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Education: Ph.D. - Public Administration, Auburn University, 2006, Masters of Business Administration, Auburn University Montgomery, 1979, Bachelor of Sciences, Auburn University, 1970

Personal Background: My hometown is Sylacauga where I graduated in 1965 and then attended Auburn University. I spent 45+ years in the field of information technology primarily in strategic management. I have worked in both the private and public sectors but mostly over 30 years in the public sector with the states of Florida and Alabama. I retired from Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) in 2013.

Professional Activities: I retired with over 45 years of information technology work experience in the public and private sectors. I served in several leadership roles in senior IT management including the Florida Crime Information Center, the Alabama Criminal Justice Information Center, the Alabama Department of Revenue and the Alabama Department of Finance. I also served as the Chief Technology Officer and Chief Information Officer for the state of Alabama. My private sector experience includes managing the development of large application systems and as Vice President of a privately-owned small business. Before my retirement from AUM in June of 2013, I served as the Senior Director for the Center for Advanced Technologies, University Outreach. I directed all of the activities of the Center in providing blended services in advanced information technology solutions to improve the operation and knowledge of information technology organizations in the private and public sector. I managed numerous contract agreements with public sector organizations providing consulting services focused on technology strategic planning, large IT procurement, organizational analysis, business continuity and disaster recovery, application development, staff augmentation, digital government, security management, risk management, business process reengineering and simulation, and project management. I also taught in the College of Business, Information Systems and Management Department teaching graduate and undergraduate courses.