

Chris Seidt – Director of Information Technology, Louisville Metro Government

Chris Seidt is a veteran city government leader and trusted advisor having worked for the pre-merger City of Louisville and the combined Louisville-Jefferson County Metro government for a combined 15 years. Most recently, Chris has led initiatives to drive city innovation through use of technology by leading efforts to deploy unmanned aerial systems to respond to gunshot detection system activations. Chris also worked to have Louisville named as a finalist for the Smart Cities Council Readiness Challenge and the 2018 Bloomberg Mayor's Challenge.

Chris has served under three different Mayors in his time with the city, and has served in three different departments, including the Louisville Metro Police, MetroSafe/EMA, and Information Technology. Chris has represented Louisville Metro on several Smart City working groups, including the Harvard Smart Cities Accelerator, the Edison Electric Institute/Smart Cities Council collaboration, and the IEEE Smart Cities Standards Working Group. Chris previously was recognized by Mayor Greg Fischer in 2015 as a Daily Workforce Warrior for his efforts in leading a cross functional team to deploy a new public safety camera network in Louisville.

Chris started his full-time government career with the City of Louisville in 2002 working for the Louisville Division of Police as a Communications Specialist. After merger, Chris was transferred into the newly created MetroSafe combined emergency communications agency where he helped the separate city and county dispatch teams in implementing their new combined computer aided dispatch (CAD) system. Chris' work on the CAD team led him to change career paths towards Information Technology in 2007 when he transitioned to a role in the private sector working for Peak 10 Data Center Solutions, before coming back to Metro as a Network Engineer in 2008. Chris has worked through the ranks in IT as an engineer, supervisor, and manager before being named as Director of Information Technology in January 2018.