EITS Enhances Leadership Team with Recent Executive Hires
(Shawn Ellis, Alan Katz, and Brian Rivers)

Shawn Ellis—Client Services Director (EITS Division: Client Services, Infrastructure, and Operations)
Shawn has a management and technical background in information technology, most notably in the areas of service and information security management, setting corporate technology directions, and business development. His expertise in client services comes in part from his experience as a director in information technology at Raymond James Financial. While there, he was responsible for a large team of system administration, support, and security personnel supporting 15,000 Raymond James Financial advisors and their clients.

Shawn has extensive experience implementing ITIL (IT Infrastructure Library) process improvement training and practices in service across a 700 person IT organization. He is also a regular speaker at security conferences, including Gartner, Digital ID World, CA World, and RSA.

Alan Katz—Director of Finance and Business Services
Alan comes to UGA from Cornell University, where he served as chief financial officer for the $24 million Intercollegiate Athletics, Physical Education, and Recreation and Wellness programs, as well as 8 enterprise businesses. He has over 26 years of progressively increasing financial, administrative, and teaching responsibilities with General Foods Corporation, Pepsi-Cola Company, Binghamton University, Broome Community College, and Cornell University.

In addition to possessing a Masters in Business Administration from The University of Chicago, Graduate School of Business, Alan is a Certified Public Accountant. He has extensive experience in successfully providing leadership and supervision of personnel and policy in a broad range of administrative and financial management areas in the SUNY (State University of New York) system, in several corporate settings, and most recently at Cornell University.

Brian Rivers—Director of Security, Network Operations, and Infrastructure (EITS Division: Client Services, Infrastructure, and Operations)
Brian’s expertise includes communications infrastructure operations and strategy, contract negotiation, budget management, portfolio management, policy development, and standards development. Prior to joining EITS, he was responsible for voice and data communications, as well as security services, at R. J. Reynolds Tobacco. His achievements at R.J Reynolds included telecommunications contract renegotiation and technology improvements delivering over $2.1 million in annual savings.

Brian holds B.S. degrees in mathematics and computer science from Georgia College and State University, where he was founding president of the GC&SU chapter of Upsilon Pi Epsilon Computer Science Honor Society. He also received the GC&SU Outstanding Major in Mathematics Award.