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corruption, unemployment, and poverty, and identify what reforms have worked, where and why. In *Doing Business in 2005*, you will also find answers to such questions as: Which are the Top 10 reformer countries since last year? Which are the Top 20 economies for doing business? As well as which countries implemented more harmful regulations? *Doing Business* is a comprehensive resource that no investor, policymaker, or economic advisor should be without.

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