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Earlier in his career, John was a partner and officer of Harbridge House, Inc., a Boston-based management consulting firm. In addition to his consulting experience, he worked at Hallmark Cards and Frito-Lay, a division of PepsiCo, Inc. At both Frito-Lay and Hallmark his responsibilities included succession planning and executive development on a company-wide basis.

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- [Designing Organizations That Execute New Strategies and Create Capabilities for Change](#)  
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- [Developing Business Leaders for 2010](#)  
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