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**Georgia Department of Revenue Michael T. Long Named Georgia CIO of the Year 2013**

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Georgia Department of Revenue announced today that Michael T. Long, GA DOR's Chief Information Officer, was named Georgia CIO of the Year<sup>®</sup> by the Georgia CIO Leadership Association. Michael Long was presented with the award as one of the top technology executives in Georgia in the Non-Profit & Public Sector at a ceremony on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> in Atlanta.

"Michael's leadership has been critical to the DOR's successful transformation into a customer facing organization and bringing his private sector experience and skills to state government, over the last few years and this impressive recognition is so well deserved," said Georgia Department of Revenue Commissioner Douglas MacGinnitie. "Michael is a technology executive who is a strong business partner, an innovative and strategic thinker and an advocate for his employees. We are very fortunate to have Michael on our team."

Long was honored by the Georgia CIO Leadership Association for his leadership, business value creation, innovation and community involvement. Finalists for each of the four categories were selected from 125 nominations and winners were chosen by a panel of distinguished judges including prior Georgia CIO of the Year<sup>®</sup> award winners.

Responsible for the development and execution of the information technology and business information strategy at DOR, Long joined the company in 2011 from the private sector, where he spent nearly 20 years in progressively senior IT leadership roles. Under his leadership, The Department of Revenue has undergone a significant technology transformation, including the implementation of a single integrated tax system, deployment of IT governance, implementing Georgia's new title tax on motor vehicles and the lowering of DOR's IT expenditures.

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