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Governor Pence named Dewand Neely Director of the Office of Technology

On October 2, Governor Mike Pence named **Dewand Neely** as Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Director of the Indiana Office of Technology (IOT), which was effective on Friday, October 9, 2015. Neely previously served as Deputy CIO overseeing the IOT Seat Services program, a position he has held since 2013.



“I’m grateful to name current Deputy Chief Information Officer Dewand Neely as Director of the Indiana Office of Technology,” said Governor Pence. “Neely was one of the initial employees for the Indiana Office of Technology and his extensive experience with the agency will prove critical as we continue to work toward innovation and efficiency within state government. I know that going forward, Neely will continue to serve Hoosiers with dedication and commitment.”

In Neely’s previous role, his responsibilities include managing an annual operating budget of \$27 million and overseeing a staff of 90 employees responsible for providing IT support for all state agencies. Dewand joined Indiana government in 2003, first as a contractor and then a full-time employee for the Family and Social Services Administration. He was then tasked to be one of the initial employees to join the Indiana Office of Technology when it was created in 2005 to help assist with the statewide IT consolidation efforts. He has served several managerial roles within the IOT before ultimately reporting directly to the CIO.

Neely received his undergraduate degree from Purdue University’s School of Technology and his MBA from Indiana Wesleyan University.

Current CIO and IOT Director Paul Baltzell is leaving his position to work at Mainstreet in Carmel. Baltzell has served as Director of the IOT since the beginning of the Governor’s administration in 2013. He was instrumental in the implementation of the Governor’s Data Driven Decision making effort, culminating in the Management and Performance Hub, and in using technology to take on the state’s infant mortality problem. He also helped initiate the Indy Civic Hack Series, including the first multi-state hackathon competition, won by Indiana.

“Paul Baltzell has played an influential role in the continued success of the Indiana Office of Technology, and his expectations of innovation, efficiency, and creativity will be missed,” said Governor Pence. “We wish him the best in his new role, and are thankful for his service to the state of Indiana and Hoosier taxpayers.”