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Jonathan Fozard is a transformational executive technology leader with more than 26 years of experience directing complex enterprise architecture, cybersecurity frameworks, and digital modernization initiatives within major research institutions and the public sector. As the Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Florida State University, Mr. Fozard commands the strategic vision and operational execution of the university's global technology ecosystem. His executive portfolio encompasses FSU's Information Technology Services, the Office of Digital Learning and Academic Technology, the Florida Virtual Campus, the Northwest Regional Data Center, and the State Data Center of Florida—ensuring secure, resilient, and high-performance computing infrastructure for over 46,000 students and a wide range of statewide public-sector agencies.

Recognized as a leading voice on public-sector innovation, Mr. Fozard was appointed by the Florida Senate President to a four-year term on the state's Government Technology Modernization Council. In this state-level governance capacity, he advises lawmakers and policy leaders on identity management frameworks, state data security standards, and the responsible evaluation and deployment of artificial intelligence systems across Florida's government infrastructure. At FSU, he engineered the "RISE 2030" digital transformation campaign, a comprehensive framework aligning multi-million-dollar technology investments with core academic and research aspirations. Under his leadership, Florida State has emerged as a national model for enterprise AI adoption, successfully rolling out secure generative AI platforms, agentic classroom tools, and the centralized institutional hub AI.fsu.edu. His defense-in-depth risk management practices currently safeguard critical digital assets across a statewide base of more than 1.7 million identity accounts.

For his impactful leadership and commitment to workforce development, Mr. Fozard was named the 2026 Florida Large Enterprise ORBIE CIO Award winner. Prior to his tenure at FSU, he served as the Interim Chief Technology Officer and Associate Vice President at George Washington University, and held senior technology, finance, and operations executive roles at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University.

A trusted adviser within the broader technology sector, Mr. Fozard serves on the national Higher Education CIO Advisory Boards for both Microsoft and Dell, chairs the Finance Committee for Florida LambdaRail, and frequently publishes and speaks for leading national organizations, including EDUCAUSE, Internet2, and CIO News. He holds a Master of Business Administration and completed doctoral coursework in Higher Education Administration and Policy Studies at Oklahoma State University.