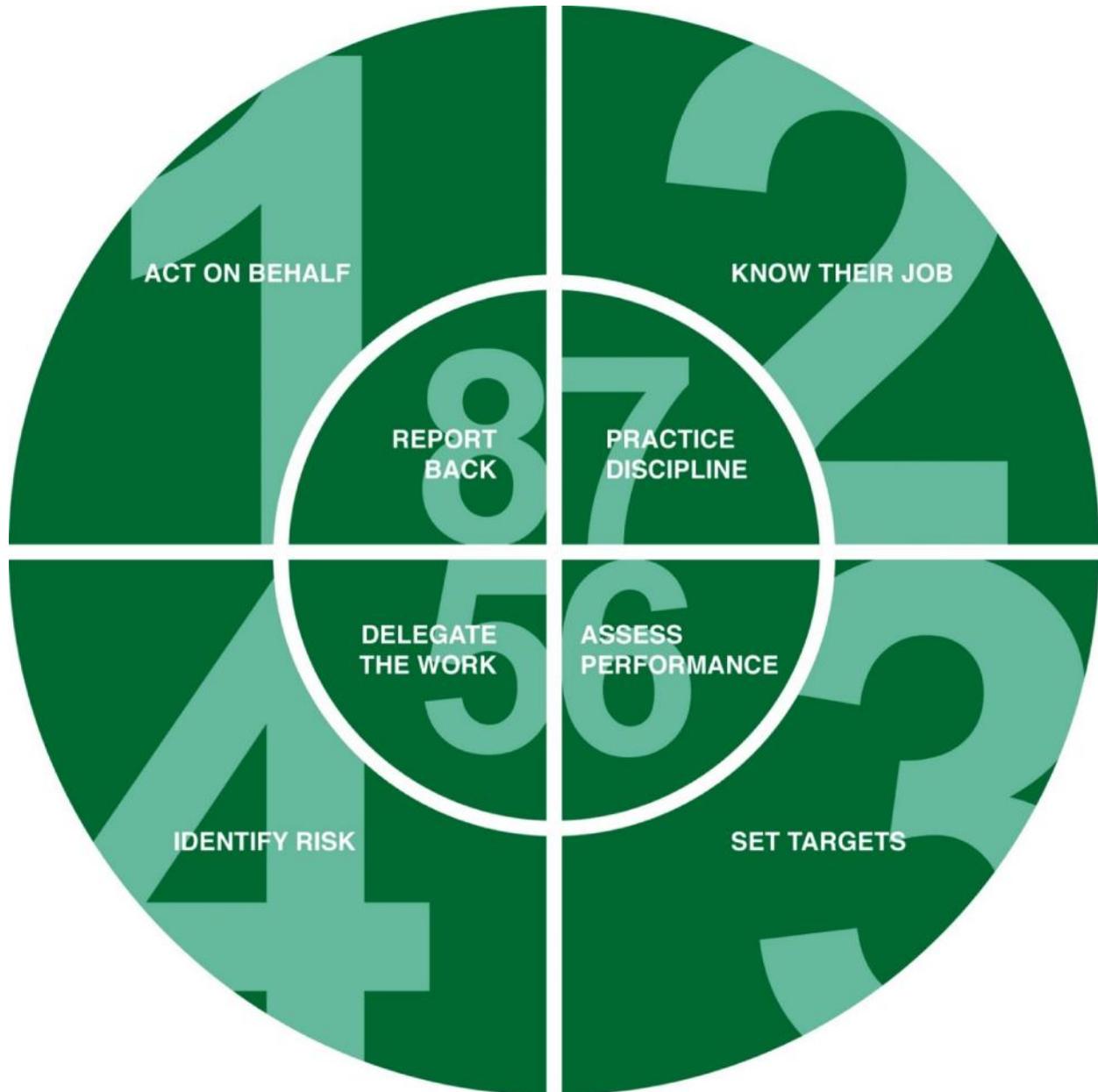


# Building Strong Elected-Appointed Official Relationships

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**Mike Conduff** is the President and CEO of The Elim Group – *Your Governance Experts*, a leadership training and organizational governance consulting firm headquartered in Denton, Texas. Mike is a gifted speaker, multiple time bestselling author, and corporate coach, and has extensive leadership, management and governance experience. During his 30+ year career in local government he served as the City Manager of four highly acclaimed University communities in the United States, two in Kansas – Pittsburg and Manhattan, and two in Texas – Bryan and Denton.

Mike served on the Board of Directors of the International City/County Management Association, and is a Fellow in the prestigious National Academy of Public Administration®, a member of The Academy of Best Selling Authors and is the Special Liaison for Governance for ICMA, where he writes a regular Governance Column for the internationally distributed **Public Manager** Magazine.

Mike is the Past Chairman of the Board of the International Policy Governance Association, a worldwide organization of leading governance practitioners. His books on governance have been widely recognized and his book, *The OnTarget Board Member – 8 Indisputable Behaviors*, now in its fourth edition, has been nominated for numerous awards. He also won the highly coveted “Quilly” for his work with Jack Canfield (of Chicken Soup fame) on Outcomes, and has been featured in **USA Today**.

Mike numbers among his clients dozens of local governments, many Chambers of Commerce, and numerous local, state and national non-profit and for-profit firms. In addition he has presented multiple programs internationally and worked directly with the President and Cabinet of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Considered a master of motivation, his four decades as an employee, supervisor, CEO, speaker and consultant provide a unique background of learning experiences that he enthusiastically shares with his audiences. Mike believes that as local government leaders – both Elected and Appointed – we can help craft the future of our communities through Good Governance.

**Jim Hunt** speaks, trains, and writes on leadership development in local government and assists communities in maximizing their potential. He is the founder of Amazing Cities, an organization dedicated to creating excellence in municipal government. Jim served in elected local office for 27 years and has played a prominent role on a state, national and international level in advancing the cause of effective local governance. In 2006, American City and County Magazine named Jim as "Municipal Leader of the Year".

Jim has presented throughout the world on the topics of leadership, community revitalization and inclusiveness. He was a featured speaker at the Connecting Communities Conference in Caux, Switzerland in 2001 and traveled to the Peoples Republic of China in 2002 as part of a U.S. State Department mission. In 2005, he was a RUPRI Fellow in Brussels, Belgium. During his tenure as President of the National League of Cities, the oldest and largest organization representing municipal governments, Jim traveled throughout the United States speaking to over 25,000 local municipal officials on excellence in local government.

Jim writes on issues important to local government and is the author of *The Amazing City – 7 Steps to Creating an Amazing City*. Additionally, with Mike, Jim is the Co-Author of *Bottom Line Green-How America's Cities are Saving the Planet (And Money Too!)*

Jim is probably best known for creating the Partnership for Inclusive Communities, a national effort to create an inclusive approach to government. The partnership was featured in a front page article in **USA Today** and has grown to include over 161 cities representing over 20 million citizens.

Jim has appeared on C-Span, NPR and is regularly quoted in national media outlets on issues concerning local government. He has also been a contributor to National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" program.

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