

Terri Lynn Land Transition Team

Brian DeBano

Brian DeBano, 35, of East Lansing, is currently Director of State Government Affairs for Governor John Engler. He has served in this role since May 2000 where he coordinates the activities of state departments and manages the Governor's policy staff.

He has worked for the Governor since 1997, first as the General Policy Coordinator in the State Government Affairs Division and then serving as Deputy Director of that division. Prior to joining the Governor's staff he worked for 8 years in the Michigan House of Representatives as a member of the Republican Communications and Caucus Services staffs.

As Director of State Government Affairs he oversaw the creation and transition of programs to the new Department of History, Arts and Libraries, and the Department of Information Technology.

DeBano received his Bachelor's degree from the James Madison College at Michigan State University and holds Masters degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University.

Brian will serve as transition coordinator in Lansing.

Rusty Richter

Rusty Richter founded Field & Stream Realty in 1998, which specializes in industrial/commercial real estate sales, leasing, investments and build-to-suite projects.

Richter is a licensed Broker and a Graduate of the Realtor Institute. He serves on the Commercial/Industrial Committee, and the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Grand Rapids Association of Realtors. Rusty and his family reside in Byron Township.

Rusty will serve as a transition team member out of the Grand Rapids area.

Chris LaGrand

Christopher LaGrand, 34, of DeWitt, currently serves as the Director of Legal and Regulatory Affairs for the Michigan Broadband Development Authority. Previously, he served as Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor John Engler, as Legislative Counsel to Congressman Peter Hoekstra, and as a Legal Advisor to State Senator Glenn D. Steil.

LaGrand earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Calvin College in 1990 and a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1993.

Chris will handle legal issues for the transition team.

Stephanie Comai

Stephanie Comai is the Special Advisor for Information Technology in the Executive Office of Governor John Engler. She has served in this role since August 2002 where she coordinates technology efforts in conjunction with the Department of Information Technology.

Prior to serving in this capacity, Stephanie was the Director of the e-Michigan Office - the State office established by Governor John Engler in May 2000 to reinvent the way Michigan provides on-line services to its customers. The e-Michigan Office launched the new web portal, www.Michigan.gov, in July 2001. This award-winning portal serves as the single gateway to all of Michigan's on-line services and information.

Prior to her appointment to e-Michigan, Stephanie served as the Director of State Government Affairs for Governor John Engler, where she coordinated the development and implementation of new policies and programs for state government. She has been a member of the Engler Administration since 1991, and previously worked in Washington, D.C. for the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Labor. She received her Bachelor's degree from University of Michigan and holds a Masters degree in Public Administration from George Washington University.

Stephanie will provide counsel on technology solutions as part of the transition team.