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Does The Implied Private Company Pricing Line Make Sense?

By Richard R. Conn, CMA, MBA, CPA, ABV, ERP

The Implied Private Company Pricing Line (IPCPL) has been with us for several years now. This article examines the fundamental premise of the methodology and questions whether unbiased empirical data supports that premise. The purpose of the article is not to propose any modification or alternative, but simply to question whether the IPCPL is as well-founded on empirical evidence as the authors have claimed.

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In this issue of *The Value Examiner*, Richard Conn questions the methodology and premise of the Implied Private Company Pricing Line (IPCPL). Proponents of IPCPL, Rod Burkert, Peter Butler, and Bob Dohmeyer provide a response. *The Value Examiner* would like to hear from readers and learn a little bit about their thoughts on the IPCPL—pro or con. We will reprint the comments in an upcoming issue.

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This rebuttal is in response to the accompanying article, "Does The Implied Private Company Pricing Line Make Sense?" We would like to thank the author for entering the debate and *The Value Examiner* for providing us the opportunity to comment and, hopefully, provide better clarity on the topic.

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