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State chief operating officer appoints key deputy
Reed Wagner will assume new post of Enterprise Policy Director

Salem, Oregon—State Chief Operating Officer Michael Jordan has appointed Reed Wagner to fill a newly created position, enterprise policy director, to help implement Jordan's initiatives to improve efficiency and accountability in state government, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services announced Friday.

"Reed brings a strong array of skills and proven experience to this critical new position and statewide initiative," Jordan said. "His kind of commitment and enthusiasm is exactly what we need to achieve Governor Kitzhaber's goals of greater accountability, higher efficiency and better results in state government."

Since 2004, Wagner has served as policy director at Metro, where he worked with Jordan, who was Metro COO. In his new job, which begins on May 23, Wagner will join the enterprise leadership team to coordinate long-range budgeting, legislative prioritization, internal communications, policy development, service delivery alignment and strategic initiatives. He will report directly to Jordan.

"I'm excited about working with Governor Kitzhaber, Michael Jordan and the agency directors to help bring real change to the enterprise of state government," Wagner said. "I share their commitment to improved communication and coordination, long-range planning and a new approach to budgeting on the basis of performance. Our goal is to transform state government into an enterprise that Oregon's citizens trust and take pride in."

Jordan said he expects Wagner to help engage middle management and front-line workers to reduce transaction costs in state agencies. Wagner's experience in local government will also prove useful, he added, because much of government's delivery system relies on local governments and non-government organizations.

"Reed's experience with local stakeholders will help us as we seek ways to improve our relationships with local governments and organizations," Jordan said.

In his first job at Metro, Wagner assisted the agency's chief financial officer in reorganizing finance management and implementing programmatic budgeting. Before coming to Metro, Wagner worked in the new media and broadcast engineering industries as a director of business development, a producer and a project manager. He holds a master's degree in public administration and bachelor of science degree in sociology from the University of Oregon.

Wagner lives with his wife Barbara and their daughter in Portland.