

Ensuring Quality at Your ESC



The Long Winding Road to Quality



What is Quality?





The Beginning of the Journey



Reputational Risk

"It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it" – Warren Buffet



Consultant Evaluation??





Consultants don't want to get a report card



Back on the road to Quality





Quality White Paper





ServQual Model





Planning Strategically: VISION – MISSION – VALUES

What We do

Mission

What we want for our clients











How we are guided

Values





Quality is Inherent in Core Values

What are Core Values?





For-Profit Consulting Firms

Many have Core Values



Booz Allen Hamilton

Core Values

- Professionalism
- Fairness
- Integrity
- Respect
- Trust
- Client Service
- Diversity

- Excellence
- Entrepreneurship
- Teamwork





Boston Consulting Group

Core Values

- Integrity
- Respect for the Individual
- Diversity
- Clients Come First
- The Strategic Perspective
- Value Delivered

- Partnership
- Expanding the Art of the Possible
- Social Impact





Benchmarking Other ESC's

Cincinnati's Core Values





- 1. Develop ESC Core Values
- 2. Gain Board Approval
- 3. Post Core Values on website & collateral materials
- 4. Make Core Values part of ESC's Recruitment and Training



- 5. Include Core Values in New Consultant Orientation
- 6. Include Core Values in the Consultant Agreement
- 7. Discuss Core Values at All Consultant Meeting
- 8. Make Core Values a Guide to Consultants in All They Do



- 9. Director of Consultant Development should contact clients after projects are completed.
 - Standardized questions include adherence to ESC Core Values
 - Pilot for one year; summary report to ARC
 - Unprofessional behavior to be handled by Staff
- 10. Member of staff (TBD) available to consultants who seek voluntary feedback.
- 11. Core Values Will Guide the Board and Staff



ESC CORE VALUES





CORE VALUES They Guide Everything We Do

Volunteering – Our Passion is the Differentiator We value:

<u>Professionalism</u> – We possess the required skills & knowledge to provide excellent service and demonstrable results.

<u>Integrity</u> – We hold ourselves to the highest ethical standards

<u>Respect</u> – We treat our clients and each other with the highest levels of respect and courtesy.



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We value:

Knowing Our Clients – We understand each client's unique needs, mission, vision, values and culture.

Accountability - We feel a sense of shared ownership of our work with our clients for positive results

<u>Continuous Learning</u> – We pursue and promote continuous learning and growth for our clients and ourselves.

Reliability – We value dependability, diligent preparation and consistency of performance.



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We value:

<u>Communication</u> — We engage in a two-way process of reciprocal listening and information sharing.

Being Impactful - We measurably improve our clients' performance, and thereby positively affect the communities they serve.

<u>**Diversity**</u> – We seek to serve culturally diverse clients and to attract culturally diverse consultants and board members.

<u>Perspective</u> – We hold ourselves to performance excellence, and try to maintain perspective while doing it.