VALUES

HOPE

- Positive belief that everything and anything is possible.
- FAITH that together, we will develop a better future for Minnesotans.
- Ensuring the opportunity to achieve the American dream.

INTEGRITY

- Always doing what is honest and fair. Today and tomorrow.
- STRENGTH OF CHARACTER to do the right thing, as an individual and as an organization.
- Fulfilling promises and producing results.

CHANGE

- Perpetual improvement, built on success.
- VISION to see opportunity and the COURAGE to act.
- Continuously seeking better, more effective and efficient ways to deliver services.

Principles

These principles will guide our work to ensure excellence in the services we provide.

Commitment to Mission . . . We will focus on what is important and do it well.

Focus on Customers . . . Our customers will be the center of every decision we make and every service we provide.

Simplify Government . . . Government will be reformed. Services will be improved. Government will become more accountable.

Manage for Results... Develop challenging indicators and benchmarks for all levels of government, measure results, and use the outcomes to guide decisions and direct our work.

Improvement by Innovation . . . We will encourage competition, collaboration, privatization, out-sourcing, and the increased use of technology and e-government services to improve the work we do.

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Values, Goals & Principles

"We will enable Minnesotans to improve their lives by providing effective and limited government."

--Governor Tim Pawlenty

GOALS

Improve Educational Achievement

We will establish clear standards, measure performance and increase opportunities for our children.

Ensure Public Safety

Our communities will be safe to raise families, conduct business and enjoy life.

Increase Jobs & Economic Opportunities

We will support the economic success of individuals, businesses and communities by improving opportunities for growth.

Enhance Transportation

We will improve the ability of Minnesotans to travel safer, smarter and more efficiently.

BUDGET PRINCIPLES

Fund what is essential.

- Funding will be priority-driven rather than spending-driven.
- Reform government to improve efficiency and reduce the cost.
- Rebuild government from the ground up to change the focus from output to results; from how government spends to how the government meets citizens' needs.
- Provide incentives to improve performance whenever possible.
- Measure the cost effectiveness of our activities and shift resources to those that demonstrate the greatest success in achieving our mission.
- Reward and celebrate success.

Explore and invest in new technologies and partnerships to improve services and reduce costs.

- Encourage competition, privatization, out-sourcing, e-government services, and other creative, cost-saving solutions.
- Forge partnerships with private and non-profit groups, actively engaging them in solutions.

Earn the public's trust.

- Never forget: it is the people's money.
- Communicate decisions and justify results.
- Match accountability with responsibility.
- Always do what is right and fair.