Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum: Meeting Announcement

Topic: Gartner Update and AWS/Cloud Services Trends & Directions

Date: October 19, 2017

Location: Towson University

Please join members of the Mid-Atlantic CIO Forum and their invited guests at this October 19th Forum. We encourage you to invite others from your organizations to this special Forum with both Gartner and Amazon sharing ideas and thoughts important to our plans and strategies for our teams and organizations. Gartner’s survey results are always insightful and useful in understanding our CIO role and factors critical to our success. Amazon will be present to tell their story and plans for the future cogent to us as CIO’s. As we seek to enable our businesses, we must be aware of the priorities, and the current technology trends and directions that will impact/drive our processes and operations. This will prove to be a morning well spent.

Marc Andonian, Ph.D., VP/Executive Partner with Gartner’s Executive Programs (EXP) will set the stage. Marc will share the highlights of the just-released Gartner CIO Agenda for 2018. This session will provide an overview of the key findings from Gartner’s annual CIO Survey which included input from over 3000 CIO’s and senior IT Executives. The “job of the CIO” must grow and evolve as digital business spreads, and disruptive technologies, including smart machines and advanced analytics, reach critical mass. For some CIOs the path forward is clear, and for others – it is quite cloudy. This presentation will give you a solid understanding about the coming challenges and opportunities and what leading CIO’s are doing. He’ll also cover the top business and technology drivers that are at the forefront of many CIO’s agendas.

Ed Porter, Named Accounts Sales Manager, AWS Mid-Atlantic Sales, and Elizabeth Moon, US Southeast AWS Solutions Architect, for Amazon will then tell the Amazon story and share future plans and directions. Focused to AWS and Cloud Services, they will guide us on what Amazon’s key plans and strategies are (their Roadmap), help us in understanding the security expectations when moving to the “Cloud”, and advantages and opportunities in using Cloud Services. Amazon has done well, AWS has done well, they are experiencing rapid growth – how do they plan to manage that growth and provide the best services available? They will share what customers are doing to change their business models and be successful in this economy, in this market, and with Cloud Services.

We will finish the morning with a panel and roundtable discussion covering the opportunities and challenges with Cloud migrations. Marc will facilitate this discussion with participation from Amazon and several of our CIO members. Our hope is to develop the important questions that we should ask when considering Cloud solutions and Cloud partners.

Please join our members and their guests at this Full Membership meeting. The meeting starts at 8:00 AM and ends by 1PM. Brunch and lunch are provided. Pre-registration is required. Meeting logistics including agenda, directions to the meeting place and parking information will be emailed to you after you register. For registration for this meeting, please reply to the meeting request send out by Bonnie Lawson or contact her at blawson@towson.edu or 410-704-4252.