## **Gender Goggles: Key Communication Differences by Gender**

Area	Men	Women
Team Environment	Hierarchy – one up	Team – "power dead even"
In a Group	Banter; will stop talking	Inclusive environment
Dealing with Leader	Self-promote; compliment	Performance speaks for itself
Learning style	Self-study	Asks questions
Trust	Do what you commit + respect	Do what you commit
Conflict	Open arguing; then friendly	May take personally
Decision Making	Less input	More input; collaborate options
Sharing Feelings	Reserved; will show anger	Openly shares to connect
Influence	Meeting before meeting	In meeting
High stakes question	Best guess	Will admit they don't know
Giving Direction	Direct; no implied meaning	Indirect; gives hints
Asking for direction	Delays as long as possible	Asks for help as needed
Humor	Teasing; nicknames	Self-mocking
Negotiation	Opens with first demand	Opens with question

<sup>\*\*</sup>Chart describes each end of gender spectrum based on research; however, every individual is unique