

LEAVITT APPOINTS S.L. RESIDENT TO LEAD UDOT

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Gov. Mike Leavitt has named Salt Lake resident W. Craig Zwick as the new Utah Department of Transportation executive director.

Zwick, 45, most recently worked as vice president of business development for Okland Construction Co. Inc. Zwick, who speaks fluent Spanish, returned in July from Santiago, Chile, where he served three years as mission president for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is a member of the LDS Church Missionary Advisory Committee.

Zwick formerly was president and chief executive officer of Zwick Construction Co., which he owned for 14 years. In that time, he completed more than 70 major projects that totaled more than \$400 million.

Among them: the Portland LDS Temple, Salt Lake Genealogy Library, Salt Lake County Complex, Cottonwood Recreation Center, St. George Holiday Inn and Little America Hotel in Wyoming.

At a brief press conference Friday at UDOT headquarters, where he was welcomed by scores of curious UDOT employees, Zwick pledged "total commitment" to the job, then quipped, "All I need is an orange coat to get busy."

Later, he said he didn't anticipate any problems moving from the private to public sector. "It will be a refreshing change for both sides."

He said he had not had time to study UDOT's proposed 1993-94 budget and priority list in depth but expected some changes. He said it was premature to discuss possible staff changes.

Leavitt said he was impressed by Zwick's business understanding, saying the state needs good public-private partnerships. "His biggest strength is that he is a leader and a motivator," Leavitt said.

Leavitt also praised outgoing UDOT executive director Eugene Findlay for his work in the past six years.

Zwick graduated from the University of Utah in finance and business management. He served an LDS mission in Argentina and Bolivia from 1967-1969. He and his wife, Jan, have four children ranging in age from 21 to 13.

He has served as director, secretary and treasurer of the Utah Chapter Associated General Contractors of America, and has been a trustee of the Utah Carpenter's Trust Fund.

Zwick's community involvement has included the Utah Symphony board of directors and Maestro Club presidency, Deseret Village Handicap Group Home advisory board, Utah Education Foundation, Utah Winter Olympic Committee, Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce, Orthopedic Bio-Mechanic Institute and SLC Knee Research Foundation.