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and privacy to share healthcare data across Federal, State and healthcare industry organizations. Mr. Burns was the Federal CIO Council liaison to the Federal Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Council, a member of the General Services Administration (GSA) Intergovernmental Advisory Board, which is comprised of Federal, State and industry CIOs to address future IT issues and solutions across industry and government, and was the technical lead on architecting the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Quicksilver government-wide E-Grants portal.

Prior to HHS, Mr. Burns served as the Acting Deputy CIO for Operations and Director for Architecture, Engineering and Infrastructure at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) after having worked in the private sector for the Coleman Research Corporation, BDM, Inc. and the IBM Corporation.

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The Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs has responsibility for fulfilling the Department's trust responsibility and promoting self-determination and economic development on behalf of tribal governments, American Indians and Alaska Natives. The Assistant Secretary, who oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Federal Acknowledgment Process, is also responsible for providing services to approximately 1.4 million American Indians and Alaska Natives from the 562 federally recognized tribes.

Note to Editors: *A photo of Brian Burns may be viewed via the Interior Department's web site at www.doi.gov.*

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