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## Silver State Schools Credit Union Selects Ken Downs as SVP/ Chief Information Officer



Las Vegas, NV – July 05, 2024. Silver State Schools Credit Union is pleased to announce the hiring of Ken Downs as the credit union's new Senior Vice President/ Chief Information Officer. Downs will oversee the IT department by implementing technology solutions, fostering growth opportunities, and developing and implementing effective strategies, actions, programs, and processes that align with the credit union's strategic objectives.

"I am extremely excited to have an Executive with Ken's substantial technological and innovation experience and expertise join Silver State Schools Credit Union (SSSCU) as our new SVP/CIO", said Scott Arkills, President & CEO of Silver State Schools Credit Union. "Ken will make a great addition to Silver State Schools Credit Union's Executive Team, which is dedicated to serving our members with excellence."

Downs is a seasoned executive with over two decades of credit union and banking experience. He has a proven record of driving innovation, managing complex projects, and achieving remarkable improvements in system reliability, security, and team performance. In his previous roles, he served as the CIO at the Credit Union of Southern California and the Vice President of Technology at Marine Credit Union. Downs holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Westland College, Fresno, CA.

"I am very happy to be joining the team at Silver State Schools, and I'm excited to apply my knowledge of the Credit Union industry to help them better serve their Members through technology", said Downs. "I look forward to being a part of something great and helping the organization continue its mission."

The search was completed in partnership with Humanidei. Humanidei brings decades of credit union system experience to the recruiting process, ensuring executive placements that will carry organizations forward in fulfillment of their mission. www.humanidei.com.

## **About Silver State Schools Credit Union**

With our close ties to the educational community, Silver State Schools Credit Union (\$1.1B in assets, Las Vegas Nevada) values ongoing learning for our team members and offers an excellent place to build a career by developing and recognizing employees to carry them to their highest potential. Our mission of "Excellent Member Service and Financial Solutions- For Life," by providing outstanding service to both members and internal members, emphasizing 5 Cs for effective leadership: Communication, Collaboration, Culture, Commitment, and Constructive Feedback. At Silver State Schools Credit Union, we inspire trust by prioritizing people over profit. Our SMART PRO Core Values guide our team to excellence through Service Success, Member First, Accountability, Respect, TeamUnity (a hybrid of "teamwork" and "community," and Professional Knowledge. For more information, visit us at www.silverstatecu.com.

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