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New Budget Director Announced at Department of Administration

The Department of Administration is pleased to announce that Michael Heifetz has been selected as the new State Budget Director. In this role, Heifetz will also serve as the Division Administrator of Executive Budget and Finance. The Division provides accounting, budget and financial services for state government, including fiscal and policy analysis for the Governor. The State Budget Office prepares the biennial State budget, and assists agencies in the technical preparation of budget requests. It also prepares fiscal estimates for proposed legislation.

“I’m pleased to welcome Michael back to public service,” said DOA Secretary Mike Huebsch. “His background, experience, and leadership position us well as we develop the next responsible budget that continues to move Wisconsin forward.”

Heifetz served as Vice President of Governmental Affairs at Dean Clinic and SSM Health Care of Wisconsin for the past 11 years. Before that, he served a total of 10 years in State government – five years as Policy Advisor to the then Assembly Majority Leader, and five years in the State Budget Office as an Executive Policy and Budget Analyst.

Heifetz has a Political Science and International Relations BA degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as well as a Master’s degree in Public Policy and Administration from UW Madison’s LaFollette Institute of Public Affairs.

Heifetz resides in Madison and serves on the City of Madison Plan Commission, as well as the City of Madison State Street Design Oversight Committee. He currently serves on the Jewish Federation of Madison Board of Directors and is a past member of the Urban League of Greater Madison Board of Directors.

Heifetz replaces Brian Hayes who assumed the role of the DOA’s Division Administrator for the Hearings and Appeals in October. Heifetz starts in his new position effective today.

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