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Diebenow out, Hollingsworth in as mayor's chief of staff

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Jacksonville Mayor John Peyton's chief of policy will become the new chief of staff following his predecessor's departure into the private sector this month.

Adam Hollingsworth will take the reins Feb. 29 from Steve Diebenow, who will become a principal at Rock Creek Capital, a national private timberland and alternative asset manager. Diebenow joined the city in July 2003 and took the position after Scott Teagle resigned.

Before joining the mayor's team in 2004, Hollingsworth was a spokesman for CSX Corp. (NYSE: CSX). He previously served on the staffs of Mayor Ed Austin, Congressman Charles Bennett and Congresswoman Corrine Brown.

"Adam is a strategic thinker of the first order, and his ability to focus efforts and drive results is unparalleled," said Peyton in a news release. "His experience in the corporate world with CSX and his years of work with all levels of government have prepared him well for this leadership role."