

CYNTHIA EISENHAUER completed 34 years in public service, most recently as chief of staff for Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack and Lt. Governor Sally Pederson. She has served in the cabinets of both Republican and Democratic governors, and worked in state, county and city governments.

Eisenhauer has earned national awards for innovation, technology and excellence in public service, including the National Public Administrator of the Year from the National Employers Council, Ford Foundation's Innovation in Government Award, and Excellence in Public Service from the National Public Employees Roundtable.

Eisenhauer continues to be invited to speak on public service innovation and finance. Most recently, Eisenhauer assisted the city of New Orleans in developing the 2008, 2009, and 2010 budgets using a "budgeting for outcomes" approach, and worked with the city of New York Finance Department to transform to a high-performing government organization. Currently, she is guiding government reform efforts for the states of Vermont and West Virginia. Eisenhauer is senior advisor to the Pew Charitable Trust Center for the States; and in 2007, began a five year term as a Financial Accounting Foundation trustee.

She is recipient of the 1994 IBM Harvard Fellow Award and studied public policy at the Kennedy School of Government. In 1976, she earned a master of public administration degree from Drake University. An adjunct professor at Iowa State and Drake Universities, Eisenhauer was named a 2004 Woman of Influence by the Iowa Business Record.