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**Jeff Stovall – Chief Information Officer – Charlotte, NC  
to Appear on “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young on WOL DC 1450 AM**

**Arlington, VA** – On Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. EST, the guest on **“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young”** will be **Jeff Stovall** who became Charlotte, North Carolina’s first Chief Information Officer (CIO) in May 2008.

Prior to becoming CIO, Mr. Stovall held various leadership positions at Sprint Nextel. During his tenure, he was the Director – Network Systems Evolution, Director – Transformation Program Management, and Director – Merger Integration Planning. His educational background is just as impressive with having earned a bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a master’s degree in Business Administration from the Darden Graduate School of Business Administration at the University of Virginia.

As the CIO, Mr. Stovall is responsible for the achievement of the city’s business goals through strategic planning of technology systems. He oversees the formulation and evaluation of Information Technology (IT) governance and portfolio management. Moreover, Mr. Stovall leads teams responsible for information security, business process improvement, and technology project management that leverage and introduce technologies to solve business problems.

In this position, Mr. Stovall successfully directed the city’s technology preparation for the 2012 Democratic National Convention. Also, he improved operational efficiency by consolidating divisional IT organizations, implemented a significant modernization of legacy applications, and introduced a new architecture for the city’s technology infrastructure.

Mr. Stovall is a recognized executive within city government and independent organizations. For example: in 2009 - 2011, named one of the 50 Most Important African Americans in Technology by eAccess Corporation; in 2010, named one of the “Top 100 under 50 Diverse Executive & Emerging Leaders” by DiversityMBA magazine; in 2011, named one of the top 50 CIOs in local, state, and federal government by InformationWeek; in 2012, elected as one of Computer World’s Premier 100 IT Leaders; in 2014, named public sector CIO of the year by the North Carolina Technology Association. This year (August 2015), he was named Charlotte Business Journal’s “CIO of the Year” for the ‘non-profit/government agency’ category.

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young’s” host is honored to have Mr. Jeff Stovall – a visionary thinker, system integrator, data protector, trusted ally, and respected leader – on the show.

**About “Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” ([facebook.com/beyondjusttalk](https://www.facebook.com/beyondjusttalk))**

“Beyond Just Talk with S. L. Young” is a 1-hour weekly show which addresses life and business topics from a solution-oriented perspective. “Beyond Just Talk” is a show for anyone who seeks positive, inspirational, and thought-provoking talk.

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