

## **10 Tenets of Exceptional Customer Focus**

- 1. Always put the customer first, no excuses.
- 2. Quality and satisfaction are defined by each customer, not us.
- 3. Who's to blame is irrelevant; keep the customer happy.
- 4. Every customer request matters & deserves a response.
- 5. Remove hassle from customers; less is more.
- 6. Look for ways to "delight" customers.
- 7. Do what you say you are going to do; set the right expectations and follow through.
- 8. No news is not good news; be proactive!
- 9. Listen, own our mistakes and fix the problem with urgency.
- 10. Great service is a team effort.

## **10 Things that Erode Customer Focus**

- 1. Viewing our customers as a hindrance to getting our work done.
- 2. Forgetting that we all work for our customers and we are all on the same team.
- 3. Visionaries believing they are not customer facing.
- 4. Saying, "We can't do that" rather than, "Here's a way we could do that."
- 5. "Resolving" a customer problem without interacting with the customer.
- 6. Not following up on issues we transfer to other functions.
- 7. Not acting with urgency; believing customer issues will diminish or be forgotten with time.
- 8. Assuming our customers won't look for another website provider.
- 9. Not acting with the customer's best interests in mind.
- 10. Not holding Visionaries accountable to our core value of customer focus.