

## Learn How an ESOP Works and How It Can Benefit You

An employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) is a tax-favored employee benefit plan through which employees can become owners in their companies at no cost to themselves, at the same time that the company and its owners receive major tax benefits. In the right situation and with proper structuring, it can provide advantages for everyone involved.

Thousands of U.S. companies have an ESOP and millions of employees participate in them, but many businesspeople are still unfamiliar with them. Even those who have some familiarity with ESOPs often have misconceptions about them. This little book is designed to educate anyone who is interested or involved in ESOPs about what they are, what their history is, how they work, and what their benefits are to both the employer and the employee-participants. It assumes the reader is familiar with basic business concepts.

The 18th edition updates the existing material as of 2018 and adds information on matters such as the impact of recent tax law changes and the rights of ESOP participants.

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