Aggregate, Structural Steel, Site Furnishings, BMP Materials, Traffic Control material, Office Trailer.

### BID DATE: August 27, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

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- 2.) Orange County Transportation Authority website http://www.octa.net/cammnet (free registration) Please fax quotes to: 909.622.3053

## 4 Strategies for Sharing Ownership with Employees

### By Barbara Weltman

Business owners may have sound reasons for giving shares in their employees. It incentivizes staff to be loyal and productive and it can translate into financial rewards for the owner. Tax rules make transfers of stock complicated for corporations and employees. Here are four ways to get stock into the hands of employees, and what these strategies mean for you, the owner, your company, and your staff.

1. Potential for tax-free gain. Certain C corporations, such as small tech companies, that meet the tax law definition of a qualified small business corporation can transfer shares to an employee who can get a special tax break when the shares are sold in the future. As long as the stock is held for more than five years, there's no taxable capital gain; all future appreciation will be tax-free. (The 100% break expired at the end of 2014 but is expected to be extended for shares issued in 2015, as it has been several times before.)

Caution: As mentioned earlier, this opportunity only applies to certain businesses that meet the definition of a small business corporation. Details about qualified small business stock can be found in Chapter 4 of IRS Publication 550Download Adobe Reader to read this link content.

2. Restricted stock. Whether or not shares don't qualify for the exclusion (e.g., the corporation is an S corporation so the exclusion can't be used), you can give stock that is subject to restrictions or forfeiture. Employees must stay with the company for a fixed number of years or satisfy other restrictions to gain full ownership (i.e., being able to transfer the

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He called the technological paradigm part of the "Uber to ISIS" phase of technology.

"Nowhere is the opportunity for impact in this phase of the [technological] revolution greater than in government. Because we're facing such a tremendous vacuum and because government is so far behind in the technology revolution, this vacuum creates the potential for forces from all sides to engage for good or ill," he said.

Perhaps the issue closest to home for the former California legislator was the disconnect between government and the people it serves. His effort to create and implement the revolutionary website digitaldemocracy.org has been a game-changer in the public's ability to access information in an arena that was once limited to an insulated band of "insiders."

By his own admission, Blakeslee said life as a state official can mean the gradual separation from constituents due to the sheer amount of contact with lobbyists and special interest groups.

Because of the shrinking footprint of many traditional news outlets, the innovator said the lack of connectivity and access to the halls of government has resulted in information deficits that stretch from constituents to the national press.

The keynote speaker referred to well-informed journalists as a valuable tool in notifying the public and holding politicians and officials accountable for their actions.

The Digital Democracy project, which allows users to search through legislative session videos at will, could soon be a consideration on the national legislative level.

Blakeslee said his team is currently working to hone the California website, which is in the final stages of beta testing, before pursuing funding for a potential expansion. The beta phase of the project is expected to close in September.

Source: http://www.govtech.com

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Engineer Estimate: \$4,300,000
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**Scope of Work:** Partially buried concrete storage tank, pump station improvements and all associated work to complete and operable facilities.

RGW is willing to breakout any portion of work to encourage DBE participation. Contact us for a specific item list.

Plans and Specs are available to view and copy at our office or the Watsonville Blueprint 831-728-7717 or Contact Dan Schultz 925-606-2400 dan.schultz@rgwconstruction.com for any questions, including bonding, lines of credit, or insurance or equipment or material suppliers. Subcontractors should be prepared to submit payment and performance bonds equal to 100% of their quotation. For bonding and other assistance, please call.

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Peninsula Vegetation Removal Contract No. WD-2654R San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) Engineer Estimate: \$11,000,000 – 720 Calendar Days Goal: LBE 11% Bids: September 3rd, 2015 @ 2:00 PM

Requesting Sub-quotes for (including but not limited to): Traffic Control, Clear and Grub, Hydroseeding, Erosion Control, Irrigation, Aggregate Base, Asphalt Paving, Fencing, Painted Traffic Stripe & Marking, Surveyor, SWPPP, Water Truck, Hazardous substance removal, Asbestos Monitoring, Pest Control Advisor, Hygienist, Arborist, and

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shares to others). In effect, the restricted stock acts like golden handcuffs to keep key employees.

Employees receiving restricted stock can make a Section 83(b) election (the name of the election is based on the part of the Tax Code governing it). Usually, they don't have to report the stock as ordinary income until restrictions are lifted. However, they can opt to report the current value of the stock when received with the hope that there will be future appreciation; this election turns future appreciation into capital gain.

Note: The election must be made within 30 days of receipt; the employees can't wait until filing their return to do this. Details about making the election can be found at recently proposed regulations Download Adobe Reader to read this link content that apply to restricted stock received on or after January 1, 2016, but can apply for such stock received in 2015. These proposed regulations simplify the election process by eliminating the need to send a copy of the election to the IRS when the employees' tax return for the year of the election is filed, but an election must still be filed with the IRS within the 30-day period. A sample Sec. 83(b) election statement can be found hereDownload Adobe Reader to read this link content.

**3.** ESOPs. Both C and S corporations can set up a retirement-like plan funded with employer stock. The arrangement offers significant benefits to owners, employees, and the corporation. Owners who want to retire or are thinking about what happens at their demise create a ready market for their shares. Employees enjoy an ownership interest in the company. And the corporation can deduct contributions of shares to the plan, using borrowing by the plan itself

ESOP rules can be found at the National Center for Employee Ownership.

4. Stock options. Instead of giving shares, a corporation can grant options to buy company stock at a set price. There are different types of options: statutory stock options, which include options granted under an employee stock option plan or incentive stock options (ISOs), and nonqualified stock options

An overview of stock options from the employee perspective is at the IRS website.

### Conclusion

If you own a corporation, you can devise strategies for rewarding and retaining staff that entails no cash outlay using company stock. Of course, you give up a portion ownership, but you can keep control. The rules are complex, so work with a knowledgeable tax advisor to craft an ownership-sharing plan that is best for your situation.

Source: www.sba.gov