



WARREN SPONHOLTZ

State Chief Information Officer, State of Florida

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Warren Sponholtz serves as the State Chief Information Officer for the State of Florida, providing enterprise technology leadership across 35 federated state agencies. He oversees statewide strategy, policy, cybersecurity, governance, data, and architecture responsibilities that support secure, modern, and mission-aligned public services. Since his appointment in August 2024, he has focused on strengthening enterprise coordination, modernizing state technology, improving project oversight, advancing data interoperability, and reinforcing Florida's cybersecurity posture.

An experienced leader in enterprise coordination and modernization, Mr. Sponholtz has led major initiatives to strengthen Florida's digital infrastructure. He developed a three-year statewide IT strategy aligning modernization, cybersecurity, and workforce enablement across enterprise agencies, and enhanced oversight for state IT projects exceeding \$10 million to improve transparency, accountability, and early intervention.

He also advanced statewide data and cybersecurity initiatives, including creation of the State Enterprise Data Catalog to inventory data assets and support interoperability. He has directed development of a statewide security lake, a threat intelligence-sharing network, and continues to lead the Local Cybersecurity Grant Program to expand local government capabilities through consolidated purchasing.

Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Sponholtz served as the Deputy State Chief Information Security Officer, where he led statewide cybersecurity planning and built mature communities of practice across the enterprise. He also spent eight years as the Chief Information Officer for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), directing comprehensive IT operations, cloud modernization efforts, and application transformations that prioritized data analytics and customer-focused service delivery. His career in public service also includes a decade at the Florida Department of Transportation, where he held various leadership roles in application development and portfolio management.

Warren is a United States Marine Corps veteran, serving honorably from 1994 to 2000 and earning multiple military decorations. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems from Florida State University, is a graduate of the FSU Certified Public Manager program, and maintains PMP and Security+ certifications. He lives in Tallahassee with his wife, Becky, and remains active in the local community.