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John Koreski will lead State Data Center
Koreski brings a 'wealth of experience' to the job

Salem—John Koreski will serve as administrator of the State Data Center, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services announced Tuesday.

The State Data Center provides information technology and related services to thousands of programs within state and local governments throughout Oregon. Koreski will leave his post as assistant director of the state Department of Corrections and assume his new role on Jan. 26. He replaces Julie Bozzi, who has served as interim administrator of the State Data Center since Nov. 10, 2008.

Kris Kautz, deputy director of the Department of Administrative Services, expressed confidence in Koreski's abilities. "John brings a wealth of experience to this critical position in state government," Kautz said. "We need his perspective as a 'customer' of the State Data Center. As we near the half-way mark in a multi-year consolidation of state government's information technology systems, we also need his management know-how and experience to carry that project over the finish line."

Koreski has served as assistant director and chief information officer of the Department of Corrections since 2002. Prior to joining Corrections, he served as deputy chief information officer of the state Department of Human Services.

"I'm excited and eager to join the effort under way at the State Data Center," Koreski said. "The purpose of the state's IT consolidation project is to save money and improve service. Getting that job done has required greater efficiency and improvements in technology to increase capacity. These aren't goals we can accomplish fully overnight, but the State Data Center is on track, and it delivers the kind of service its customers deserve and expect."

Koreski refers to the State Data Center as a "service utility" that works well for the agencies and programs it serves. "My main objective is to ensure that the Center maintains reliable service while expanding capacity and improving technology," Koreski said. "These are the things we must do as we complete the consolidation project."