



## SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP: trust building

# POLITICAL SAVVY

Achieving success as a leader in local government requires an exceptional degree of political savvy to know when and how to pursue important issues. The challenge is to be exceptionally politically astute without becoming political. Political Savvy helps participants develop a sensitivity to political dynamics, recognize when things may not be what they seem, and helps them learn to avoid a variety of political pitfalls.

### Objectives:

By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- **Develop insights into driving forces of the political processes**
- **Learn to interpret political dynamics that shape policy discussions**
- **Gain an understanding of specific strategies for being politically astute, without becoming political**
- **Develop an understanding of the appropriate role of staff when supporting elected officials**
- **Avoid political landmines when recommending policy actions**

