### SENIOR LEADERS: EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES MODEL

A Model for Deciding Who to Promote to the C-Suite from Senior Leadership



Supporting text??

Our **EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMPENTENCIES MODEL** is comprised of 6 broad competency categories:

- 1. High-level thinking
- 2. Confidence of direct reports
- 3. Decision making
- 4. Leadership
- 5. Executive management
- 6. Attitude

This model will help you identify senior leaders who are worthy of moving up to the C-suite, based on their strategic, leadership, and collaborative ability.

### EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES MODEL: HIGH-LEVEL THINKING



- Intelligent, strategic, insightful, innovative
- Understanding, appreciation, and passion for organizational mission
- · Deep and wide technical knowledge, skill, and wisdom
- Institutional memory / historic knowledge
- Organized
- Active, continuous learner

# EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES MODEL: CONFIDENCE OF DIRECT REPORTS

- Trusted and respected
- Record of high employee retention and discretionary effort

## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES MODEL: DECISION MAKING



- Deliberative and systematic
- Able to think inside and outside of the box
- · Considers big picture and the details
- Understands context
- Consults with managers and line-staff
- Conducts research and analysis
- Draws on repeatable solutions
- Extrapolates from repeatable solutions
- Considers "if, then" consequences long-, intermediate-, and short-term

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### EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES MODEL: LEADERSHIP



- Alignment of values, vision, mission, strategy, priorities, planning, execution, and continuous improvement
- Clear, consistent messaging
- Vivid and relentless articulation of the messaging
- Strong, kind, and supportive
- Tunes in to individuals, asks good questions, and listens carefully
- Motivates and energizes others

### EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES MODEL: EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT

Staffing



- Resource planning
- Delegation
- High-structure, high-substance communication
- Regular one-on-ones
- Convenes and runs meetings for the right reasons; organizes good agendas and sticks to them; and laser focus in meetings
- Teaches managers to manage (see following page)

### TEACHING MANAGERS TO MANAGE



This is what leaders who teach others to manage teach them:

- Break large goals into delineable components
- Break components into intermediate goals with clear parameters and timelines
- Break intermediate goals into short-term measurable tasks, responsibilities, and projects
- Effectively assign ownership of tasks, responsibilities, and projects to the right people at the right times
- Follow up with staff to provide feedback and direction at appropriate benchmarks
- Steward the completion of the work
- Recognize, reward, and develop high performers
- Remove low performers

## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP COMPETENCIES MODEL: ATTITUDE



- Service mindset
- Flexible and adaptable
- Interpersonal empathy
- Emotional regulation
- Courage

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