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Sonny is the Global Lead for Energy Solutions at Uptake, the predictive analytics and actionable insights platform improving reliability, productivity, safety and security for major industries, including rail, mining, construction, aviation and energy. Named the "Hottest Start-up" by Forbes in 2015, Uptake was recently recognized by the World Economic Forum as a Technology Pioneer and ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the CNBC Disruptor 50 list.

Prior to Uptake, Sonny spent 13 years at Exelon Corporation, a Fortune 100 company, in a variety of senior executive positions, including serving as a member of the Executive Committee. From 2012 to mid-2015, Sonny served as Chief Information and Innovation Officer (CIIO), leading the development and execution of an innovative strategy for Exelon's \$1B IT department designed to rapidly adapt to emerging technologies, the proliferation of smart devices, big data, and distributed generation, and increased physical and cyber threats facing critical infrastructures. Energy Central and Chicago's Executive's Club named Sonny CIO of the year in 2014 and Security Magazine ranked Exelon's Security Department the best in the energy industry in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Prior to being CIIO, Sonny was the President of Exelon Power, where he oversaw the operations of 8,500 MW of generating assets, including safely shutting down Exelon's coal-fired generating plants while growing its wind generating assets. During the 2008 financial crisis, Sonny designed and executed Exelon's \$350M cost reduction initiative. He also has served as Exelon's Senior Vice President for Human Resources.

Sonny began his career in the public and non-profit sectors, serving as an Assistant to Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and was appointed a White House Fellow by President Clinton. As a research associate at The Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago, he published numerous papers on youth and community development in disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Sonny is a Henry Crown Leadership Fellow at the Aspen Institute and a member of the Aspen Global Leadership Network. He currently serves as a lecturer at the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business and sits on the boards of MB Financial Inc. and RKNeal. He also serves on a number of not-for-profit boards including Project&, the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, and the Invisible Institute.

Sonny earned a M.B.A. and a B.A. at the University of Chicago, and a M.P.P. from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Sonny lives in Chicago with his wife and two children.