

# FEDERAL NETWORKS 2024 CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Monday, September 23, 2024**

(Conference Sessions Day 1)

**8:30 – 9:00 AM**

## **Next Generation Federal Networks and Services: Opportunities and Challenges**

The conference chairman will identify the latest government marketplace opportunities as agencies across federal government and Defense Department agencies design, acquire, and transition to their next generation networks and cloud services. The presentation will discuss how evolving network, mobile, cloud, cyber and Artificial Intelligence technologies, as well as changes in the customer environment will reshape the competitive landscape for carriers, integrators, system manufacturers and professional services companies.

- **Warren Suss**, President Suss Consulting Inc. and Conference Chairman

**9:00 – 10:45 AM**

## ***GSA: Update on Federal IT Infrastructure***

**9:00 - 9:10 AM**

### **GSA Introduction**

This is a keynote on the current state of federal IT and thoughts on the near future.

- **Laura Stanton**, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Technology Category (ITC), Federal Acquisition Service (FAS), GSA

**9:10 - 9:45 AM**

### **Fireside Chat: Acquiring Emergent Technologies**

GSA's senior leaders will provide an overview of their federal customer requirements and GSA's strategic direction for meeting next generation agency requirements for telecom, networks, and emerging technologies. This session will also cover how GSA manages its acquisition vehicles, trends they see in telecom services, and the policies & technologies that may impact federal networks in the near future

- **Laura Stanton**, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Information Technology Category (ITC), Federal Acquisition Service (FAS), GSA
- **Lawrence Hale**, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Category Management, ITC, FAS, GSA
- **Michael Berkholtz**, Senior Manager, Technology Lifecycle Services, ETS, ITC, FAS, GSA
- **David J. Taybron**, Director, Innovation Division, ITC, FAS, GSA

**9:45– 10:45 AM**

### **Your Experts in Enterprise Network Infrastructure**

The Executive Director (SES) of Enterprise Technology Solutions (ETS) and a panel of GSA network specialists will discuss what it takes to deliver agile, streamlined, and cost effective telecom and enterprise technology procurement solutions to meet the dynamic needs of the Federal Government.

- **Jacob Marcellus**, Executive Director (SES), Enterprise Technology Solutions (ETS), ITC, GSA
- **Rosa Underwood**, Senior Cybersecurity Advisor, ITC, FAS, GSA
- **Loren Smith**, Director, Solutions Development, ETS, ITC, FAS, GSA
- **Dinaira Borba**, Contracting Officer, Enterprise Telecommunications Solutions Acquisition, ITC, FAS, GSA
- **John Torrence**, Solutions Broker, Technical Account Management, ETS, ITC, FAS, GSA

**10:45 – 11:15 AM GSA Breakout Session/Networking Break**

**11:15 – 11:45 AM**

### ***DHS Information Technology Modernization Update***

The presentation will highlight high priority DHS requirements for industry cloud, network, cyber, mobile, and Artificial Intelligence technologies, solutions and services to support the effectiveness, efficiency and security of the DHS mission.

- **Rear Admiral Chris Bartz**, Deputy Chief Information Officer (DCIO), DHS

**11:45 AM – 12:00 PM DHS Breakout Session/Networking Break**

**12:00 – 1:30 PM**

**KEYNOTE LUNCHEON: Update on CISA Next Generation Priorities for Federal Cyber Defense**

A senior executive from the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency will highlight CISA's high priority requirements for industry technologies, solutions, and services to improve defenses against cyber threats to federal networks and operations.

- **Shelly Hartsook**, Acting Associate Director for Capacity Building, CISA

**1:30 – 2:00 PM CISA Breakout Session/Networking Break**

**2:00 – 2:45 PM**

***VA: End User Operations***

The VA's Executive Director of End User Operations will provide an update on VA's strategies, priorities, and requirements from industry to provide an exceptional customer experience for the end users of VA products and services, as well as the Veterans and caregivers that VA serves. He will highlight technologies to enable VA to deliver self-service tools on par with top private sector companies and that will provide the best online experience in the Federal Government.

- **Jeff VanBemmel**, Executive Director, End User Operations Office of Information and Technology, End User Services, VA

**2:45 – 3:00 PM VA Breakout Session/Networking Break**

**3:00 – 3:45 PM**

***GAO AI Study: Update on Federal Agency AI Implementation***

GAO's Former Chief Data Scientist and Director of Innovation Lab, currently OPM's Chief Data Officer and Director of Enterprise Data and Artificial Intelligence, provide an update on agency adoption of AI. He will provide an overview of how agencies are making plans to expand their application and infrastructure. His remarks will focus on opportunities for industry to help agencies achieve the potential for AI to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations.

- **Taka Ariga**, Formerly GAO's Chief Data Scientist and Director of Innovation Lab, currently OPM's Chief Data Officer and Director of Enterprise Data and Artificial Intelligence

**3:45 – 4:00 PM GAO AI Study Breakout Session/Networking Break**

**4:00 – 4:45 PM**

***State Department: IT Infrastructure Requirements Update***

The State Department will provide an overview of the agency's plans to provide a reliable and secure global network infrastructure vital to the conduct of diplomacy and international affairs for the Department of State. They will highlight his department's upcoming IT infrastructure requirements to support the nation's diplomats with technology for innovative and collaborative processing and interaction, both internal and external, including zero trust architecture, artificial intelligence, cloud, messaging, text, voice, and video-conferencing initiatives.

- **Manual Madrano**, Director, Office of Cyber Monitoring and Operations, Directorate of Cyber and Technology Security, Bureau of Diplomatic Security, U.S. Department of State

**4:45 – 5:00 PM State Breakout Session/Networking Break**

**5:00 – 6:00 PM Complementary Cocktail Networking**

## **Tuesday, September 24, 2024**

(Conference Sessions Day 2)

**8:15 – 9:00 AM**

### ***DISA Keynote Address***

An overview of DISA's most important initiatives, including the latest developments related to network infrastructure and upgrades, cybersecurity, cloud computing, Artificial Intelligence, Unified Communications (UC), and secure mobility. The presentation will also include an update on organizational changes and DISA's budget.

- **Christopher Barnhurst**, Deputy Director, DISA

**9:00 – 10:30 AM**

### ***DISA Update***

Top DISA executives will describe the latest strategies and plans for the Defense Department's networks, network services, and capabilities with an emphasis on upcoming requirements from industry. The presentations will cover upcoming DISA requirements for network infrastructure, services, enhancements, and upgrades; enterprise services; cloud services and migration; Artificial Intelligence; and cybersecurity.

- **Sharon Woods**, Director, DISA Command, Control, Communications, and Computers Enterprise Directorate (J-6 C4E)
- **Jeff Marshall**, Acting Director, Hosting and Commute Directorate (J-9 HaC)
- **Brian Hermann**, Director and Program Executive Officer, DISA PEO Cyber
- **Christopher Paczkowski**, Director and Program Executive Officer, DISA PEO Transport
- **Tinisha McMillan**, Director, DISA J-3/5/7 Operations, Plans and Exercises Executive

**10:30-10:45 AM DISA Breakout Session/Networks Break**

**10:45 – 11:30 AM**

### ***DFAS Information and Technology Modernization Update***

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service's Chief Information Officer and Director of Information Technology will provide an update on his agency's next generation initiatives for enabling the Department of Defense to uphold its fiscal responsibilities for all financial transactions, including payroll and accounting services, enterprise systems for financial transactions, and infrastructure support. He will also outline DFAS plans and requirements to

ensure that all networks and transactions made through those networks are secure and cyber defended.

- **Don Means**, Chief Information Officer and Director of Information Technology, Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS)

#### **11:30-11:45 AM DFAS Breakout Session/Networks Break**

**11:45 AM – 12:30 PM**

#### ***CDAO: Update on DoD Artificial Intelligence Requirements and Challenges***

A senior executive from the Chief Digital And Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO) will provide an update on DoD's strategy development for promoting the development of AI-enabled solutions to support DoD's most critical mission priorities. The remarks will focus on how DoD will create enabling digital infrastructure and services that support Components' development and deployment of data, analytics, AI, and digital-enabled solutions.

- **Daniel Holtzman**, Chief Information Officer (CIO); Cyber Assurance Officer; Authorizing Official (AO) and the Senior Component Official for Privacy (SCOP), Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO)

#### **12:30 – 12:45 PM CDAO Breakout Session/Networks Break**

**12:45 – 2:00 PM**

#### ***KEYNOTE LUNCHEON: Securing the Pentagon's Networks to Meet the DoD's Pacing Threat***

DISA's senior uniformed officer in the Pentagon will describe how DISA J-6 C4E is employing DISA Next Strategy imperatives to harden Pentagon IT against adversary cyber activities, while ensuring uninterrupted network access for DoD senior leadership.

- **Brig. Gen. Michael Cornell**, Vice Director, DISA Command, Control, Communications, and Computers Enterprise Directorate (J-6 C4E)

**2:00 – 2:45 PM**

#### ***Air Force Cyber: Update on the Department of the Air Force Cyber Strategy***

The Principal Cyber Advisor for the Department of the Air Force, comprised of the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force, will provide an update on the Air Force cyber strategy and its impact on upcoming Air Force cyber initiatives. She will cover the Air Force acquisition and investment strategy to improve Air Force mission readiness. Her remarks will highlight how industry can support Air Force cyber objectives.

- **Dr. Wanda Jones-Heath**, Principal Cyber Advisor, Department of the Air Force

**2:45 – 3:30 PM**

***Defense Health Agency: Cybersecurity and Risk Management Enhancements Across the Enterprise and into the Cloud***

A senior Defense Health Agency (DHA) IT executive will describe DHA's cybersecurity requirements and initiatives to ensure robust protections are in place to protect the DHA's global infrastructure and the data of Military Health System beneficiaries who receive care around the globe. The presentation will highlight how industry can best support DHA with securing the infrastructure relied upon by military hospitals and clinics worldwide and the beneficiary health data that traverses it.

- **Al Hardman**, Chief, Risk Management Executive Division (RMED), Defense Health Agency