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Chris Niehaus is the Director of Microsoft's U.S. Office of Civic Innovation. Chris and his team focus on developing and delivering new and unique solutions in the Government, Education and Healthcare communities. Chris was appointed to this position in December 2009.

Niehaus (pronounced "Knee-house") has been with Microsoft for 11 years, serving both in Redmond on Product Development and in D.C. with the Public Sector. Before his most recent appointment, Chris was the Director of Technical Sales for Unified Communications, Collaboration and Cloud technologies in Microsoft's Federal Government business.

Joining Microsoft in 2001, Chris led Strategic Business Development and Product Planning for Microsoft's Exchange Product Suite. During his tenure, Exchange Server grew into the market leading messaging and collaboration platform.

Prior to Microsoft, Chris received his MBA from the University of Texas after leaving the United States Army as an Engineer Captain. Chris, his wife Katie, and their three sons are eight year residents of Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.
