

TODAY'S FOCUS: LEADERSHIP ETHICS

Public service is a public trust. The highest obligation of everyone in government is to fulfill that trust.

Each person who undertakes the public trust makes two paramount commitments:

- to serve the public interest; and**
- to perform with integrity.**

These are the commitments implicit in all public service.

In addition to faithful adherence to the ethical principles enjoined upon all honest and decent people, those who serve the public have a duty to discern, understand, and meet the needs of their fellow citizens.

That is, after all, the definition of a public servant.

--(Council for Excellence in Government, 1992)