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NEW IT DIRECTOR IN SPRINGFIELD

After a nationwide search, Brandt Melick has been selected as Springfield's new Information Technology Director and is expected to begin on August 11.

Brandt has spent more than 20 years with the City of Springfield, coordinating local and regional Geographic Information Systems (GIS) activities and managing the City's GIS program. He has a Masters in Urban Planning from the University of Oregon and a wealth of knowledge in local and state government.

Springfield City Manager Gino Grimaldi said, "Brandt was selected from a group of incredibly qualified candidates from around the country and brings the intelligence and innovative thinking we were looking for to lead this vital city department."

The Information Technology director oversees a budget of \$1.6 million and ten employees.

"I look forward to working with the talented people in the IT Department, addressing the challenges that lie ahead and providing efficient and effective service to both internal and external users of information technology," said Melick.