

DARRIN PLAYER

Chief Procurement Officer



Darrin Player is currently the Chief Procurement Officer for the South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT). He is responsible for securing all services and goods necessary to accomplish SCDOT's mission. The office is divided into three separate areas: Commodities and Services, Design Build and Procurement Cards, and Professional Services (A&E) Contracting

He is the former Director of the Office of Contract Assurance (External Audits) at SCDOT. Darrin has twenty-nine (29) years of service with SCDOT - 24 in internal and external audit, the last 5 as the Chief Procurement Officer. He holds a bachelor's degree in Finance with a minor in Accounting from Clemson University and is also a Certified Public Manager.

Darrin was an active member of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Subcommittee on Internal and External Audit for fifteen (15) years and served as Secretary 2014-2018. He received the AASHTO Dave Campbell Quality Award in 2018. Darrin also served as a member of the AASHTO Uniform Audit and Accounting Guide for Audits of Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Consulting Firms task force.

Nick Pizzuti

Chief of the Professional Services Contracting Office



Nick Pizzuti is the chief of the Professional Services Contracting Office. He manages all A&E and other professional services contracting actions to include solicitations, selection, negotiation, execution, invoicing, performance evaluation, and records management.

Nick previously served as a SCDOT contract negotiator and prior to his work at SCDOT, he had 17 years in the private sector working with a commercial construction firm.

Nick is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and holds a Bachelor of Science degree specializing in Finance and Management. He is a graduate of the 2020 SCDOT LEAD program and is currently in the South Carolina Certified Public Manager program class of 2023. Nick resides in Gilbert, South Carolina with his wife Lori and their two daughters, Kayla and Julia.