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Christina Dayries serves as the Deputy Director/Chief of Staff in the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP). She assists the Director in all aspects of the agency's preparedness, prevention, response, recovery and mitigation activities. Christina has served in several positions within the agency. As the previous Asst. Deputy Director of Grants and Administration, she directed the agency's activities for homeland security, recovery, finance, budget, purchasing, human resources, facility management, and Federal grant compliance sections, and was directly responsible for oversight and management of the agency's \$4 billion budget.

Dayries held the section chief position of Communications and Interoperability where she was instrumental in establishing the governance structure and policy for the Louisiana Wireless Information Network (LWIN) and has been nationally recognized for establishing the Nation's first statewide digital 700 MHz radio systems in the aftermath of Katrina. Dayries was recognized by the U.S. Department of Homeland (DHS) for utilizing best practices in developing grant applications related to interoperable communications.

Dayries has received many recognitions and known as the "spark plug" for numerous emergency management initiatives throughout her career focusing on creating and implementing policy initiatives to foster a prepared and resilient Louisiana.