

## **Ron Guerrier, Illinois CIO and Secretary of Innovation & Technology**



Ron Guerrier serves as the State of Illinois Chief Information Officer and Secretary for the Department of Innovation & Technology (DoIT). Illinois Governor JB Pritzker selected Guerrier to serve in these roles in March of 2019, based on his extensive background and leadership in the innovation and technology fields.

Guerrier has more than 20 years of experience managing technology in the private sector and has served as chief information officer for multibillion-dollar companies since 2012. Most recently, he held the position of CIO at Express Scripts, the nation's largest pharmacy benefit manager, and functioned in the same role at Farmers Insurance Group from 2015 to 2018. Prior to that, Guerrier spent 17 years at Toyota North America, rising from an IT manager to division director to chief technology officer to vice president and chief information officer.

Guerrier earned a bachelor's degree in economics and finance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and a master's degree in operations management and supervision from North Park University. In addition, he has earned a certificate in IT management from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, an executive certificate in developing organizational innovation from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology – Sloan School of Management, a certificate in innovation from the University of California, Berkeley; and a certificate in IT performance management from Boston University Questrom School of Business.

Guerrier serves as the Chairman of the Board of IS Associates at the University of California, Los Angeles and is the Executive Advisor for STEM Advantage, a non-profit organization that opens doors for young women and underserved communities to pursue their dreams of a career in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Guerrier sits on the Board of Directors of SBP (SBPUSA.org), an organization which assists with the rebuilding of homes after natural disasters.

Throughout his career, Guerrier has earned numerous honors and awards, including the 2019 Top Technology Executive to Watch from HMG Strategy, CIO Breakaway Leader of the Year, Digital Edge50 Award, CIO Lifetime Achievement Award, and was included in the Most Powerful Executives in Corporate America List. He has also written numerous articles for publications such as Entrepreneur, CIO Review and Fortune Magazines.