

ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECTS

- ***Okaloosa County Budget Analysis***
Recommended steps to reduce 2010-2011 budget \$5 million.
- ***City of Valparaiso Public Works Study***
Performed analyses resulting in increased services to residents.
- ***Children in Crisis (CIC)***
Developed business plan for this foster care facility.
- ***Ocean City-Wright Fire Department***
Guided development of strategic plan to support adding advanced life support capability and improving response times.
- ***Okaloosa County – Hurricane Ivan After-Action Report***
Prepared comprehensive report on Okaloosa County response.
- ***Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Management***
Initiated project to determine feasibility of geo-plasma technology to generate electricity and eliminate landfills.
- ***Crestview Enterprise Zone***
Assisted Okaloosa County Economic Development Council in preparing application for Enterprise Zone designation.
- ***Walton County Tourist Development Council***
Performed management audit and made recommendations to help make South Walton a premier Florida tourist destination.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

All ISP Members Are “Directors”

Candidates for Membership:

Persons who have distinguished themselves by professional or other accomplishments, and are in a position to actively contribute to the community.

By Invitation: Membership is by invitation. A sponsor vouches for the experience and qualifications of prospective members.

Process: Candidate is invited to a membership meeting; Directors subsequently provide comment to Membership Committee; candidate submits application and resume and is interviewed by Membership Committee; application then submitted to general membership for approval.

President’s Invitation: The College President reviews the Directors’ recommendation and invites the prospective member to join ISP.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ISP:

Check out our website and feel free to call one of the contacts listed there, or call the President’s Assistant at
(850) 729-5360.

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Institute for Senior Professionals

Northwest Florida State College



A service organization
offering pro bono
professional support projects
for local governments
and non-profit organizations within
the Okaloosa–Walton County area.

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Mission:

The NWF State College Institute for Senior Professionals (ISP) is a service organization committed to providing opportunities for retired and semi-retired professionals to make meaningful contributions in support of the community and the college. It does so through studies, problem solving, strategic planning and participation in the college's programs. ISP was established by the college in 1991. It has conducted more than 70 projects, gaining the respect and support of both government and not-for-profit groups.

Broad Goals:

ISP project teams employ professional methodologies to make objective observations and recommendations to enhance the effectiveness of client organizations. In so doing, the ISP supports college programs, strategic and business plans, community development, quality of life initiatives, local government operations, and non-profit organization activities. ISP monitors emerging issues, provides the community with ready access to intellectual resources and professional experience, and provides ISP members with intellectual stimulation and public service.

Guiding Principles:

Awareness: ISP promotes awareness of its activities, and stays abreast of emerging issues.

Member Participation: Membership is voluntary and by invitation. Members are expected to participate in ISP projects.

Fund Raising: ISP does not raise funds.

Volunteer Work: Private sector projects are not accepted.

Member Diversity: The value of diversity is recognized.

Apolitical: ISP is apolitical. Projects supporting candidates or political parties are not accepted.

Consistency: ISP operations, activities, and projects are consistent with NWF State College policy.

Ethics/Professionalism: ISP members are expected to maintain the highest ethical and professional standards.

Criteria-Based Selection: Every project must be discussed and approved by the ISP Directors.

Conflicts of Interest: Directors with outside interests avoid conflicts with ISP activities.

Project Protocol:

Scope: Studies, analyses and plans.

Approval: Projects must be within ISP capabilities, limited to support for local governments and non-profits, and achievable within a set period.

Execution: Project Committees produce work responding to requestor's needs. Directors review and comment, and a final document is written for Director approval. Once approved, the document is provided to the requestor.

Standards: ISP projects are executed using rigorous standards for accuracy, completeness and non-partisanship.

Critical Issues Focus Groups:

Objective: Maintain awareness of issues affecting our service area and develop relationships with community stakeholders. Every Director is expected to be in one or more Focus Group.

Current Focus Groups:

- **Citizen's Involvement:** Participation in governance and provision of social services.
- **College Involvement:** Support for College services and academic programs.
- **Disaster Response:** Participation in preparations for natural disasters.
- **Economic Development and Natural Resources:** Better economic conditions, bearing in mind stewardship of the natural environment.
- **Transportation:** Planning and execution of transportation projects.

