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WILLIS NAMED DEPUTY STATE CIO

RALEIGH – William E. (Bill) Willis Jr. of Raleigh has been named Deputy State Chief Information Officer for the Office of Information Technology Services.

Willis, vice president for information technology with Cable and Wireless Plc., has more than 20 years of information technology experience in business and higher education.

“Bill Willis has the knowledge and experience to help carry out our efforts to achieve greater efficiency in information technology,” said State Chief Information Officer George Bakolia, who appointed Willis. “He has spent his entire career in Raleigh, so he knows many of the key information technology leaders in government and business.”

Willis will assume his new duties September 15.

Before becoming an executive with Cable and Wireless, a London-based global telecommunications company, Willis spent two years with Interpath Communications. He was a leader in information technology efforts at N.C. State University for almost 20 years and served as vice provost for information technology from 1992 until 1998.

Willis was a member of the Information Resource Management Commission for seven years and co-founded X Engineering Software Systems Inc., a small company that developed and licensed software technology. He also has taught at the Kenan-Flagler School of Business at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Willis will help Bakolia lead the Office of Information Technology Services and assist on statewide information technology issues and initiatives.