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CITY OF SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IT RECOGNIZED BY GMIS INTERNATIONAL, AN ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT IT LEADERS



REGINA CHANDLER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF IT FOR THE CITY OF SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA RECOGNIZED AS GMIS INTERNATIONAL FEBRUARY 2019 MEMBER OF THE MONTH

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Regina Chandler, Assistant Director of IT for the City of Suffolk, Virginia is honored as the February 2019 Member of the Month for GMIS International, an international organization of public sector IT leaders. Ms. Chandler was selected for this recognition based on her service and commitment to the City's IT department. The City of Suffolk has an IT budget of approximately \$9.5 million. Ms. Chandler has been a member of GMIS International since 2017.

Since joining the City of Suffolk, they were able to acquire a \$2.1 million grant to build an ESF- 5 regional communications bus that is deemed a local and state regional asset and has the ability to provide various communications, as well as mobile search and rescue. Future initiatives include a pilot program aimed to virtualize all desktops. The first phase will be virtualizing the IT Department, and upon that success, will expand to phasing in smaller departments.

Ms. Chandler gave the following advice to other IT Managers: "To motivate someone is short-term, but to understand that which motivates each individual is a skill that makes for a great leader."

Since joining GMIS International in 2017, Ms. Chandler has already seen the value in GMIS Membership. Ms. Chandler is a supporter of GMIS for many reasons, but one of the best benefits is that GMIS has provided the opportunity to connect with other professional CIOs to learn and share ideas pertaining to leadership and management, as well as information technology matters.

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