



Shannon Templet  
Director

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE CIVIL SERVICE

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### LOUISIANA CIVIL SERVICE DIRECTOR NAMED

*Baton Rouge, LA*---State Civil Service Commission Chairman James A. Smith announced that Shannon Templet, currently Chief of the Department of Civil Service's Accountability Division, has been selected as that agency's new Director. Templet replaces Anne Smith Soileau, who is retiring.

Templet has approximately 20 years of human resources experience in state government, most of which was earned with the Department of Corrections. Chairman Smith noted that Templet's "extensive and varied HR experience gives her a unique, invaluable perspective. She knows the rules as well as the practical application issues in state agencies."

The classified position was advertised locally and with national human resources organizations. Of the 90 applicants, 38 qualified. From those 38, seven were selected for interview. "We had several excellent candidates," said Smith, "but the Commission was unanimous in its support for Shannon."

Templet resides in Prairieville and earned a degree in Finance from LSU in 1989. She stated, "It is an honor and a privilege to be selected for this job and I welcome the challenges that lie ahead."

The Louisiana Department of Civil Service is the central personnel agency for State government and administers a comprehensive, merit-based personnel management program. Its function is to help state agencies manage their human resources so that they may provide the most effective service to the citizens of Louisiana.

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