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Richard A. Spires is currently the CEO of Learning Tree, International, a leading provider for truly effective hands-on IT and management training. Over 2.4 million Learning Tree course participants from over 65,000 business and government organizations around the world have enhanced their skills and achieved certifications through intensive, hands-on exercises under the guidance of our expert instructors — who have real-world experience in the areas that they teach.

Richard served as the CEO of Resilient Network Systems during 2014 and 2015, a San Francisco-based software firm that provides the *Trust Network* platform to bring trust to the cloud and the Internet of Things. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of the company.

Mr. Spires was appointed and served as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Chief Information Officer (CIO) from 2009 till 2013. Mr. Spires also served as the Vice-Chairman of the Federal Government CIO Council and the Co-Chairman of the Committee for National Security Systems (CNSS), the committee that sets standards for the US Government's classified systems.

Mr. Spires held a number of positions at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) from 2004 through 2008. He served as the Deputy Commissioner for Operations Support, having overall responsibility for the key support and administrative functions for the IRS. Mr. Spires served as the IRS' CIO, with overall strategic and operational responsibility for a \$2 billion budget and a 7,000-person organization. Mr. Spires led the IRS's Business Systems Modernization program for two and half years, one of the largest and most complex information technology modernization efforts ever undertaken.

From 2000 through 2003, Mr. Spires served as President, Chief Operating Officer, and Director of Mantas, Inc., a software company that provides business intelligence solutions to the financial services industry. Prior to Mantas, Mr. Spires spent more than 16 years serving in a number of technical and managerial positions at SRA International.

Mr. Spires received a B.S. in Electrical Engineering and a B.A. in Mathematical Sciences from the University of Cincinnati. He also holds a M.S. in Electrical Engineering from the George Washington University. Mr. Spires has won a number of awards for his leadership in IT, to include the 2012 Fed 100 Government Executive Eagle Award, TechAmerica's 2012 Government Executive of the Year, Government Computer News 2011 Civilian Government Executive of the Year and was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the University of Cincinnati's College of Engineering in 2006.