Financial Team Assessment

The three sections below provide a quick way for you to gauge how effective your accounting and financial function is currently performing. Answer each statement on a scale of 1 to 10 as to how true that statement is. A 1 means "not true at all, not even close" and a 10 means "absolutely, 100% true".

Confidence Factor

Your accounting and finance function is strong and will support your growth plans into the future Your bank/lenders have confidence in your numbers and the financials they receive Your Board/owners have confidence in your numbers and the financials they receive
Your management team has confidence in the numbers and the financials they receive
Add up each of the answers
Divide by number of questions answered
= Your Confidence Factor Score

Insight Factor

You provide a monthly reporting package to lenders and owners
The package contains:
A short memo that answers the question "What happened and what's about to happen"
Actual results for the 5 to 7 key drivers of financial performance
Current month and year-to-date results vs plan and prior year
Insight into "What happened to the cash and what's about to happen to the cash?"
 Side-by-side view of actual and forecast monthly results down to the cash flow level
Add up each of the answers
Divide by number of questions answered
= Your Insight Factor Score

Accuracy and Speed Factor

The numbers in the monthly financial statements are accurate
Financial statements are prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
In the annual review or audit of your financial statements, the CPA firm makes very few adjustments
Each account on the balance sheet is well supported and documented
Management reviews the monthly financial statements to ensure accuracy before they are published
Financial statements are provided to lenders and owners on or before the 10th calendar day each month
Add up each of the answers
Divide by number of questions answered
= Your Accuracy and Speed Factor Score

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