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HD Supply CIO Brad Cowles Named GeorgiaCIO's 2016 Enterprise CIO of the Year

ATLANTA – November 3, 2016 – HD Supply proudly announces Chief Information Officer (CIO) Brad Cowles selected as GeorgiaCIO's 2016 Enterprise CIO of the Year.

"We are extremely proud of Brad in receiving this recognition," said HD Supply Chairman and CEO Joe DeAngelo. "His exceptional leadership has been instrumental in supporting HD Supply's mission - Driving Customer Success and Value Creation."

The GeorgiaCIO Leadership Association presented Cowles with the award on Friday, October 28, at the association's annual awards banquet. The GeorgiaCIO Awards recognize the best-of-the-best in Georgia's technology leadership from companies across multiple categories including global, enterprise, corporate and non-profit.

"I am honored to be recognized by GeorgiaCIO for demonstrating leadership, effective collaboration and value creation for HD Supply and throughout my career," said Cowles. "I am proud to accept this prestigious award on behalf of my team of dedicated associates who display every day their passion and commitment to consistently deliver on our Customer, Associate and Shareholder Promises."

Cowles has served as CIO for HD Supply since January 2015, and VP IT for the HD Supply Waterworks' business unit since 2013. Since joining the HD Supply team in 2005, Cowles has held various IT-related roles of increasing responsibility including managing the enterprise-wide IT infrastructure and IT-related merger & acquisition teams, as well as leading individual business units' IT organizations. Cowles has more than 20 years of engineering, manufacturing and IT experience. He holds a master's degree in Gas Dynamics and a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, both from the University of Florida.

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