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Ohio CIO earns leadership role at national IT organization

COLUMBUS — Ervan D. Rodgers, II, State of Ohio chief information officer (CIO), recently joined the executive committee of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO), an organization that represents state government CIOs from around the country.

“Ervan is an enthusiastic leader who understands the great potential for technology and data to shape the future of the public sector and make government more flexible and responsive to the needs of citizens,” said Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Director Matt Damschroder. “He is a self-described techie who also has incredible energy and creativity that will make him an outstanding member of the NASCIO leadership team.”

Already a member of NASCIO, Rodgers was nominated to the committee and selected by the organization’s membership of state CIOs for a two-year term. As a committee member, he will help guide NASCIO in its mission to foster government excellence through leadership of quality business practices, information management, and technology policy.

“In Ohio and across the country, State governments are adapting and reshaping how we interact with citizens from a technology perspective,” said Rodgers. “I’m pleased to join my counterparts to share best practices and foster excellence in state government information management and policy.”

Rodgers will also serve as NASCIO representative on the Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative, which advises the U.S. Attorney General on justice information sharing and integration initiatives. During his two-year term, Rodgers will join representatives of more than 30 organizations to make recommendations that advance justice-related and public-safety information sharing at all levels of government.

As state CIO and assistant director at DAS, Rodgers oversees the DAS Office of Information Technology and sets the information technology direction for the State of Ohio. Since assuming the position in December 2018, he has worked closely with Lt. Governor Jon Husted’s [InnovateOhio](#) initiative to focus on centralizing and modernizing state government so agencies, boards, and commissions can make data-driven, customer-centric decisions that better serve the needs of Ohioans.

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