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Prior to this Mr. Paul was the Assistant Chief Information Officer with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Food Safety and Inspection Service's (FSIS) Office of the Chief Information Office (OCIO). In this role, he was responsible for leading the IT Modernization efforts for FSIS and ensuring the Agency's IT needs were met.

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