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ADVANCING DATA, AI, AND DIGITAL LEADERSHIP ACROSS GOVERNMENT

CDAO Government is Corinium's flagship public sector data and analytics event, bringing together government data leaders for more than thirteen years. The conference convenes Chief Data Officers, Chief AI Officers, CIOs, and digital transformation leaders to share practical insights, real-world case studies, and implementation strategies.

At a time of rapid technological change, governments are under increasing pressure to deliver services that are faster, more efficient, and more responsive to the needs of citizens. Across federal, state, and local agencies, leaders are leveraging AI, advanced analytics, and modern data infrastructure to improve decision-making, modernize operations, and drive better public outcomes.

CDAO Government is designed to address these challenges directly by enabling collaboration between senior government decision-makers, technology leaders, policymakers, and industry partners responsible for advancing AI, data, and digital transformation across the public sector. Over two days, attendees will explore how agencies are operationalizing AI, modernizing digital infrastructure, strengthening data governance, and building scalable capabilities to improve mission delivery and citizen services.

Key themes for 2026 include:

- Operationalizing AI and agentic AI across government
- Strengthening data governance and interoperability
- Modernizing digital infrastructure and legacy systems
- Scaling AI securely and responsibly
- Improving citizen services through data-driven decision-making
- Building workforce readiness for the AI era

Taking place alongside **CDAO Defense & Security**, the event creates a unique forum where leaders from across the public sector can exchange perspectives.

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EARLY CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

Justin Marsico, Chief Data Officer and Assistant Commissioner, US DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Richard Patterson, Chief Data and AI Officer, Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Justin Carder, Chief Digital & AI Officer, DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY

Natalie Evans Harris, State Chief Data Officer, STATE OF MARYLAND

Anil Chaudhry, Senior Advisor for Artificial Intelligence, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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Dr. ClarLynda Williams-DeVane, Chief Deputy and Deputy Secretary of Operational Excellence, NCDHHS

Meghan Barrett Welch, Chief Data Officer, MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Christy Monaco, Chief Operating Officer, OPEN GEOSPATIAL CONSORTIUM

Jing Liu, PhD, Executive Director, MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR DATA AND AI IN SOCIETY

Kyle Morton, Chief Operating Officer, EDM ASSOCIATION

Charlie Haggart, PhD, Chief Data Steward, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Patrick McLoughlin, Executive Director, MD THINK, STATE OF MARYLAND

Rob King, 3x CDAO

Prachi Mondaiyka, Chief AI Strategy Officer, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Randal Rodger, Program Manager, Geospatial Analytics, Technology & Solutions (GATS), CITY OF OTTAWA

Dr Mike Horton, Chair of the Africa Tech Forum, AFRICA ECONOMIC FORUM

Lauren Maffeo, Senior AI/ML Program Manager, STATE OF MARYLAND

Andrew Patricio, Chief Data and AI Officer, UnidosUS

Bhaskar Sharma, Chief, Data Management Division, ATF

Victoria Da Poian, Lead Data Scientist, Tyto Athene, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center

Craig Lawrence, PhD, Deputy Executive Director, Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security (ARLIS), UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND

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CDAO Government Conference Tuesday, September 22, 2026	
0800 ET	<i>Registration & Light Breakfast</i>
0850	Welcome Remarks from Corinium Intelligence
0855	Chairperson's Opening Remarks
0900	Driving Financial Operations and Government Efficiency at Scale - Leveraging enterprise data to strengthen financial operations, transparency, and accountability across government - Enabling data-driven decision-making to support fiscal management, payments, and program delivery - Building modern data infrastructure to integrate legacy systems and support real-time insights - Aligning data strategy with mission priorities to improve efficiency, oversight, and public trust Justin Marsico , Chief Data Officer and Assistant Commissioner, US DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
0930	Scaling Data Leadership Across Government: Lessons from the Federal CDAO Community - Translating federal data strategy into operational impact by aligning data governance, analytics, and mission priorities across agencies - Building sustainable data ecosystems that enable agencies to move from fragmented datasets to enterprise-wide insights and decision support - Overcoming common barriers to data adoption, including cultural change, workforce development, and cross-agency collaboration - Lessons learned from serving as a CDAO across multiple federal organizations and recommendations for the next generation of government data leaders Rob King , 3x Federal CDO
1000	From Guardrails to Mission Outcomes: Defense in Depth for Agentic AI - Analyzing an in-depth approach to agentic AI - Using composable guardrails to manage what agents can know, what they can do, and how their behavior can be observed and corrected. - Building the conditions for agencies to deploy AI they can trust at scale in service of real mission outcomes  Paul Jojy , Manager, Forward Deployed Engineering, DOMINO DATA LAB
1030	<i>Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>
1100	Scaling AI Across State Government to Drive Operational Impact - Translating AI and machine learning initiatives into practical tools that improve government operations and decision-making - Building the data infrastructure and governance frameworks needed to support scalable AI adoption across agencies - Overcoming organizational and workforce challenges associated with integrating AI into public sector environments - Identifying high-impact use cases for AI that enhance service delivery, efficiency, and long-term modernization efforts across state government Lauren Maffeo , Senior AI/ML Program Manager, STATE OF MARYLAND
1130	Unlocking the Value of Data as a Strategic Asset - Building enterprise-wide data strategies that improve decision-making and service delivery - Strengthening data governance, quality, and interoperability across agencies - Breaking down data silos to enable a more connected and efficient government - Creating a data-driven culture that supports innovation, accountability, and measurable public outcomes

	Natalie Evans Harris , State Chief Data Officer, STATE OF MARYLAND
1200	Building the Connected City: Ottawa's Digital Twin in Action - Developing a citywide digital twin to integrate geospatial, infrastructure, utilities, and planning data - Breaking down data silos to create a connected, decision-ready operating environment - Leveraging digital twins to improve planning, service delivery, and operational decision-making - Lessons learned and practical considerations for governments building next-generation data ecosystems Randal Rodger , Program Manager, Geospatial Analytics, Technology & Solutions (GATS), CITY OF OTTAWA
1230	<i>Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>
1330	Advancing AI in Transportation for Safer and More Efficient Systems - Translating AI strategy into practical applications that improve safety, efficiency, and mobility across transportation systems - Leveraging data and AI to enhance infrastructure planning, traffic management, and operational decision-making - Integrating AI into complex, multi-modal environments while addressing interoperability, governance, and workforce challenges - Scaling AI initiatives from pilot programs to enterprise adoption to deliver measurable impact across the transportation ecosystem Anil Chaudhry , Senior Advisor for Artificial Intelligence, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Subject to Approval)
1400	AI Readiness in the 21st Century - Organizations must build strong data foundations (quality, metadata, lineage, governance) to achieve true AI readiness. - AI-ready data requires standardization, interoperability, provenance, and automation of quality checks to support trustworthy AI. - Federal urgency (EO 14110, OMB, NIST RMF) and rapid AI adoption make modernization essential now, not later. - AI readiness depends on four pillars: data maturity, modern architecture, governance/risk management, and workforce skills. - Agencies should focus on high-impact, low-risk use cases like document summarization, workflow automation, enterprise search, and anomaly detection. - Success requires a structured 18-month roadmap, strong KPIs, secure AI sandboxes, and a culture that supports responsible AI adoption. Bhaskar Sharma , Chief, Data Management Division, ATF
1430	Building Trusted Data Foundations for AI and Public Health Innovation - Strengthening data stewardship, governance, and data quality to support reliable AI and analytics across government - Building interoperable and trusted data environments that improve collaboration and decision-making within public health and regulatory ecosystems - Balancing innovation, transparency, and responsible data management in the adoption of AI technologies - Leveraging modern data practices to improve operational efficiency, scientific research, and mission outcomes across the public sector Charlie Haggart, PhD , Chief Data Steward, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION
1500	<i>Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>
1530	Using Data and AI to Improve Health Outcomes and Government Service Delivery

	• Leveraging data and AI to improve public health outcomes and strengthen service delivery across communities • Enhancing coordination across agencies and programs through better data sharing and interoperability • Balancing innovation with governance, privacy, and trust in the adoption of AI within health and human services • Building scalable digital capabilities that support more responsive, efficient, and citizen-centered government services Dr. ClarLynda Williams-DeVane, PhD, Chief Deputy Secretary, NC DHHS
1600	Technology Trends and AI in Public Health: From Strategy to Statewide Impact • Developing enterprise technology strategies that align innovation with public health priorities and measurable statewide outcomes. • Evaluating emerging technologies through the lenses of business value, scalability, risk, and long-term sustainability. • Implementing Responsible AI by embedding governance, privacy, interoperability, and security into every stage of the AI lifecycle. • Selecting high-value AI use cases by balancing organizational readiness, mission impact, and risk in highly regulated environments Prachi Mondaiyka, Chief AI Strategy Officer, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
1630	Advancing Responsible AI for Public Impact • Bridging research, policy, and implementation to accelerate the responsible adoption of AI • Ensuring AI systems are transparent, trustworthy, and aligned with societal needs and public values • Fostering collaboration between academia, government, and industry to address complex challenges through data and AI • Preparing organizations and communities for the opportunities and risks presented by emerging AI technologies Jing Liu, PhD, Executive Director, MICHIGAN INSTITUTE FOR DATA AND AI IN SOCIETY
1700	<i>Conference Drinks Reception</i>

CDAO Government Conference Wednesday, September 23, 2026	
0800 ET	Registration & Light Breakfast
0850	Chairperson's Opening Remarks
0900	Building the AI-Ready Organization: Modernization, Accountability, and Sustainable Transformation - Aligning people, processes, and technology to accelerate digital transformation and AI adoption - Creating the governance, operating models, and leadership alignment necessary to sustain modernization efforts - Moving beyond pilot projects to embed AI, automation, and analytics into everyday business processes - Measuring success through operational outcomes, workforce adoption, and long-term organizational impact Justin Carder , Chief Digital & AI Officer, DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY
0930	Industry Insights HP 
1000	Harnessing Data to Drive Smarter Environmental Policy and Public Service Delivery - Building a modern data foundation to support evidence-based policymaking and regulatory decision-making. - Breaking down data silos to improve collaboration across agencies and deliver better public outcomes. - Leveraging analytics and AI to enhance operational efficiency while maintaining trust, transparency, and responsible governance. - Preparing government organizations for the next generation of data-driven decision-making through strong leadership, culture, and innovation. Meghan Barrett Welch , Chief Data Officer, MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
1030	Panel Discussion: Breaking the Silo: How City Data Leaders Are Building Cross-Agency Infrastructure That Delivers Results - What are the biggest barriers to breaking down data silos across city departments, and how have leading cities overcome them? - How do you establish the governance, trust, and accountability needed to enable secure data sharing across agencies with different priorities and systems? - Which cross-agency initiatives have delivered the greatest operational impact, and what lessons can other governments take from their implementation? - As cities continue to modernize, what role will AI, advanced analytics, and integrated data platforms play in enabling more proactive, coordinated public services? Moderator: Bloomberg Philanthropies What Works Cities Panelists: Charlotte, NC Glendale, AZ Dayton, OH
1115	Networking Break in the Exhibition Area
1145	Industry Insights Alteryx 
1215	Leveraging Data and AI to Drive Community Impact and Organizational Transformation - Using data and AI to improve decision-making and strengthen mission-driven initiatives across communities - Building scalable data strategies that support more effective operations and measurable organizational outcomes

	• Leveraging analytics and digital transformation to better understand community needs and improve service delivery • Ensuring responsible and inclusive adoption of AI technologies across public-facing and mission-oriented organizations Andrew Patricio, Chief Data and AI Officer, UNIDOSUS
1245	Advancing AI and Applied Research for National Security Innovation • Accelerating the transition of AI and emerging technologies from research environments into operational mission capabilities • Strengthening collaboration between government, academia, and industry to drive innovation across national security ecosystems • Leveraging data, advanced analytics, and applied research to support decision advantage in complex mission environments • Building scalable and trusted frameworks for responsible AI adoption across defense and intelligence organizations Craig Lawrence, PhD, Deputy Executive Director, Applied Research Laboratory for Intelligence and Security (ARLIS), UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
1315	<i>Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>
1415	Applying Data Science and AI to Advance Mission Innovation at Scale • Leveraging data science and AI to support complex mission environments and accelerate scientific and operational discovery • Transforming large-scale datasets into actionable insights that improve decision-making and mission performance • Overcoming challenges related to data integration, scalability, and advanced analytics in high-volume environments • Exploring the future role of AI, automation, and predictive analytics in driving innovation across government and research organizations Victoria Da Poian, Lead Data Scientist, Tyto Athene, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center
1445	Geospatial Standards for AI-Driven Decision-Making • The role of open standards in enabling interoperable geospatial data ecosystems across federal, state, and international partners • Supporting AI adoption: ensuring geospatial data is accessible, usable, and aligned with modern analytics and AI workflows • Cross-agency and cross-domain integration: advancing data sharing and interoperability across government organizations • Partnering with industry and academia: accelerating innovation through standards-based collaboration and open, nonproprietary frameworks Christy Monaco, Chief Operating Officer, OPEN GEOSPATIAL CONSORTIUM
1515	AI Without Borders: Building Digital Capacity for the Next Generation of Government • Advancing AI adoption through international collaboration, innovation, and knowledge sharing • Building the governance, workforce, and digital capabilities needed to scale AI responsibly • Leveraging emerging technologies to accelerate economic development and public sector transformation • Lessons from global AI leadership and opportunities to strengthen international partnerships in the digital age Dr Mike Horton, Chair of the Africa Tech Forum, AFRICA ECONOMIC FORUM
1545	<i>Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>
1615	<i>Closing Roundtable Discussion Groups</i>

	Roundtable 1: Operationalizing AI Across Defense Missions As artificial intelligence transitions from experimentation to operational capability, defense leaders must address how AI systems can be deployed responsibly and at scale. This roundtable will explore the challenges of integrating AI into real-world defense missions, building trust in AI-enabled decision support, and aligning data, testing, and governance frameworks to ensure mission readiness. Roundtable Leader: Kyle Morton, Chief Operating Officer, EDM ASSOCIATION (Confirmed)	Roundtable 2: Data as a Warfighting Asset Data is increasingly central to decision advantage across the Joint Force. This discussion will examine how defense organizations are building interoperable data environments that enable advanced analytics, AI applications, and faster operational insight. Participants will explore challenges around data governance, accessibility, and integration across services, agencies, and coalition partners.	Roundtable 3: Cloud Infrastructure for Modern Defense Operations Cloud computing is becoming foundational to defense digital transformation, enabling scalable computing, secure data environments, and advanced AI capabilities. This roundtable will explore how defense organizations are leveraging cloud architectures, edge computing, and hybrid environments to support mission systems, enhance operational resilience, and deliver digital capabilities at speed.
	Roundtable 4: Accelerating Technology Transition: From Innovation to Fielded Capability Despite significant investment in innovation, many promising technologies struggle to transition into sustained use. This roundtable will explore how defense organizations can overcome the “valley of death” by aligning requirements, acquisition pathways, and operational needs.	Roundtable 5: Human-Machine Teaming: Building Trust and Effectiveness As AI becomes increasingly embedded in decision-making processes, ensuring effective human-machine collaboration is critical. This roundtable will examine how defense organizations can design systems that enhance operator performance while maintaining trust, transparency, and accountability.	Roundtable 6: Cyber Resilience in Contested Environments As defense systems become more digitally integrated, they are increasingly exposed to sophisticated cyber threats. This roundtable will explore how organizations can strengthen resilience across networks, platforms, and data environments while enabling secure information sharing.
1700	<i>End of Conference</i>		