

# Office of the Chief Information Officer & Director of High Performance Computing and Communications



## Biography

Joseph Klimavicz, NOAA Chief Information Officer (CIO) and  
Director, High Performance Computing and Communications



Mr. Joseph F. Klimavicz was named National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Director, High Performance Computing and Communications in January 2007. In this position, he is responsible for implementing the Clinger-Cohen Act, Federal Information Security Management Act, and other statutory requirements regarding the acquisition, management, and use of NOAA's information and information technology resources, to include NOAA's high performance computing and communications infrastructure. Mr. Klimavicz is also responsible for NOAA's Homeland Security Program to ensure business continuity in event of a terrorist attack, major disaster, or other emergency, and he serves as the Department of Commerce Senior Agency Official for Geospatial Information (SAOGI). He previously served in the Department of Defense (DOD) as the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency Deputy CIO, and as the DOD SAOGI.

Mr. Klimavicz has served over 20 years in the federal government. He began his career with the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) as an imagery scientist, developing photogrammetric math models in the National Photographic Interpretation Center, and subsequently, served in line management positions within the CIA and the DOD; leading the development of information technology investment plans, and managing information technology acquisitions and operations.

In March 2010, Mr. Klimavicz was elected President of the Government Information Technology Executive Council (GITEC), a non-profit organization of Government Executives formed in 1996 to support Government delivery of high quality and cost-effective services.

Mr. Klimavicz received a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1983 and a Master of Engineering degree from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 1988. Major areas of study included geodesy, photogrammetry and imaging systems.

Mr. Klimavicz lives in Vienna, Va., with his wife, Brenda and their three daughters.

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