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Arapahoe County hires new Information Technology Director *David Bessen to oversee Information Technology department*

LITTLETON, CO --- Arapahoe County has named David Bessen as its new Information Technology Director.

After conducting a national search, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners selected Bessen, who has more than 20 years of Information Technology experience with a focus on driving value, leadership, and innovation.

"We are excited to have David Bessen join our team," said Commissioner Rod Bockenfeld, who serves as chairman of the Board. "David brings a wealth of Information Technology experience to Arapahoe County. His background in managing technology along with the development and execution of innovative solutions and strategy makes him the perfect candidate to lead our Information Technology department."

Bessen will oversee a 57-member Information Technology department that is responsible for the County's centralized information technology infrastructure, assets, systems, applications, projects and analysis services.

Previously, Bessen spent a year at Business Systems Consulting as a Management Consultant where he assisted software companies, a media company and a global truck manufacturing firm with strategy development, marketing and implementation projects.

Prior to Business Systems Consulting, he served as Vice President and Chief Information Officer of MediaNews Group, Inc. He was the Director of Information Services for Copley Press, Inc. in La Jolla, California and Vice President of Operations for Management Process Integrators in Arizona.

Bessen earned his Bachelor's degree in History from Haverford College in Pennsylvania. He received his Master's and Ph.D. in Medieval History from the University of Toronto.

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Media Note: A photo of David Bessen is available for download on the County's FTP Server by clicking on: <ftp://www.co.arapahoe.co.us/Pub/CM/Photos/David%20Bessen>