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Oakland Housing Authority's Appoints New Information Technology Director

New IT Leader Brings Experience, Vision to Role

OAKLAND, Calif., September 17, 2007 – The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) has announced the appointment of Craig McBurney to the position of director of information technology. McBurney takes over for Kathleen Keller, who retired from the Authority on May 31, after 29 years of service.

“Craig brings an enormous amount of IT knowledge with him,” said Executive Director Jon Gresley. “He has accumulated more than 18 years in the IT business as a senior project manager, IT director and regional CIO.”

McBurney also has extensive experience in IT operations planning, creating and managing departmental budgets, and crafting and implementing strategic plans. OHA welcomes some of his other areas of expertise as well including contract and vendor negotiations, software and Web development, and help desk and support management.

He has worked for a variety of organizations including PG&E in San Francisco, Delphi Information Systems in Walnut Creek, and the City of Rialto in Southern California. His most recent position was as regional chief information officer at Laidlaw in Walnut Creek.

“I feel that Craig’s knowledge and experience is the right fit for OHA’s IT needs. I am delighted that Craig has joined our team, and I know that all of OHA is pleased that he is on board with us,” added Gresley.

Mc Burney, who took over his new role on Aug. 6, lives in Antioch with his wife; they have two grown children. He received his bachelor of arts degree in Business Administration from California State University at Bakersfield.

The Oakland Housing Authority (OHA) is the City of Oakland’s state-chartered and federally funded agency to promote the availability of quality housing for low-income persons. OHA works to promote the civic involvement and economic self-sufficiency of its residents and to further the expansion of affordable housing within Oakland. The Authority is currently helping to house 14,000 of the city’s lowest income families. (www.oakha.org)