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**Vice President of Government Relations**

Dave Roberts joined HIMSS (Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society) staff as Director of Public Policy in July 2002 and was promoted to Vice President of Government Relations in July 2005. HIMSS is the healthcare industry's 47-year old non-profit membership association with close to 200 employees dedicated to transforming healthcare using information technology and management systems. In addition to his role as Vice President of Government Relations, Dave simultaneously serves as Senior Executive of HIMSS Washington, D.C., office. The HIMSS Government Relations department is responsible for monitoring and influencing national legislative and executive branch activities including proposed new legislation and regulations, state government relations, and public policy communications.

Dave previously served as a Corporate Vice President of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) for thirteen years in their healthcare business unit in both Washington, D.C. and La Jolla, California. SAIC moved Dave to southern California in 1998. Prior experience includes serving as a professional staff member on the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, advisor on three U.S. Presidential campaigns, and aide to Senator Patsy Ticer in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and as a financial analyst for the U.S. Air Force in both the Pentagon and Germany.

Dave earned an MPA from The Department of Defense Graduate Level Financial Management Program at The American University and a BA in political science/economics for The American University in Washington, D.C. He is also a graduate of the University of Virginia's Sorensen Institute of Political Leadership, Air Command and Staff College and Squadron Officer School. Dave is an Eagle Scout and earned the rank of HIMSS Fellow (FHIMSS) in June 2002 and has been a registered lobbyist for HIMSS since July 2005.

In November 2004, Dave was elected to his first four year term on the Solana Beach City Council in San Diego County, California, and in June 2008 he was appointed Mayor. In addition to his Council service, Dave serves on thirty-nine Boards, Commissions, and Committees including North County Transit District which is responsible for operating all public transportation in north San Diego County. Dave has three young children in Solana Beach public schools and he is a past voting delegate for Health Level 7 (the healthcare industry's premier standards setting organization). He is a frequently requested public speaker on national health information technology and public policy issues. Dave also authors a column for major HIT publications including *Patient Safety and Quality Healthcare* magazine, *Most Wired Online*, *Advance for Health IT Executives* and *Medical News*. Learn more about Dave at [www.davidwroberts.org](http://www.davidwroberts.org).