

Aldona Valicenti
Chief Information Officer, Lexington-Fayette (Kentucky) Urban County Government

Aldona Valicenti was reappointed by Mayor Linda Gorton as Commissioner/CIO in January, 2019. She is collaborating with the Mayor's Office on several initiatives, which include Rethink Lex, a reengineering of city operations and services. Former Mayor Gray named Aldona Valicenti as Lexington's first Chief Information Officer in 2013. She was also the first appointed CIO for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and served as president of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) during her tenure.

Since leaving state government, Valicenti has been vice president of consulting services at CGI, an international information technology firm and vice president of business development for Oracle Corp., one of the world's largest enterprise software companies.

She has implemented a number of new systems, made investments in network operations, cyber security, public safety and cloud-based systems. She was a co-sponsor of the Gig for Lex project, a high-speed broadband initiative for the entire city. She now has oversight for the build-out, making Lexington one of the largest gig cities.

Valicenti holds a master's degree from Wayne State University in Detroit and has received numerous awards, including recognition as "public official of the year" by Governing magazine.

She has testified in Congress, advocating for state technology issues, and has advised a number of states and governors on the CIO role and organization of the CIO office.

Valicenti continues to be a frequent panelist and speaker. She served on the GAO Executive Committee on Information Management and Technology, is a board member of the Technology Association of the Bluegrass and was recently appointed to the advisory board for Next Century Cities.