



Ray Walton Biography

Ray Walton, a native and current resident of Indianola, Iowa joined the public sector in 2007 as the Chief Operating Officer of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) General Services Enterprise. The following year, Ray was appointed Director of DAS by Governor Culver. This followed a successful career with General Growth Properties, other real estate and management enterprises and as a member of the staff of then-Congressman (later Senator) Tom Harkin. In the private sector, Ray was responsible for the operations, leasing, marketing and value creation of more than 100 shopping centers across the nation.

Ray's experience has involved living in Minneapolis, the District of Columbia and San Diego.

As Director for DAS, Ray was responsible for an \$80-200 million central administrative services agency, providing human resources; technology; accounting; purchasing; fleet; print; construction; and building and grounds management.

As state government in Iowa dealt with recent recessionary trends, Iowa DAS was at the hub of a significant government reorganization effort that was signed into law in 2010. The plan includes further consolidation of IT, human resources and procurement activities that, combined with an aggressive early retirement plan, were estimated to save the state nearly \$300 million a year.

Ray was the Executive Director of the National Association of State Chief Administrators (NASCA) from February 2011 until February 2015. The association grew from a handful of state members to more than 30 during this time. The organization matured into a fiscally sound enterprise which continues to serve its members and sponsors in their professional development.

In addition Ray served as the Interim Director of the John Culver Center at Simpson College in 2013 and 2014.

Ray is a graduate of Simpson College and a U.S. Army Security Agency Viet Nam Veteran.