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## **Delaware CIO Attends Microsoft Government Leaders Forum - Americas**

Dover –Department of Technology and Information (DTI) Secretary Thomas Jarrett was one of 20 Microsoft Government Leaders forum attendees to be invited to a private roundtable discussion with Bill Gates, Chairman and Chief Software Architect of Microsoft Corporation. Also in attendance during this special session were the Canadian Ambassador to the United States, the Vice-President of Argentina, and the Vice-President of Colombia. Topics of discussion included Information Technology security issues, e-government initiatives and innovation in government uses of technology.

The Microsoft Government Leaders Forum – Americas was held in Washington D.C. on April 26 and 27<sup>th</sup>. It was the 9<sup>th</sup> year for the Forum and a dozen North, Central and South American nations were represented. The three key themes of the Forum were “Governance and Service Transformation; “Economic Development,” and “Education.” The keynote speaker was General Colin Powell, former U.S. Secretary of State.

The Government Leaders Forum is designed to serve the unique and changing needs of government leaders in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The participants engaged in interactive sessions and discussions centering on creating opportunities and increasing the Americas’ competitiveness in the international arena.

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