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DAS Director Announces New 309 Task Force for Building Renewal Administrator



309 Task Force for Building Renewal Administrator Michelle Potts.

Lincoln – Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Director Jason Jackson recently announced the appointment of Michelle Potts as the new 309 Task Force for Building Renewal Administrator and new Deputy Director for State Building Division (SBD).

The 309 Task Force for Building Renewal (309 Task Force) is responsible for making investments in state building infrastructure for deferred repair, fire and life safety systems, access for the disabled, and energy conservation. In coordination with state agencies, the 309 Task Force determines the highest priority projects on a statewide basis to receive allocated funds. The 309 Task Force allocates approximately \$18 million on an annual basis in building upgrades.

The SBD is responsible for providing the procurement, operation, maintenance, and management of state-owned buildings, as well as the review, analysis, and oversight of capital construction projects to ensure the efficient management of the State's real estate and facility infrastructure. The division of 140 team members directly manages approximately five million square feet of offices and multi-use buildings across the State.

Potts, from Yankton, SD and daughter of Duane and Julie Potts, joined DAS' SBD in March of 2020 as the Contract Administrator, and now serves in multiple roles as SBD's Deputy Director, Contract Administrator, and the 309 Task Force's Administrator. Potts, an attorney, worked as a criminal defense attorney in western South Dakota prior to working at DAS.

"Michelle's experience with State Building Division and in contract administration make her an ideal candidate to lead the 309 Task Force for Building Renewal," said Director Jackson. "Her appointment will ensure that the State Building Division and the 309 Task Force are aligned on goals to ensure that our buildings are well maintained, sustainable, and accessible to all Nebraskans."

"I am excited and honored to be given the opportunity to lead the 309 Task Force," said Potts. "The work this team does is imperative to the upkeep and maintenance of the State's property throughout Nebraska and I plan to keep that tradition alive."

Potts assumed the 309 Task Force Administrator and SBD Deputy Director roles on August 17, 2020.