

Colleagues,

I would like to share several changes to our Administrative Services leadership team. Today is Adam Kauffman's last day at DAS. He has served as General Counsel, Risk Manager, and most recently as Materiel Administrator. He is leaving DAS to pursue opportunities in the private sector. I am very grateful for Adam having chosen public service for this season of his career and in particular his leadership of our State procurement reform efforts. I wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors!

Fortunately for DAS, Michelle Potts agreed to return to the agency as Materiel Administrator after having served for the last year as a prosecutor with the Lancaster County Attorney's office. Before joining Lancaster County, Michelle had served in State government as State Building Division Administrator and Administrator of the Task Force on Building Renewal. As such, she is very familiar with the operations of the agency, and I am confident she will be able to hit the ground running in this new role. Welcome back, Michelle!

Michael Donley assumed Adam's previous role as General Counsel in May and has more than a decade of experience in leadership roles in complex organizations, having previously served as general counsel, inspector general, and chief administrative officer. He also has many years of experience serving on municipal and county boards and is also a proud U.S. Air Force veteran. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of Nebraska—Lincoln, a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Oxford, and a Juris Doctorate from the Harvard Law School.

Finally, Autumnne Hovde is the new DAS Risk Management Administrator. An attorney by training, Autumnne joins DAS after having started her legal career in private practice, and after previously serving in the federal government in the office of Senator Deb Fischer. Autumnne is currently on maternity leave but will be returning to the office soon. In the interim, Michelle Potts is serving as Risk Manager in addition to her Materiel Administrator responsibilities.

Regards,

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