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Senate Confirms Department of Technology's Davood Ghods, Chief of OTech

Sacramento, CA—The California Department of Technology's acting chief of the Office of Technology Services (OTech), Davood Ghods, was today confirmed on a unanimous vote by the California State Senate to fill the position permanently.

"Davood is a capable and accomplished leader in the IT community," said California Department of Technology Director Carlos Ramos. "I am pleased the Senate voted to confirm his appointment and know California will benefit greatly from Davood's wealth of expertise."

Ghods oversees approximately 700 staff, including the divisions of Operations, Engineering, Customer Delivery, Statewide Telecommunications and Network, IT Support, along with the majority of the state's data center and network consolidation efforts for the California Department of Technology. During the past year, Ghods has been a prominent figure in the development and adoption of California's cloud service offering. Operated in partnership with IBM, CalCloud gives agencies and departments an avenue to procure servers and storage on demand within a state-run Tier 3 data center.

Prior to joining the California Department of Technology, Ghods spent 28 years in the public and private sectors, of which 23 have been with various departments and agencies in the State of California. Ghods was deputy director for enterprise information services at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation from 2012-2014. He was Information Technology services director at Auriga Corporation from 2011 to 2012, senior manager at Ernst and Young LLP from 2009 to 2011 and an Agency Information Officer for the California Department of Food and Agriculture from 2006 to 2009. Ghods was Chief Information Officer at the California Department of Consumer Affairs from 2005 to 2006 and served in multiple positions at the Stephen P. Teale Data Center from 2002 to 2005 and from 1987 to 2001, including assistant director and chief of the Project Management Office, local area network support manager and performance analyst. He served in multiple positions at the California Department of Information and Technology from 2001 to 2002, including deputy director and division chief.

The mission of the California Department of Technology is to support programs and departments in the delivery of state services and information to citizens and businesses through agile, cost-effective, innovative, reliable and secure technology. More information about the Department can be found at www.cio.ca.gov.

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