

## Suma Nallapati Named Colorado Chief Technology Officer

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A new chief technology officer has taken over in Colorado.

The Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) announced that Suma Nallapati began today. Nallapati will bring her experience serving as assistant vice president of service delivery for Catholic Health Initiatives, a national non-profit health system.

"I am so pleased that our organization can benefit from the amazing experience Suma is bringing to the state of Colorado," said Kristin Russell, Colorado's secretary of technology and CIO. "Attracting this type of talent is a testament to the work we continue to do on a daily basis to improve the technology footprint and services across the state of Colorado."

Nallapati holds a master's degree in nuclear physics, as well as certifications in project management and professional management. OIT reported that Nallapati will continue the agency's important work of enhancing state IT systems while promoting a culture of collaboration and excellence.

"OIT is a leader among state governments keeping pace with IT advancements," Nallapati said. "I am thrilled to be a part of the team that continues on a path of excellence for the benefit of all Coloradans."

Nallapati replaces Sherri Hammons, who left Colorado in December, to work for Denver-based IQN. Upon her departure, [Hammons said](#) that technology has the ability to be transformative and disruptive, but only if risks are taken, and she urged her replacement to "be bold."

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