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DARDENNE NAMES SOOTER HEAD OF FACILITY PLANNING

Commissioner of Administration Jay Dardenne is announcing the hiring of veteran architect Jason Sooter as the new director of the state Office of Facility Planning and Control. Sooter replaces Mark Moses, who for the past seven years was holding the position in addition to his role as assistant commissioner of administration. Moses will continue to serve as assistant commissioner, supervising all operations of the Office of State Buildings and the State Land Office in addition to facility planning oversight.

“Jason has a wealth of experience in construction management and design, particularly in the higher education and health care spaces. He’s a true professional who will be an asset to the capital outlay process,” Commissioner Dardenne said. “His hiring will also allow Mark Moses, who has been serving the state for 39 years, to focus on his work as assistant commissioner.”

Sooter, a Pineville native, graduated from LSU in 1981 with a degree in architecture. Upon graduation, he moved to Birmingham, Ala., where he had his own architectural firm for 17 years. It grew from a one-man operation to a firm responsible for more than 200 constructed projects in the Southeastern U.S. and the Caribbean islands. The American Institute of Architects has cited many of his projects for design excellence, and several architectural and construction magazines have published his work.

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