

**John Thomas Flynn**  
**Partner, ICG Government**

(former CIO, State of California and Commonwealth of Massachusetts)

John Thomas Flynn comes to ICG Government from Tech Ed Strategies (TES), where he was the Chief Executive Officer. TES is with the Community College Foundation in Sacramento, California, and works with higher education clients and government clients in a partnership providing information technology planning, procurement and project management assistance, design and implementation, smartcard technology, independent oversight, and other strategic support.

Prior to TES, he was Vice President for Litton PRC where he was responsible for directing the strategic development of this billion-dollar technology company's public sector business for state and local government.

**CIO, State of California**

Before joining PRC, Flynn served three years as the State of California's first chief information officer having been appointed by Governor Pete Wilson in 1995 to oversee the state's \$2 billion annual investment in information technology and telecommunications. Flynn directed the Department of Information Technology (IT), a new cabinet-level agency reporting directly to the Governor. He also became California's Year 2000 czar, responsible for coordinating the state's remediation of its 3,000 computer systems. The State of California is comparatively a *Fortune 5* organization with revenues in excess of \$100 billion annually.

Major accomplishments include:

- Organizing, funding, staffing, and managing new state CIO governance model
- Developing business recovery methodology for 40 problematic IT projects with total budgets in excess of \$3 billion
- Establishing fundamental methodologies for selecting, controlling, managing, and overseeing state's investment in IT
- Consolidation/outsourcing of state's telecom operation, a \$ 1 billion initiative, and initiating consolidation/outsourcing of 12 data centers with annual budgets of \$300 million
- Leading state's \$500 million Year 2000 compliance efforts
- Designing the state's electronic commerce and enterprise systems strategy
- Developing state's IT strategic plan.

**CIO, Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Prior to coming to California, Flynn was selected by Governor Weld to be Massachusetts' first CIO in July, 1994. He was responsible for the state's primary data

center and network operations, systems development, and most critically, its information technology and telecommunications strategic planning for the Commonwealth's IT investment.

Major accomplishments include:

- Developing statewide 20,000 node WAN
- Introducing Internet and web presence into Massachusetts commonwealth government along with initial electronic commerce applications
- Consolidating seven data centers
- Consolidating/outsourcing state's telecom operations
- Outsourcing IT project oversight
- Redirecting IT funding through state issuance of capital bonds

### **President of Association for State IT Executives**

In October 1997, he was elected President of the National Association of State Information Resource Executives (NASIRE). NASIRE represents CIO's, information resource executives, and managers from the 50 states, six U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia. State members are senior officials from any of the three branches of state government who have statewide, executive-level responsibility for information resource management. The mission of the association is to be the leading forum for addressing the opportunities, implications, and challenges of improving the business of government through the application of IT.

### **In the White House**

California's former governor, President Ronald Reagan, appointed Mr. Flynn to be executive director of the Federal Regional Council, a White House intergovernmental coordinating organization, in 1982; and during President Reagan's second term he was appointed New England Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). He continued this role in the Bush Administration through 1989, responsible for overseeing all programs and policies of the DOL including job training, workplace safety, and labor statistics.

### **Before Public Service**

Prior to joining state government, and before his service as a White House appointee, Flynn spent nearly 15 years in computer systems development, primarily responsible for the design and implementation of large financial and statistical applications in both public and private sector environments.

### **Teaching in University**

Flynn taught at the Northeastern University Graduate Business School in the Entrepreneurial Studies Program from 1984 to 1995, and was a member of the faculty at

Emmanuel College in Boston, Massachusetts. In addition, he was a member of the Advisory Council of the Suffolk University School of Management's Computer Information Systems Department.

**Serving on Many Boards**

Mr. Flynn serves on many business, government and charitable boards. He is a member of the United States General Accounting Office Executive Council on Information Management and Technology which brings together leaders from private and public organizations to explore ways of better using information technology to meet challenges facing the federal government now and into the next century. He is also a member of the Board of Advisors of the Fisher Center for Management and Information Technology, Walter A. Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley. He was appointed in 1999 to the Board of Advisors of California State University, Sacramento College of Engineering and Computer Science. Finally, he has served on the Board of Directors of several start-up technology firms in northern California, and is also on the board of the Sacramento Philharmonic Orchestra.

He has a bachelor's degree from Boston College, studied economics and international relations at the University of Vienna, Austria, and has an MBA from The American University in Washington, DC.