



About Debbe Kennedy

Debbe Kennedy is a master problem solver; author; virtual speaker; and founder, president, and CEO of the Leadership Solutions Companies, an award-winning women-owned enterprise since 1990, specializing in custom leadership, organizational, and virtual communications solutions. She is a pioneer and innovator in people-focused leadership–employee communications in virtual space, including creative uses of Web 2.0 technologies, and other social media. The hallmark of

Leadership Solutions Companies' contributions is reflected in Debbe's strategic business partnership with Hewlett Packard spanning well over a decade.

In 2004, Debbe launched Leadership Solutions Companies' first online entity, the [Global Dialogue Center](#). This virtual gathering place for people throughout the world has an intentional focus on leadership, professional, and personal development. The *Global Dialogue Center's* commitment to expanding opportunities for inclusion throughout the world for all people, with a special focus on bringing its brand of excellence to women's personal and professional development, leadership, and mentoring, was the inspiration behind the 2005 addition of [Women in the Lead](#), a unique resource center for women worldwide.

Debbe knows the leader's journey. She has experienced it as a successful entrepreneur, a change-leading strategic partner for Fortune 100 executives and managers, a pioneer of working in virtual space, and in a distinguished leadership career with IBM Corporation for over twenty years. Her work and leadership influence have contributed to communications solutions for senior management across many corporate functions, including employee communications, marketing, professional services, diversity and inclusion, culture, employee engagement, business ethics and policy development, women's issues, management development, employee development, human resources, strategic planning and implementation.

Debbe is a [Berrett-Koehler author](#). Her newest book, [Putting Our Differences to Work: The Fastest Way to Innovation, Leadership, and High Performance](#) (Berrett-Koehler June 2008) fundamentally changes the rules of how we think and act as leaders at every level in business and society. [Read reviews](#). Debbe is also the author of *Breakthrough! The Problem-Solving Advantage: Everything You Need to Start a Solution Revolution* and *Action Dialogues: Meaningful Conversations to Accelerate Change*.

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