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SUMMARY

Burt Woolf is chief principal of the *Center for Quality of Life*, which he founded in 2003 to nurture those who want to live and work in a quality-of-life context. His professional career spans three decades in senior executive capacities in the nonprofit world, with a focus on community quality-of-life improvement. Since 1974, Burt has facilitated, coached and advised people, teams, organizations and communities to achieve their full potential.

Burt has been a federal agency program director (**National Endowment for the Arts**), a nonprofit organizational executive director (**Creative Education Foundation; Massachusetts Cultural Alliance**), a professional consultant/facilitator of community development initiatives (**Economics Research Associates; QL Consulting, Inc.**), a technology entrepreneur (**TEAM SYSTEM Development Software for Nonprofits**); and author, lecturer, trainer, workshop leader, and keynote speaker.

Burt holds a BA in Political Science from **Amherst College**, and an MS in Management from **UCLA**. He currently is a doctoral candidate at the **University Of Massachusetts Amherst School Of Education**; his dissertation research explores how people from the business sector can make comfortable and effective transitions to nonprofit service.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

QL Consulting in Amherst, Massachusetts, is Burt's national consulting practice for helping improve quality-of-life for people where they live, work, play, visit, and learn. In this practice, Burt has used his **Accelerated Consensus™** citizen-based process to facilitate strategic decision-making for dozens of public improvement initiatives throughout the United States.

Living at the Edge: Creative Living Inside the Box is a transformative learning program Burt delivers using the **Box of Possibilities** metaphor and the **Eight Principles for Quality of Life** to help people live in a state of resilience, high-level accomplishment and personal fulfillment, regardless of the daunting circumstances they may face in their lives.

Effortless Leadership™ is an executive development program Burt created to help people re-discover their intuitive inner wisdom, so they can lead others productively, without struggle.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

As a consultant, entrepreneur, and chief executive of national and statewide public agencies and private organizations, Burt has led a wide variety of corporate, governmental and nonprofit enterprises. From 2001-2003 he was Executive Director of the **Creative Education Foundation**, an international organization which is best known for its Creative Problem Solving Institutes and the Journal of Creative Behavior.

Prior to founding **QL Consulting, Inc.** in 1992, Burt was Senior Consultant to **Economics Research Associates** (1988-1992) where he directed dozens of community and economic planning studies throughout the United States. As CEO of **Burt Woolf Management, Inc.**, (1983-1988), he designed and marketed the TEAM SYSTEM® Development Package, a fundraising software program that was installed in over 140 nonprofit organizations and public agencies in the U.S. and Canada. As Executive Director of the **Massachusetts Cultural Alliance** (1978-1983), Burt led a 250-member association, providing management services, professional development programs, publications, and public advocacy campaigns. At the **National Endowment for the Arts**, he was Project Director of the CITY SPIRIT Program (1974-1978), which provided funding and consulting assistance for community-based cultural planning in over 200 communities nationwide. Earlier in his career, Burt was a museum administrator.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Burt has conducted professional training programs, facilitated workshops and retreats, and delivered keynote speeches in facilitation, quality-of-life planning, public management, and information technology. Articles by or about Burt and his work have appeared in **Association Management** magazine, *The Taft NonProfit Executive*, *Fundraising Management* magazine, **CNN.com**, **Careerbuilder.com**, **AOL.com**, and the electronic newsletter of the **American Library Association Allied Professional Association**. Burt has been a regular participant and presenter at the **Creative Problem Solving Institute** and at national meetings of the **American Society of Association Executives**. Burt is a featured workshop leader for the **Center for Quality of Life**. He has been a lecturer at **Harvard University**, **UCLA**, **Sangamon State University** and **Lesley College**.

EDUCATION, TRAINING. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Burt holds a BA *Cum Laude*, in Political Science from **Amherst College**, and an MS in Management from the **University of California at Los Angeles**. He currently is a doctoral candidate (all but dissertation) at the **University Of Massachusetts Amherst School Of Education**; his dissertation research explores how the experience of work and career shapes peoples' self-identity, and how adult transformative learning can mitigate bothersome circumstances and troubling feelings in day-to-day work life.

He was a charter participant in the **Harvard University**, Institute in Arts Administration, and is certified in the **Interaction Method** of facilitation. He has been an active member of the **American Society of Association Executives**, the **Creative Education Foundation**, and the **Kripalu Consulting Consortium**; and a former member of the **International Coach Federation**, and the "**Top Gun\$**" Club, sponsored by Creative Sales + Management, Inc.