

OCTO CONSULTING GROUP NAMES TWO NEW VICE PRESIDENTS TO LEAD ITS CIVILIAN AND COMMERCE DIVISIONS

New Octo VPs Simon Godwin and Craig Summers bring a wealth of strategic experience across software development and IT operations for government clients

Reston, VA – July 26, 2018 – Octo Consulting Group ([Octo](#)), a premier next-generation IT Federal services provider, today announced the hires of [Simon Godwin](#) as Vice President of Federal Civilian programs and [Craig Summers](#) as Vice President focusing on commerce accounts. Both leaders have decades of leadership experience in software development, IT operations and program management for Federal government and public sector clients.

“Both Simon and Craig have extensive experience within the public sector, which aligns perfectly with Octo’s goal of developing solutions that meet the rapidly changing modernization needs of agencies,” said Mehul Sanghani, Chief Executive Officer and founder of Octo. “These additions are further evidence that Octo is focused on providing our civilian government clients with a fresh perspective on IT strategies, which will enable agencies to take a massive leap forward with emerging technologies and better achieve their mission goals.”

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Simon Godwin joins Octo with a proven track record of success, having held a variety of leadership positions with an operational and technical focus including providing Agile, DevOps, software development as well as IT operations and management services for civilian customers.

“Octo is a fast-paced, mission-focused company that treats their customers as partners to move technology projects forward,” said Godwin. “I’m looking forward to working with the combination of talented personnel and innovative IT solutions to truly help the public sector transform.”

Godwin received his BS degree in Applied Physics from the University of Delaware and an MS degree in Computer Science from George Mason University. He has held lead roles on a variety of mission critical civilian programs including in the engineering and development of the ePassport and Passport Card for the State Department.

In addition, Godwin is a certified Project Management Professional and AWS Business Professional with a supplementary certification in ITIL Foundations. In 2004, Simon was selected as an ACT IAC partner. He was also co-chair of the 2016 PSC Vision Conference Technology Forecast presentation.

Craig Summers joins Octo with 25 years of experience in strategic leadership, having held senior leadership positions at several companies serving the government community including CollabraLink Technologies, where he was Vice President of Technology, and positions at the same level at MAXIMUS Federal, Acentia LLC, and 2020 Company, LLC.

“With its wide range of transformative IT solutions, Octo presents a unique opportunity for Commerce clients to jump ahead and experience true modernization,” said Summers. “Octo is at the forefront of the IT revolution hitting the Federal government and I look forward to contributing my part to further the company’s positive momentum, growth and operations with U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and all of our valued commerce accounts.”

Summers has a BS in Finance from Virginia Tech and is both a Certified Scrum Master and a Certified Project Management Professional.

ABOUT OCTO CONSULTING GROUP

Octo is an industry-leading, award-winning provider of next-generation IT modernization services for the Federal Government. As a premier provider of technology and digital services, Octo specializes in providing Agile software development, cloud engineering, DevOps, and user experience and design (UXD) services with scalable outcomes. Octo is known for challenging the status quo and continually exploring new ways to deliver value by improving, transforming and optimizing government IT systems. We believe results are a product of analytical and collaborative thinking, and by partnering with our customers, we develop original and strategic solutions to minimize business disruptions while maximizing resources to advance agency missions.

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