

Gundeep Ahluwalia Chief Information Officer U.S. Department of Labor

As a tech leader with a unique view of IT innovation and a deep understanding of technical strategy, Mr. Gundeep Ahluwalia leads the growth and transformation of the Department of Labor's Information Technology (IT). Since assuming the role of Chief Information Officer (CIO) in October 2016, Mr. Ahluwalia has provided strategic leadership for the Department's IT planning, initiatives, staffing and services—ultimately advancing the mission critical work that the Department delivers to support American citizens.

In his role, Mr. Ahluwalia engages and collaborates with senior DOL leadership, DOL agencies leaders, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and other key stakeholders to formulate IT strategies, governance policy, budget, and IT investment processes. Under his leadership, he directs IT Modernization projects, ensures information security, and promotes information exchange and accessibility, IT service delivery, and more. Prior to serving as CIO, Mr. Ahluwalia joined the Department as the Deputy CIO in August 2016.

Mr. Ahluwalia brings more than 20 years of experience in building and implementing enterprise-wide IT capabilities. He has achieved transformational results by building and facilitating global coalitions and customer-focused technical solutions across Europe, Asia, and the United States. While serving as the Deputy Director for the Office of Business Informatics at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), he facilitated information sharing across diverse, global stakeholders to enhance drug quality and safety.

He has deep expertise in leading the development of global data exchange standards, with proven success in establishing global informatics standards for complex environments such as drug regulation and global supply chains. While at FDA, he led negotiations with the European Union, Japan, and others to build and adopt the next generation standard for exchange of drug adverse reaction data across the globe—positively impacting pharmacovigilance and early detection of health issues.

In the private sector, Mr. Ahluwalia implemented a number of global supply chain solutions to a geographically dispersed customer base and ushered innovative solutions enabling standards based item synchronization for global supply chains while serving as Director for IT & Application Support at Agentrics.

Mr. Ahluwalia holds a Masters of Business Administration from the Amity Business School in India and a Bachelor of Engineering from the Manipal Institute of Technology. He is a recipient of a FDA Honors Award for leading Human Drugs Informatics Platform transformation. He is fluent in English, Hindi, and Punjabi.