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Marc has worked in the public sector technology field in just about every capacity for over 18 years including desktop support, developer, network administrator, network architect, auditor, and manager. He is passionate about Information Security, open data access, and data-driven decision making. He is also a fervent advocate of “Heads-Up IT,” which is a concept encouraging IT professionals to look outside their technology-only silo in an effort to expand their knowledge of other business unit processes with the goal of providing the best possible service to their organization.

Recently, Marc joined the Information Technology team in Schaumburg as the Assistant Director of IT. His role includes IT strategy, planning, governance, and operations. The Schaumburg Information Technology Department has a technical team of 17 and also oversees a 311 call center staff of 16. The department supports over 600 devices spread across 12 buildings and over 700 employees.

Marc has a Master of Business Administration from Northern Illinois University with a focus on Management of Information Services and Marketing. He is Past President and Accreditation Chair for GMIS Illinois, and also a member of the Chicago Chapter of Information Systems Audit and Control Association.