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Andy Gerlach was appointed Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Revenue in December of 2010 and officially assumed this role on May 23, 2011. Prior to becoming Secretary of Revenue, he served with the South Dakota Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs, first as Finance Officer and later as Deputy Secretary. He started his service to the state in 1993 as a Budget Analyst with the Bureau of Finance and Management.

Gerlach has served on many boards and committees including the South Dakota War Memorials Dedication Committee, the Pierre/Fort Pierre State Government United Way Advisory Board, and the South Dakota National Guard Museum Board of Directors. Other affiliations include the National Guard Association at the state and national level, Operation Outreach Afghanistan, as well as the local church council.

A native of Armour, Gerlach earned his Bachelor's degree from Northern State University, Aberdeen. He continued his education and earned his Masters of Business Administration from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. Gerlach has been a member of the South Dakota Army National Guard for the past 24 years, holding numerous key leadership positions during his years of service. He currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and from June 2010 until April 2011 served as Executive Officer for the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade in Kabul, Afghanistan.

