

The Indiana Broadband Office's top executive, Stephen Cox, is leaving the office this month, the organization announced Monday.

Cox, who had served as Indiana's chief broadband officer since the organization's launch in April 2023, will work his last day at the office on Wednesday.

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The Indiana Broadband Office announced Cox's departure in its November newsletter, which showed up in subscriber mailboxes Monday morning. In the announcement, the office described Cox as someone who has "shaped the office to what it is today," growing it from two employees in 2023 to its current staff of 16.

Cox, who plans to move to South Bend with his family, told IBJ via email that he is currently "not at liberty to make any announcement about my next adventure," but will likely say more via his LinkedIn social media account when the time is right.

The Indiana Broadband Office works with public- and private-sector entities to help expand broadband access throughout the state.

Cox's major focus during his tenure has been [overseeing the administration](#) of Indiana's \$868 million portion of the \$42.5 billion federal Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment Program, or BEAD, which is funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. (The Trump administration [made some late-stage changes](#) to the program earlier this year just as key deadlines were approaching in Indiana, forcing broadband providers to reapply for projects.)

"I am incredibly proud of our office and grateful for the relationships I've made with my colleagues and internet service providers around the state," Cox said in the newsletter announcement. "Serving as the Chief Broadband Officer for the great State of Indiana has been a privilege and honor of my professional career. The success we've had is made possible by my wonderful team and the collaboration we have cultivated with the internet service providers to make sure every Hoosier has access to reliable, affordable broadband access."

Cox said the Indiana Broadband Office's chief of staff, Amanda O'Daniel, will serve as interim director of the office after his departure, and the Governor's Office will announce when a permanent successor is in place.

IBJ has reached out to the Governor's Office for more information.