

### MISSION STATEMENT

"We serve business and government to improve the lives of Tennesseans."

#### **VISION STATEMENT**

"We envision Tennessee as a global leader with thriving business and industry, efficient and effective government, and vibrant communities."

### **VALUES STATEMENT**

"At the Institute for Public Service we value people, diversity, relationships, integrity, and excellence."

## **People** // our greatest asset and the focus of our services.

- Expecting open and honest feedback within a safe and respectful environment;
- Supporting every individual's ability to take ownership and make creative decisions with the freedom to fail;
- Supporting professional development; and
- Encouraging personal growth and a healthy life balance.

# **Diversity** // enriches and strengthens us and the people and organizations we serve.

- Pledging ourselves to maintaining an environment that respects and reflects a diversity of cultures, experiences, and ideas;
- Valuing inclusion in organizations, programs, and work; and
- Acknowledging and honoring the fundamental value and dignity of all individuals.

# **Relationships** // the foundation for superior service and positive influence.

- Knowing partnerships are critical to our success;
- Actively listening and speaking, seeking to understand;
- Working from a perspective of knowing and supporting others as individuals; and
- Celebrating our successes and the successes of others.

### Integrity // protects, empowers, and unites us.

- Being transparent, honest and fair;
- Doing what is right;
- Upholding promises, commitments, and confidences; and
- Accepting responsibility for our words and actions.

## **Excellence** $/\!/$ always striving for what ought to be.

- Striving to provide high-quality, timely, accurate information with creative and proven solutions;
- Taking measured risks to support unique solutions to problems;
- Focusing on continuously improving our services and performance- always seeking to positively improve our reputation;
- Paying attention to details while maintaining the complete perspective; and
- Meeting current issues and future trends to inspire innovation.

#### Goals:

- IPS Funding will Meet Expanding Customer Needs by 2022
- IPS Will Deliver Best-in-Class Customer-Focused Education and Technical Assistance
- We Will Develop a Diverse and Highly Skilled Workforce that Embodies the Values of Integrity, Accountability and Professionalism
- We will Communicate the Impact, Value and Story of IPS