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# UiPath Announces CIO Automation Council to Identify Trends and Advance Democratization of Automation

*Executives from 17 companies comprise inaugural council focused on the future of automation*

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- UiPath (NYSE: PATH), a leading [enterprise automation](#) software company, today announced its inaugural [CIO Automation Council](#) comprised of pioneering and innovative CIOs from across industries. Together with leaders from UiPath, the CIO Automation Council endeavors to accelerate automation maturity through sharing best practices; identify new business objectives and market needs for automation; and establish industry benchmarks and provide input to guide industry regulation. The Council is part of UiPath's broader focus around the CIO, including a CIO Industry Practice dedicated to delivering value to CIOs through education, networking, and thought leadership.

"The CIO Automation Council is designed to deepen relationships that help propel the automation industry and strengthen the CIO's influence both within and outside their organization," said Bobby Patrick, Chief Marketing Officer at UiPath. "The CIO Council members are visionary leaders who will contribute tremendous insights that will directly benefit their peers. We are taking an outcome-based approach to help CIOs realize the possibilities of automation to solve complex enterprise challenges."

CIOs are critical decision makers on enterprise solutions and are responsible for maximizing return on technology investments. While CIOs pursue digital modernization, reducing technical debt, and enhancing IT governance and security, they are also facing macroeconomic conditions such as inflation, supply chain disruption, and labor shortages that add difficulty to their roles. In fact, a recent UiPath [survey](#) of business executives revealed 78% are very or somewhat likely to invest more in automation to offset the impact of the labor shortage. In addition, a [report](#) by IDC predicts that by next year, 60% of CIOs will be primarily measured for their ability to co-create new business models and outcomes through extensive enterprise and ecosystem-wide collaboration.

Among the topics the CIO Automation Council will seek to address are expanding and strengthening citizen development and communicating with workers to identify new automations; improving the employee experience through automation to retain talent and attract new talent; and understanding how low code and AI capabilities can take on more advanced use cases with high business impact.

The members of the CIO Automation Council include:

- Vincent Melvin, Arrow Technologies

- Fumbi Chima, BECU
- Scott Kessler, BJ's Wholesale Club
- Steve McMahon, CrowdStrike
- Lutz Beck, Daimler Truck NAFTA
- Robert Barrios, E. & J. Gallo Winery
- Tim Dickson, Generac Power Systems
- Rajan Kumar, Intuit
- Leslie Sequeira, Patrick Industries
- Dr. Zafar Chaudry, Seattle Children's
- William S. Kehoe, State of Washington
- Sriram Sitaraman, Synopsys
- Ryan Kean, Total Quality Logistics
- Shawna DelHierro, Visionworks
- Steve Miller, Xerox

Join the UiPath Automation Council members along with other automation leaders and experts at the largest global gathering of automation professionals by [registering for UiPath FORWARD 5](#).

### **About UiPath**

UiPath has a vision to deliver the Fully Automated Enterprise™, one where companies use automation to unlock their greatest potential. UiPath offers an end-to-end platform for automation, combining the leading [Robotic Process Automation](#) (RPA) solution with a full suite of capabilities that enable every organization to rapidly scale digital business operations.

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