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The Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (OAKS), is a statewide enterprise resource planning (PeopleSoft - ERP) application which had its first release for Human Capital Management back in Jan 07. The Financials and Supply Chain release went live on July 1, 2007. The Ohio Shared Services project was initiated in January 2008 and is now in the design phase. The main objective of the Shared Services project at the state is to leverage the ERP investment and standardize and streamline business processes using best business practices, enabling technologies, and workflow. Efficiencies resulting from this project will help the state's budget situation and will help alleviate some of the staffing shortages that will result from the aging of the workforce in the years ahead.

Prior to joining the state, Aaron spent 10 years in consulting working for both Deloitte Consulting and Accenture in their state and local government practices. His work in consulting focused on system implementations and business cases that involved ERP, business process reengineering, technology replacement, and change management