

Stephanie E. Dedmon, MBA, PMP

As Chief Information Officer for the State of Tennessee, Stephanie is responsible for all operational areas of the state's central IT organization, Strategic Technology Solutions. This includes managing the team's IT service delivery, technical infrastructure development and support, customer service management and a workforce of almost 1300 IT professionals.

As Deputy CIO, Dedmon was responsible for the Enterprise IT Transformation initiative that transitioned over 800 Executive Branch Department IT employees to STS. Prior to joining the State of Tennessee in 2005, Dedmon was an Associate Partner with Accenture in Nashville and served as project director on many public sector software implementations.

Dedmon serves on the NASCIO Executive Committee and as Co-Chair of the Innovation Forum. She is a Board member of the Nashville Technology Council and a member of Women in IT Tennessee.

Sama Bahjat

Sama Bahjat is a Software Developer Lead at Strategic Technology Solution in the State of Tennessee. In her current role, Sama is responsible for leading the development of the state's official mobile app MyTN. Prior to this role, she led the development of other websites and mobile apps including Tn.Gov and PickTN.

Sama brings 15 years of experience serving Tennessee citizens through her different roles with Tennessee State Government.

Jerry Jones

Jerry Jones is the Executive Director of Enterprise Shared Solutions for the state of Tennessee. A passionate, highly technical leader, Jerry is long and well known for developing extraordinary solutions to acutely difficult challenges. Additionally, he is a natural born leader who generates excitement and passion among staff to rethink their own creative and technical limits.

Prior to this role, he served as the Chief Systems Architect for the state of Tennessee and also the Chief Information Officer for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Jerry has worked in the information technology field for more than 25 years with experience in both the public and private sectors.

Jerry retired with 20 years of service from the Ohio Army National Guard with the rank of Major.

Kasey Meinecke

Kasey Meinecke is a Senior Management Consultant for the Office of Customer Focused Government. Ms. Meinecke is a project management professional with nine years of experience leading planning, training, and exercise-related initiatives in the public and private sectors. At the state, Ms. Meinecke led the four-year strategic planning process for the state's cabinet-level agencies. She provides in-house, enterprise-focused support for departments and agencies across the state.

Prior to working at the state, Ms. Meinecke worked in the emergency management and homeland security field. She started her career at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). While at MEMA, she served as a National Capital Region planner for the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments emergency management planning subcommittee. Within the committee, she was the lead Maryland planner on the sheltering, school preparedness, and NCR Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) committees. Ms. Meinecke also assisted in the development of a regional cyber preparedness model, a sheltering gap analysis and minimum standards guidance document, and the

strategic plan for completing the 2014 NCR THIRA. After her time at MEMA, Ms. Meinecke spent four years working as a Senior Associate at the Olson Group, Ltd. At the Olson Group, Ms. Meinecke led emergency management planning projects for state and local governments as well as private companies. Most notably, Ms. Meinecke wrote the Commonwealth of Virginia's Recovery Plan, led the North Central Texas Council of Governments THIRA, the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency Personal Preparedness Initiative, and supported numerous emergency management and homeland security exercises across the country.

Kasey earned her Bachelor of Arts in Government and Politics from the University of Maryland – College Park and a Master's in Public Administration with a concentration in International Management from George Mason University. She lives in Nashville with her husband and 20-month old son, Brooks.