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Mr. Stewart has over 20 years of experience in architecting, implementing, and securing a wide array of communication networks. Prior to joining the State of Maryland, he worked as the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) for Skyline Technology Solutions where he was responsible for developing a compliance and governance roadmap in support of the execution of critical business compliance goals, including SOC 2 compliance, ISO-27001 certification and NIST 800-171 certification.

Chip has been working with the State of Maryland for more than 15 years, and was the lead architect for the design and implementation of the statewide IP/MPLS backbone providing high-speed IP connectivity to the states’ 23 counties, Baltimore City, and all units of State government. He also led the team that developed the Maryland IT Security Manual, and was the architect of the secure enterprise architecture that includes Security as a Service and Security Operations for 40 Maryland agencies.

Before taking on the position of CISO at Skyline, Chip served as Principal Engineer for a team of over 40 network and security engineers who managed large network implementations, migrations, and new service deployments. He holds a CISSP, multiple Juniper JNCIE certifications as well as many other industry certifications.