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Description

In 1 or 2 paragraphs, provide an overview of the work. Describe the scope, depth, and notable topics or features and include any background on why there is a need for a new resource in this area.

Table of contents (with authors' names for edited volumes)

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Target audience

Describe your intended audience (e.g., industry sector, policymakers, specific clients, practitioners, academic subspecialties).

Benefits to audience

With reference to the target audience(s) listed above, please give details of the following:

- information needs of the audience relating to the subject that your book will address
- features and content in your book that will be most valuable to the reader
- why a book is preferable to another published format (e.g., paper, brief)

Competition

List the books, journals, websites, or other information sources that would compete most closely with your book and briefly describe how they compare. Why would readers choose your book over the competition?

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Publishing timeline

Peer review of book manuscripts requires 3–6 months. Authors are responsible for completing revisions in a timely manner. For accepted book manuscripts, authors should count on **at least** 3 months for editing and layout of the final volume.

Given these time frames, please consider and let us know:

• when you could deliver a complete manuscript	
• whether you have a particular target publication date	

Specifications

Please consider and let us know:

• estimated length of manuscript, in pages (before layout; estimate about 450 words per page). The target length for books is 67,000 to 90,000 words.	
• approximate number of illustrations and figures, and whether any require color	
• whether the book will have any ancillary materials	

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Please explain:

What funds are available for ensuring full editing of the manuscript before it is submitted? RTI Press can help you estimate these costs, if needed.

What funds are available for editing of the revised manuscript, if major revisions are needed?

Publicity and marketing

Please explain your plans for publicizing and sharing the book upon publication. For example:

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- Are there any conferences at which it could be presented or disseminated?
- Will you organize events to present the publication/findings?
- Have you discussed plans for dissemination with either your divisional communications staff or Public Relations and Corporate Communications personnel?

Suggested reviewers

Sample chapters (optional)

If any part of the manuscript is completed, please submit it with the proposal.