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John Eric Thomas joined the Arizona Government Information Technology Agency, in 2007 as project manager of the Rural Health Information Technology Adoption grant initiative. In that role, he is responsible for promoting health information exchange and in providing State funded grants for the facilitation of Regional Health Information Organizations expressly to meet the needs of rural Arizona consumers and providers.

Prior to joining GITA, Eric served as the Chief Information Officer for Phoenix Children's Hospital. In support of outfitting its new hospital for the children of Arizona, all new application systems and IT infrastructure were successfully implemented under his leadership.

From 1978-2000, Eric also provided IT leadership for John C Lincoln Health Network in Phoenix, guiding it through the early days of data processing to ultimately meet the requirements of the multi-facility health network it became.

Long an advocate of improved collaboration among healthcare IT professionals, Eric was a founder of the Arizona HIMSS Chapter and the Arizona Healthcare Information Executives organization.

Eric completed his undergraduate work at Occidental College and received his MBA from the University of Phoenix.