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Steve Dawson is the former Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Chief Technology Officer (CTO) for the State of New Jersey, where he led the state's enterprise technology strategy, including infrastructure, cybersecurity, telecommunications, data centers, and digital service delivery. During his tenure, he earned national recognition for innovation and leadership in digital government.

He served on the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) and held key public service roles, including Chair of the New Jersey 9-1-1 Commission and member of the New Jersey Homeland Security Task Force. He also contributed to the federal Geospatial One-Stop initiative.

Dawson was Chief Technology Officer of SMART, a four-state regional consortium, and has participated in international technology initiatives, including collaborations with Samsung. He has also served on the board of Silicon Harlem.

His prior leadership roles include Vice President at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) and Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey. In the public sector, he has served as Executive Director of the New Jersey State Lottery, Assistant State Commissioner of Human Services, Chairman of the New Jersey Information Resources Management Commission, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Mercer County Community College, and Trustee of Princeton HealthCare System.

A frequent speaker on technology and public sector innovation, Dawson has presented at national forums including NASCIO, the Federal CTO Summit, and Digital Government conferences.

He brings extensive experience in executive leadership, IT strategy, and large-scale transformation across sectors including healthcare, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and smart cities.

Dawson holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a master's degree from Rutgers University. He remains active in alumni leadership and served as Treasurer of the Alumni Association and served on the Committee to Nominate Alumni Trustees and Chair of the Nominating Committee of Princeton AlumniCorps and Chief Strategy Officer of STEAM Works Studio LLC.

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