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**DEKALB COUNTY**

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## **CEO ELLIS APPOINTS CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER**

*Darrell T. Black to Lead DeKalb's Technology Efforts*

**DECATUR** – DeKalb County CEO Burrell Ellis announced the appointment of Darrell T. Black as the county's new Chief Information Officer (CIO). In this role, Darrell will manage all facets of Information Technology Services for DeKalb County Government including administration, applications, and infrastructure services.

"Technology is an important component of county operations and is essential to ensuring that we effectively and efficiently serve the more than 740,000 citizens of DeKalb County," said CEO Ellis. "We welcome Darrell to our administration and are confident that his expertise will be an asset to DeKalb."

Prior to joining the county, Darrell served as CIO for Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, where he oversaw the college's information technology systems including online student services, electronic file storage, online courses, and asset security. In addition, his professional background includes experience in finance, project management, marketing, and governmental affairs.



"CEO Ellis impressed upon me his goal to improve DeKalb County economically and technically. His vision to utilize technology to enhance safety and services will reduce cost to the community," said Darrell. "My goal is to establish DeKalb County as the cyber-standard for government, education, and private entities."

Darrell earned a B.S. in mathematics and computer science from Delaware State College and a Master of Science and Management Technology degree from Georgia Institute of Technology.

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