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Richard A. Spires is currently an independent consultant providing advice to companies and government agencies in strategy, digital transformation, operations, and business development. In 2021, Mr. Spires published the book *Success in the Technology Field*, a guide for those looking to advance their careers in information technology and cybersecurity.

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From 2015 to early 2020, Mr. Spires served as the CEO and a Director of Learning Tree, International, a leading provider of workforce development and hands-on IT and management training services.

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