

THE FUTURE OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT BELONGS TO TRUSTED ADVISORS

Why advisory skills are now essential in Resource Management

Resource Management has entered a new age.

AI is increasing access to information, accelerating analysis, automating repeatable work, and creating new capacity. Those capabilities will continue to improve.

But greater capability does not automatically create greater value. The value of Resource Management increasingly depends on the ability to interpret information, understand business context, influence decisions, navigate trade-offs, and build trust across stakeholders.

At RMI Connect, we asked attendees whether their organizations are talking about developing advisory skills in Resource Management professionals.

70% said YES.

That result points to an important shift already underway. The future of Resource Management will require more than technology, strong processes, better data, and faster allocation decisions. It will require professionals who can turn expertise and insight into better business outcomes.



THE SHIFT

For years, Resource Management has been heavily focused on the mechanics of matching demand and supply: Who is available? Who has the right skills? Who can start when the work begins? Those questions remain fundamental.

But the most valuable Resource Managers are increasingly being asked to do more. They are being asked to help leaders understand trade-offs, challenge assumptions, identify risk, interpret workforce data, connect talent decisions to business priorities, and influence what happens next.

That is the shift from Resource Manager to trusted advisor.

Trusted advisors do more than provide information or execute a process. They help the organization make better decisions.

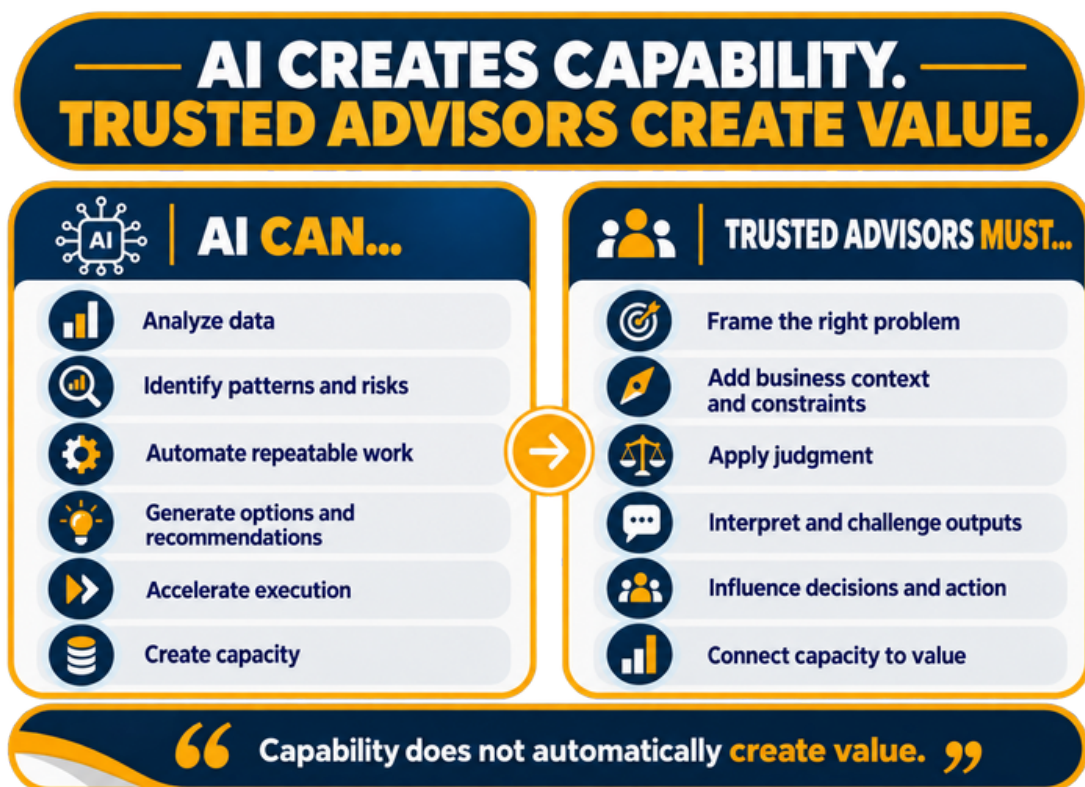


Resource Management excellence will still depend on strong execution. But increasingly, execution is only part of the value.

The greater opportunity is to use Resource Management expertise to help the organization make smarter decisions about its people and its work.

AI CREATES CAPABILITY. TRUSTED ADVISORS CREATE VALUE.

AI will expand what Resource Management teams are capable of doing. Those capabilities matter. But AI alone cannot ensure the right business outcome.



THE HUMAN DIFFERENCE

The more capable technology becomes, the more important uniquely human capabilities become:

Judgment • Critical Thinking • Business Acumen • Communication • Influence • Relationship Building • Stakeholder Management • Trust

These should not be viewed simply as “soft skills.” They are the capabilities that allow Resource Managers to translate expertise into insight, insight into action, and action into business value.

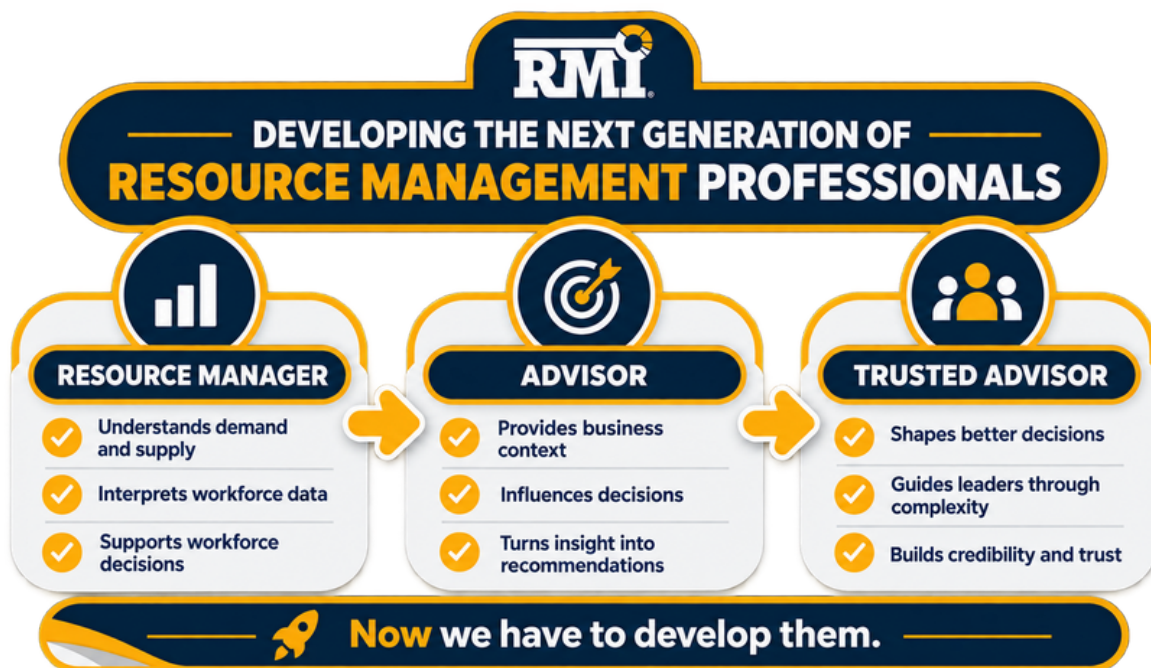
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DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONALS

The encouraging finding from RMI Connect is that many organizations already recognize the need. 70% of attendees said their organizations are at least talking about developing advisory skills. The more important question is: **Are we intentionally developing them?**

Trusted advisor capabilities do not appear automatically with experience or seniority.

They must be developed deliberately.



Over the past decade, Resource Management has made significant progress as a discipline. Organizations have improved processes, technology, data, governance, and operating models. The next opportunity is to continue advancing the profession itself. That means preparing Resource Managers not only to support workforce decisions, but also to help shape them.

As AI continues to change what is possible, organizations will still need people who can provide context, exercise judgment, influence stakeholders, and create trust.

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NOW WE HAVE TO DEVELOP THEM.

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