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Chris Cummiskey
State CIO, Director
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State Chief Information Officer Chris Cummiskey has lived in Phoenix since 1976. After graduating from Arizona State University in 1987, Cummiskey started his own consulting firm specializing in strategic planning and marketing. In 1991, he was elected to the Arizona State Legislature at the age of 26, where he served in both the House and Senate until 2002. During his tenure in the Senate, he held many leadership posts including that of Assistant Floor Leader and was a recognized leader in the promotion of e-government, innovation and the new economy.

Cummiskey was appointed Chief Information Officer for the State of Arizona by Governor Janet Napolitano in January, 2003. In this capacity, he is charged with advancing the Governor's agenda of innovation and government transformation through the use of technology. As State CIO, he serves in the Governor's Cabinet and chairs several key executive initiatives including the Governor's Council on 2-1-1, the Governor's IT Security Advisory Committee, the Information Technology Authorization Committee, and he co-chairs the Arizona Health-e Connection Board of Directors.

In 2006, Cummiskey was named to Government Technology magazines list of the top 25 "Doers, Dreamers and Drivers" of technology and innovation in the country. He was also recognized as the 2006 "Practitioner of the Year" by the Arizona Chapter of the Society of Information Managers (SIM).