

Spitzer successor rushes to form team

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ALBANY, N.Y. -- David Paterson, New York's governor-in-waiting, is reported rushing to put together his team ahead of officially taking office Monday. Paterson, the current lieutenant governor, is succeeding Gov. Eliot Spitzer, who resigned over his alleged involvement in a sex scandal. Some members of Spitzer's inner circle will be held over in an effort to smooth transition and meet the April 1 budget deadline, the New York Daily News said Thursday. Others were expected to eventually leave, though a senior Paterson team member said there would be "no sudden changes and nobody has been asked to leave." However, there was one major change: Charles O'Byrne, Paterson's chief of staff, replaces Richard Baum as secretary to the governor, the Daily News said.

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