

# **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

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# RESPONSIBILITY TO SELF AND OTHERS

#### Service

- Passion for promoting ethics and integrity
- Encouraging the promotion of ethical behavior through personal actions and sharing ideas and resources
- Responsibility and accountability for fulfilling the mission of the Consortium

### Collaboration

- Achievement of common goals through the promotion of ethical, mutually beneficial relationships
- Service to the Consortium over promotion of self-interest
- Cooperation emphasized over competition in promoting ethical business conduct
- Members collaborate by being constructively engaged in discussions regarding ethics
- Seeking consensus in interactive discussions regarding ethical matters

### Respect

- Members may become aware of confidential information shared by others in an effort to determine an ethical course of action. We ask members to be sensitive in recognizing and respecting the efforts made toward achieving ethical behavior. Accordingly, public discourse of this information is discouraged.
- We respect other members and the process by:
- Exhibiting listening skills and actively listening to discussions
- Being open to other points of view and outcomes
- We are an inclusive organization and demonstrate this by welcoming members who are in different stages of learning as applied to ethical behavior.

## LEAD WITH INTEGRITY

### Dependability

 Members are asked to demonstrate their support of this initiative by consistently attending meetings

### Initiative

- Recruiting other members who have demonstrated a desire to promote ethical behavior in their organizations
- Recognizing what needs to be done to help promote the Mission of the Consortium and taking action to assist in that effort

#### Honor

- Members are asked to honor the Consortium through the practice of integrity and ethical behavior in their business dealings
- We express gratefulness to our hosts, sponsors and speakers; as well as to those whose volunteer service makes OK Ethics a stronger organization
- Realizing that each of us is in a mode of continual learning, we demonstrate humility, care and compassion when sharing our thoughts and knowledge

### Courage

 Speak the truth with confidence and encourage others to do the same

# **INSPIRE TRUST**

We serve and promote the cause of truth with integrity, objectivity, and fairness to all persons.

- We hold ourselves accountable by consistently honoring our word.
- We extend trust abundantly to those who have earned it.
- Trust, once earned, will not be taken for granted, manipulated, or abused.