## THE STRATEGIC COMPASS

Be unconditionally constructive on Relationship management

Balance Advocacy with Inquiry in Communication

Focus on Interests no positions; ask: Why? What else? Priorities?

Explore many possible Options; separate inventing from deciding

Test and build **Criteria** with data and objective standards

if "NO"

if "YES"

Alternatives build your walk-away, weaken theirs Commitment early on process, late on substance

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## **MEASURE SUCCESS**

## Satisfies Interests

- Ours well
- Theirs well or at least acceptably
- Others' well or at least tolerably

Exceeds our BATNA (Best Alternative to a Negotiated Agreement) and theirs

Is a no waste solution: Best of the many possible **Options** 

Builds **Criteria**; feels fair; refers to objective standards

Includes **Commitments** that are clear, mutually understood, and operational

The process plans and promotes efficient, effective **Communication** 

The process appreciates and builds desirable working **Relationships**