



# Strategic Advisors to Government Executives

## *Chief Information Officer (CIO)*

The Partnership for Public Service's *Strategic Advisors to Government Executives (SAGE) Program* connects senior-level executives in government with their predecessors who are now in the private-sector, providing them with an opportunity to leverage prior government experience and private-sector capabilities to continue to help transform government and improve performance.

### Program Missions

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- ★ Assist, advise, and mentor incoming, public-sector CIOs on successful technology/business alignment and outcomes;
- ★ Create a forum for thought leadership and information exchange among existing and former federal, state, and local sector CIOs;
- ★ Share and build on valuable “lessons learned” and discuss foundational activities essential to integrating strategies for e-government service delivery and support; and
- ★ Help incoming CIOs successfully recognize customer and business centric needs and demands behind digital government and promote these to other government decision-makers.

#### **FEDERAL CIO ROADMAP**

The Federal CIO Roadmap is a high-level view of areas of responsibility for federal CIOs. It identifies key legislation pertaining to the federal IT and e-Government community and the fiduciary duties of the federal CIO.

#### **BOOT CAMP**

The CIO Boot Camp, held for incoming federal CIOs, is an examination of the CIO role from both public and private perspectives using the federal CIO Roadmap as a guide for discussion. The CIO SAGE group was instrumental in the development and implementation of the first ever CIO Boot Camp conducted in October of 2004, followed by similar events in 2005, 2006 and 2007.

### History

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This first-of-its-kind network of former federal, state and local CIOs was established to support effective information technology and digital government approaches in the public sector. Comprised of former public-sector CIO all-stars, the CIO SAGEs leverage their knowledge and expertise of federal, state and local technology management issues to assist and mentor incoming and current government CIOs.

Since its inception in late 2002, the CIO SAGE program has advised groups like the South Carolina Technology Advisory Study Group and the Massachusetts Information Technology Commission on improving statewide IT practices. A small group of SAGEs also held a series of meetings with the Executive Office of the President (EOP) during 2003 to help implement IT best practices within the EOP. In 2008, the CIO SAGEs helped to coordinate a series of workshops focusing on relevant issues to the federal CIO community, including transition and cyber-security.

### Membership

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Members of the CIO SAGE program have distinguished themselves in public sector leadership by advancing innovative technology management approaches essential to improving the performance of government. They also share a common

purpose with current CIOs – to successfully implement technology solutions that improve the economy and efficiency of government programs and also recast the connection between citizens and government.