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BUSINESS NEWS ESSENTIAL TO BOSTON'S LEADERS.

LESSONS LEARNED

Can leadership skills be taught? Why or why not?

PENNELL LOCEY, Keystone Associates



Definitely. Everyone can improve in delivering on promises, setting goals, letting people know how they contribute, listening and removing obstacles.

TIMOTHY M. KAELIN, ProfitDriver



Without a doubt. With the right coaching and mentoring, people have the ability to grow into great leaders. Coaching and mentoring teaches potential leaders to be successful leaders.

MICHAEL EDMONDS, Federal Aviation Administration



Leadership requires expert job knowledge, and good communication and decision-making skills. All can be taught, but not everyone can implement. Leaders do not wait for opportunities; they pursue their own learning and identify work contributions that distinguish themselves from their peers.

Next week's Lesson Learned: How can someone get over their fear of working a room?

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