COUNCIL ON FOUNDATIONS NAMES NEW VICE PRESIDENT AND CIO
Mark Bolgiano Returns to Council in Technology Role After Leading Successful National Data Standards and Financial Transparency Initiative

Charleston, SC – The Council on Foundations today announced that Mark Bolgiano joined the senior management team today as vice president and chief information officer. The announcement came at a meeting of the Technology Affinity Group (TAG) board of directors. TAG, an organization of foundation technologists, is in Charleston, SC for its annual conference.

A former member of the TAG board representing the Council in 2004-2006, Bolgiano is a recognized thought leader in the use of technology to optimize philanthropy and non-profit organizational governance, management, programs, and collaboration. He has been a plenary speaker on emerging technologies at every TAG conference since 2004.

Bolgiano left the Council as VP and CIO in 2006 to accept the position of president and CEO of XBRL US, a non-profit formed to facilitate financial transparency through the standardization and digital tagging of financial reports. In that capacity, he led one of the largest crowd-sourcing efforts in history, to produce a digital dictionary of the US GAAP accounting standard which was successfully adopted by all publicly-traded companies in the US. His 2009 congressional testimony on transparency and data standards was considered a watershed event for financial transparency, and he was selected by Accounting Today to the “100 Most Influential People in Accounting” in 2009 and 2010.

Bolgiano joins the Council after serving as the chief technology architect and strategist for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, one of the nation's largest philanthropies.

"Mark is a respected, collaborative and accomplished leader in information technology and philanthropy," said Jeff Clarke, interim president and CEO of the Council on Foundations. "He will ensure that the Council's own stewardship and use of technology meets the highest standards and that the Council will work collaboratively with our many
important partners to better serve the field. This includes raising awareness about the critical role that communication and technology have within the context of 21st century philanthropy."

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