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Charlie O'Rourke is a highly motivated business technology leader widely recognized as a catalyst to driving strategic business improvement and efficiency through creation and deployment of unique technical solutions to varied business challenges. A 35-year veteran of First Data Corporation, a global leader in electronic commerce and financial services, he possesses the communications skills to establish vision, the management capability to motivate multifunctional teams, and the operating experience to deliver impressive results.

Charlie completed his Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. He began his professional career in 1964 at IBM Corporation, where he specialized in on-line and real-time systems design and development. He collaborated with many IBM customers, particularly those in the finance and manufacturing industries, to develop and implement business application software. Having attained the position of Senior Systems Engineer, he left IBM in 1970 to form his own company. His company provided on-line computer processing services to financial institutions.

First Data Corporation (FDC) recruited Charlie in 1972. Over the next decades, he assumed increasingly responsible and more challenging leadership roles, leveraging technology expertise balanced by unique business management acumen to promote understanding, design, installation and adoption of technologies to advance both corporate and customer business growth and expansion initiatives. He provided both technical and business consultative services to many senior executives and managers of First Data's business units.

Charlie founded and was acting Chair of the FDC Business & Technology Security Council, which addressed enterprise-wide business and technology security issues (encryption, authentication, authorization, key management and recovery), and developed policies for electronic commerce and information security for external commercial use and internal deployment.

Most recently, as Senior Vice President, Charlie served as special advisor to the Chairman & CEO and COO on efforts to create entrepreneurial units within First Data and to tie technology and product development to business goals and objectives.