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CERTIFICATION AWARDED TO ATHENS TECHNOLOGY MANAGER

Technology Manager becomes Certified IT Executive

December 17, 2020 – ATHENS, TENNESSEE – The City of Athens Municipal Government now has in its ranks a Certified IT Executive. Technology Manager, Steven Croft, was recently informed that he has passed all requirements and examinations of the Information Technology Management Leadership Executive (ITMLE) training program to achieve this highly reputable certification.

The ITMLE program was selected by CIO.com as one of the Top 10 IT Leadership Development Programs for seasoned IT managers, managers, and other Chief Information Officers (CIO). The three-day, fast-moving and highly interactive workshop covers topics such as CIO knowledge, roles, methodology, & change as well as IT strategic planning, thinking, governance, & innovation.

“This was a most rare opportunity for me to network with some of the top CIO’s from around the country,” says Steven Croft. “I am grateful to the City that I was afforded the chance to attend this training. It offered great insights and I hope to use this knowledge to further influence and enhance Team Athens.”

The class was taught and facilitated by Eric Bloom, Executive Director of ITML and a contributing writer to CIO.com, TEDx speaker, technologist, and #1 bestselling author, PM/BA Times columnist, and a research advisor for International Data Corporation (IDC), a subsidiary of International Data Group (IDG), the world’s leading tech media, data, and marketing services company.

Steven Croft was hired by the City of Athens as its first-ever technology manager in December of 2018. He is the Pastor of Boyd Memorial Church of God in Athens, TN, a contributing columnist to the Daily Post-Athenian (DPA), was recognized in the DPA's 2019 Edition of 20 Under 40 and is a graduate of the Leadership McMinn Class of 2020.

“Steven has been a tremendous advantage for Team Athens, always going above and beyond to take care of the technology needs for our departments. I could not be prouder of this accomplishment for him, and I know it will be a benefit to our entire organization;” stated City Manager C. Seth Sumner.

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