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Charles Havekost Named HHS Chief Information Officer

HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson announced today that Charles Havekost will become the department's chief information officer (CIO), a position within the HHS Office of the Assistant Secretary for Budget, Technology and Finance. He will also hold the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Resources Management.

In his new role, Havekost will oversee the department's information technology resources, program systems and infrastructure. He will also be responsible for the development of enterprise architecture in compliance with the Office of Management and Budget's regulations and administration policy.

"Charlie's experience from his years in the federal government and in the private sector make him an ideal candidate for bringing to HHS the best both worlds have to offer," Secretary Thompson said. "His previous work here at the Department, in particular on Grants.gov, demonstrates his deep understanding of the importance of information technology and how it can better serve our citizens."

As CIO, Havekost will provide leadership and direction for HHS investments in e-government projects and IT infrastructure services. Most recently, Havekost has been the program manager for "Grants.gov," one of the 25 federal E-Gov initiatives outlined in the President's Management Agenda. Havekost also has been serving as the acting director for grants management and policy at HHS.

He began his federal career as a Junior Fellow at HHS' National Institutes of Health, and has worked more than 25 years for the federal government in areas of information systems, grants and technology management.

In 1999, Havekost briefly left federal service and became a director at BroadBand Office, a startup telecommunications firm, where he created the strategy and implementation for the corporation's customer support organization. He returned to federal service in 2001, and today he leads a team of professionals on detail from agencies across the U.S. government in pursuit of the transformational goals of the Grants.gov Initiative.

Havekost received his Master of Science in Information Resources Management from Syracuse University in 1999.

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