

# The New Bedford Way

## New Bedford City Government

### STATEMENT OF VALUES

*As public servants, we pride ourselves on earning and maintaining the public's trust and we ensure that our actions reflect the highest standards of integrity and professionalism.*

**Accountability:** We pursue excellence in our service to New Bedford's residents. We accomplish with integrity, honesty, and conscientiousness, our defined and assigned tasks to the best of our abilities.

**Integrity:** We hold ourselves to the highest ethical and performance standards and are professional and honest in our working relationships. We strive for equity and fairness in our decisions and in our treatment of one another. We honor our obligations and are committed to a transparent process that ensures the highest level of trust in our decisions and methods.

**Innovation:** We take bold action with a shared sense of purpose and a creative approach to problem-solving. We are proactive visionaries who use our knowledge, skills and abilities to seize opportunities and confront challenges to ensure the highest level of service to the community.

**Continuous Improvement:** We are tireless in our efforts to improve the performance of city government by providing efficient services that meet the needs of the community. We perform our jobs with an entrepreneurial spirit and a singleness of purpose that produces results and keeps New Bedford in a state of forward motion.

**Teamwork:** Our success depends upon a cooperative effort and the ability to perform as one highly effective team. We maintain an atmosphere of mutual respect, support and cooperation that provides a positive work environment for our employees, encourages individual creativity, and produces the highest quality of services for our residents.

**Respect:** We value and celebrate the diversity of our community, appreciate differing viewpoints, respond with empathy to the concerns of our residents and encourage active civic engagement as we work to provide a welcoming environment in which to conduct the People's business. We are committed to the respectful and dignified treatment of all people and to the development of meaningful and productive working relationships with our colleagues and the residents we serve.