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St. Petersburg Times names New Chief Technology Officer

St. Petersburg, FL - John Suchecki, 41, has been named the new Chief Technology Officer at the *St. Petersburg (FL) Times*. He replaces Beth Sholar who left the newspaper in November.

Most recently, Suchecki was vice president and chief technology officer at the *Hartford Courant* where he was responsible for the Courant's information technology staff and the electronic publishing department. He joined the newspaper in March 1998 after 12 years at the University of Connecticut Health Center where he rose from a systems programmer and analyst to deputy chief information officer. He holds a BS in mechanical engineering from Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. and an MBA from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Times Publisher and Executive Vice President, Marty Petty, said, "Having worked with John at the *Courant*, I know he has a strong track record in technology management and leadership. His 18-plus years of experience includes many of the same technology projects we are now implementing and will enable him to hit the ground running. He brings us a healthy mix of passion for the business, roll-up-the-sleeves style, and a genuine sense of humor when under the gun."

Suchecky is expected to start work at the *Times* on January 23, 2006.

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