ADVANCING DATA, AI, AND DIGITAL LEADERSHIP ACROSS GOVERNMENT

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. Artificial intelligence, advanced analytics, and modern data infrastructures are transforming how public institutions operate—enabling agencies to generate insights, improve decision-making, and deliver better outcomes across policy, operations, and public services.

Across federal, state, and local government, leaders are working to harness data as a strategic asset. From strengthening data governance and interoperability to deploying AI responsibly and securely, agencies are building the digital capabilities needed to address complex societal challenges and improve mission delivery in an increasingly data-driven world.

For government leaders, the challenge is not only adopting new technologies, but also building the organizational culture, workforce capabilities, and governance frameworks necessary to scale innovation across the public sector. This requires close collaboration between agencies, technology leaders, policymakers, and industry partners to ensure that digital transformation translates into measurable mission impact.

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 Information Officers, AI leaders, and digital transformation executives from across federal, state, and local government to share insights, best practices, and lessons learned from real-world implementations.

Taking place alongside **CDAO Defense & Security**, the event creates a unique forum where leaders from across the public sector can exchange perspectives on data strategy, artificial intelligence, digital infrastructure, and responsible innovation.

Over two days, CDAO Government will explore how agencies are leveraging data and AI to strengthen decision-making, modernize government operations, and deliver more effective public services for the communities they serve.

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CDAO GOVERNMENT CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

CONFERENCE DAY ONE | **SEPTEMBER 22, 2026**

Scaling AI and Data Leadership Across Government

- **Operationalizing AI Across Government Agencies**: Moving from pilots to production by integrating AI and advanced analytics into mission delivery, policy development, and operational decision-making.
- **Building the Government Data Ecosystem**: Establishing interoperable data platforms, governance frameworks, and shared standards that enable agencies to treat data as a strategic asset.
- **Responsible and Ethical AI in Public Services**: Implementing governance models that ensure transparency, accountability, and fairness in AI-enabled decision systems.
- **Data Governance for the AI Era**: Strengthening data stewardship, quality, and accessibility to support reliable analytics and trustworthy AI outcomes.
- **Breaking Down Data Silos Across Agencies**: Enabling secure cross-agency data sharing to improve collaboration, policy insight, and coordinated service delivery.
- **Putting Citizens First with Data-Driven Government**: Leveraging analytics and digital tools to improve customer experience, service accessibility, and public trust.
- **Modernizing Government Through Data Platforms and Cloud**: Building scalable infrastructure that supports advanced analytics, automation, and AI across government organizations.

CONFERENCE DAY TWO | **SEPTEMBER 23, 2026**

Delivering Mission Impact Through Data, AI, and Digital Innovation

- **Creating Real ROI from AI in Government**: Identifying high-value use cases and demonstrating measurable outcomes from AI investments across public sector missions.
- **Data Integration and Automation for Policy and Operations**: Leveraging modern data pipelines and automated workflows to accelerate insights and improve decision support.
- **Strengthening Cross-Sector Partnerships for Innovation**: Collaborating with academia, industry, and research institutions to accelerate responsible AI and data innovation.
- **Building the Government Data Workforce**: Developing the skills, culture, and leadership needed to embed data-driven decision-making across agencies.
- **Zero Trust, Security, and Data Protection**: Ensuring that data platforms and AI systems operate securely within modern government cybersecurity frameworks.
- **Scaling Data Platforms Across Federal, State, and Local Government**: Lessons from leading agencies and municipalities deploying enterprise data ecosystems.
- **The Future of Digital Government**: Exploring how emerging technologies—from generative AI to advanced analytics—will shape the next decade of public sector innovation.

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Daniel Stoian, Director, Office of Management Strategy and Solutions Office of Management Strategy and Solutions, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Jing Liu, Executive Director, Michigan Institute for Data and AI in Society, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Fumin Yang, Director, Product Management | Business Intelligence & Advanced Analytics Transformation, FINRA

Jennifer Luik

Dr. ClarLynda Williams-DeVane, PhD, Chief Deputy Secretary, NC DHHS

Josh Martin, Former CDAO, STATE OF INDIANA

Leigh Pence, Director Enterprise Strategy & Governance, FREDDIE MAC

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EXPECTED AUDIENCE

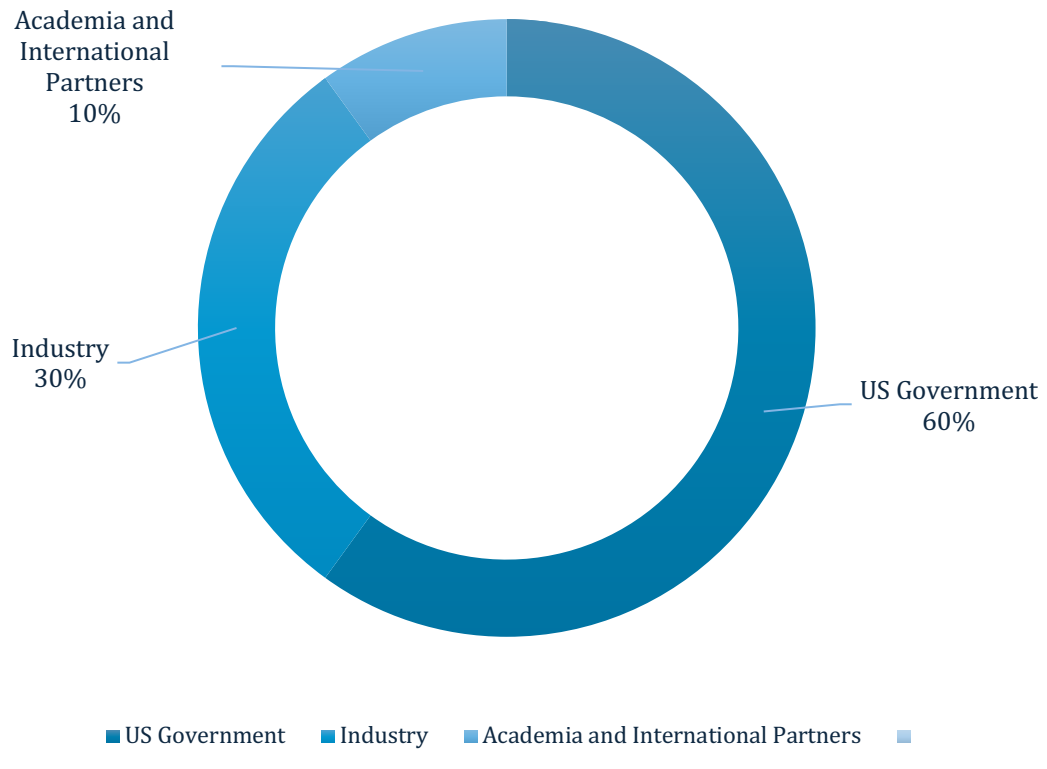
50+ Speakers

250+ Attendees

10+ Networking Hours

Tech Showcases & Live Demos

Breakdown of Attendees



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CDAO Defense Conference Tuesday, September 22, 2026	
0800 ET	*Registration & Light Breakfast*
0850	Welcome Remarks from Corinium Intelligence **Linda Lastovych**, Production Director – Defense and Government CORINIUM INTELLIGENCE
0855	Chairperson's Opening Remarks
	**Sessions from 0900 – 1045 co-located with CDAO Defense*
0900	**Opening Keynote: Building Decision Advantage: AI, Data, and the Future of the Joint Force** • Defining the Department's vision for operationalizing artificial intelligence and data across the Joint Force to achieve decision advantage in an era of strategic competition • Advancing CJADC2 and AI-enabled battle networks to connect sensors, data, and commanders across land, sea, air, space, and cyber domains • Scaling secure data architectures and interoperable platforms to support mission-ready AI and real-time decision-making across the defense enterprise • Strengthening partnerships with industry and allied nations to accelerate innovation, expand the defense digital ecosystem, and deliver operational capability at speed **Cameron Stanley**, Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer, US DEPARTMENT OF WAR (Invited)
0930	**Information Advantage for the Joint Force: Data, AI, and the Future of Marine Corps Warfare** • Defining the Marine Corps' vision for integrating information, cyber, space, and command-and-control capabilities to achieve information advantage in contested environments • Institutionalizing data as a strategic warfighting asset to enable faster, more precise decision-making across the battlespace • Leveraging artificial intelligence, automation, and advanced analytics to accelerate sense-making and strengthen human–machine teaming across domains • Aligning Marine Corps modernization priorities with joint battle network initiatives and CJADC2 to ensure seamless interoperability across the Joint Force • Building warfighter trust in data and digital tools through secure architectures, resilient networks, training, and cultural transformation **Lieutenant General Jerry Carter**, Deputy Commandant for Information, US MARINE CORPS (Invited)
1000	**Federal Leaders Panel Discussion: Advancing AI, Data, and Digital Transformation Across Government** • How are federal agencies operationalizing AI, advanced analytics, and data to support mission outcomes and improve decision-making across government? • What progress has been made in building secure, interoperable data environments that enable collaboration across agencies, partners, and the defense enterprise? • How are federal leaders addressing the challenges of scaling AI—from pilot projects to mission-ready capabilities—while maintaining security, governance, and trust? • What role do partnerships with industry, academia, and allied nations play in accelerating innovation and strengthening the federal digital ecosystem? • Looking ahead, what policy, acquisition, and workforce changes will be most critical to enabling government to harness emerging technologies at speed and scale?
1045	*Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*
1115	**Driving Strategic Transformation in Government: Data, Analytics, and Mission Impact** • Leveraging data analytics and performance management frameworks to strengthen strategic decision-making across government organizations • Integrating digital tools, advanced analytics, and data-driven insights to improve operational efficiency and policy outcomes • Aligning organizational strategy, data governance, and technology investments to support mission priorities and enterprise modernization

	• Building a culture of evidence-based decision-making and cross-agency collaboration to enhance transparency, accountability, and impact **Daniel Stoian**, Director, Office of Management Strategy and Solutions Office of Management Strategy and Solutions, US DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Invited)
1145	**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 (Confirmed)
1215	**Advancing Data and AI for Evidence-Based Decision-Making in Government** • Integrating data governance, advanced analytics, and AI to support evidence-based policymaking and operational effectiveness across federal agencies • Strengthening data stewardship and statistical programs to ensure high-quality, trusted data for analysis, reporting, and decision support • Scaling AI and analytics capabilities responsibly while maintaining transparency, security, and compliance with federal data policies • Building a collaborative data ecosystem that enables cross-agency insight, improved mission outcomes, and more effective public service delivery **Amy Ritualo**, Acting Chief Data and AI Officer and Statistical Official, US DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Invited)
1245	*Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*
1400	**Smart Cities Through Data: Driving Urban Innovation and Public Service Transformation** • Building a citywide data strategy that enables departments to share information, generate insights, and support evidence-based decision-making • Leveraging analytics, AI, and open data to improve public services, operational efficiency, and transparency for residents • Overcoming challenges in data governance, interoperability, and cross-department collaboration across complex municipal environments • Strengthening data literacy and fostering a culture of data-driven leadership to support smarter, more responsive city government **Dartanion Williams**, Chief Data Officer, CITY OF BALTIMORE (Confirmed)
1430	**Building the Digital City: Leveraging Data and AI to Transform Public Services** • Advancing New York City's technology strategy to deliver more responsive, efficient, and accessible services to millions of residents • Modernizing digital infrastructure and technology governance to support innovation while maintaining security, privacy, and public trust • Strengthening collaboration between government, industry, and civic technology communities to accelerate innovation in urban services **Lisa Gelobter**, Chief Technology Officer and Commissioner of the Office of Technology & Innovation, CITY OF NEW YORK (Invited)
1500	**Advancing Data Leadership in State Government: Building Scalable Data Ecosystems**

	• Implementing statewide data strategies that enable agencies to share information, improve decision-making, and deliver more effective public services • Strengthening data governance frameworks to ensure data quality, security, and responsible use across complex state government environments • Fostering cross-agency collaboration and data literacy to build a culture of data-driven leadership across the public sector **Marcus Thornton**, Deputy Chief Data Officer, COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA (Invited)
1530	*Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*
1600	**Operational Excellence Through Data: Transforming Public Services with Analytics and AI** • Leveraging data analytics and digital innovation to improve service delivery, operational efficiency, and outcomes across large public sector organizations • Embedding data-driven decision-making into daily operations to strengthen performance management and accountability • Integrating advanced analytics and emerging technologies to address complex public policy and service challenges • Building a culture of continuous improvement by aligning data, technology, and workforce capabilities with mission priorities **Dr. ClarLynda Williams-DeVane**, Chief Deputy and Deputy Secretary of Operational Excellence, NCDHHS (Confirmed)
1630	**Transforming Public Services Through Integrated Data Platforms** • Building statewide data platforms that enable agencies to securely share information and deliver more coordinated, citizen-centered services • Overcoming challenges in data integration, governance, and cross-agency collaboration within complex public sector environments • Scaling digital platforms and analytics capabilities to support evidence-based decision-making across state government **Patrick McLoughlin**, Executive Director, MD THINK, STATE OF MARYLAND (Invited)
1700	**Panel Discussion: The Future of Data and AI in Government** • How are government leaders translating data and AI strategies into real operational impact across agencies and jurisdictions? • What are the most critical investments needed to build sustainable data ecosystems that support analytics, AI, and mission delivery at scale? • How can government ensure responsible and trusted use of AI while maintaining transparency, privacy, and public confidence? • What lessons can be shared across federal, state, and local governments to accelerate digital transformation and improve public service outcomes? • Looking ahead, what should be the top priorities for government data leaders over the next five years?
1730	*Conference Drinks Reception*

CDAO Defense Conference Wednesday, September 23, 2026	
0800 ET	*Registration & Light Breakfast*
0850	Chairperson's Opening Remarks
0900	**Modernizing Federal Technology: AI, Cloud, and Digital Government** • Driving the federal technology agenda to accelerate adoption of AI, cloud, and modern digital platforms across government agencies • Strengthening government-wide IT governance and modernization strategies to improve efficiency, security, and mission delivery • Building scalable, secure digital infrastructure that enables data sharing, advanced analytics, and AI innovation across the federal enterprise • Advancing collaboration between agencies, industry, and technology partners to deliver resilient, citizen-centered digital services **Gregory Barbaccia,** Federal Chief Information Officer, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (Invited)
0930	**Harnessing Data for Energy Policy and Market Oversight** • Advancing enterprise data strategy to support transparent, efficient oversight of U.S. energy markets and infrastructure • Leveraging analytics and emerging technologies to enhance regulatory insight, market monitoring, and policy development • Promoting collaboration and data sharing across agencies and stakeholders to improve energy system resilience and public trust **Kirsten Dalboe**, Chief Data Officer, FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (Invited)
1000	**Industry Leaders Panel Discussion: Securing AI-Enabled Defense Systems and Digital Infrastructure** • How can industry support the Department of Defense in building resilient, cyber-secure digital architectures that enable AI-enabled operations and joint battle networks? • What acquisition and partnership models are most effective for delivering cyber and AI capabilities to the warfighter at the speed of modern threats? • How can industry and government embed security, zero trust principles, and resilient system design into next-generation defense platforms and data ecosystems from the outset? • What approaches are needed to manage risk, governance, and trust as AI systems, software-defined capabilities, and autonomous technologies become central to defense operations?
1045	*Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*
1115	**Data and AI for Military Health Readiness** • Integrating clinical, operational, and population health data to support evidence-based decision-making across the Military Health System • Applying AI and predictive analytics to enhance medical logistics, patient outcomes, and healthcare resource management • Strengthening data governance, interoperability, and secure data-sharing across the Department of Defense healthcare ecosystem **Dr. Jesus J. Caban**, Chief Data and Analytics Officer, DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY (Invited)
1145	**Integrating Data, AI, and Digital Infrastructure for Modern Regulation** • Aligning technology, data strategy, and artificial intelligence capabilities to strengthen the Federal Trade Commission's mission and regulatory effectiveness • Absorbing analytics and emerging technologies to enhance investigations, enforcement, and consumer protection efforts • Modernizing digital infrastructure and data platforms to support secure, scalable, and responsible AI adoption across the agency

	Mark Gray, Chief Information Officer, Chief Data Officer, and Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (Invited)
1215	**Combating Fraud and Strengthening Financial Integrity Through Data and Analytics** • Deploying advanced analytics and machine learning to identify suspicious activity and reduce fraud across federal payment systems • Connecting financial and operational data across agencies to improve transparency, oversight, and accountability in government spending • Building modern data infrastructure that enables faster insights and proactive monitoring of financial risk • Strengthening collaboration between agencies to enhance fraud prevention capabilities and safeguard public funds **Justin Marsico**, Assistant Commissioner for Data/Fraud Prevention and Financial Integrity, BUREAU OF THE FISCAL SERVICE (Invited) **Wallace Coggins,** Chief Data and AI Officer, DEFENSE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY AGENCY (Invited)
1245	*Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*
1400	**Public Trust and Transparency: Strategies for Building Public Trust in AI Technologies Used by DHS** • Exploring transparency initiatives and community engagement efforts • Deploying AI for national security and operational efficiency while ensuring protection of civil liberties • Addressing strategies for meaningful community engagement and public outreach to address concerns around surveillance, fairness, and data use **Roman Jankowski**, Chief Privacy Officer and Chief Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Officer, US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY (Invited)
1430	**Bridging Operational Gaps: Empowering the National Guard Through Data and Digital Transformation** • Leveraging data as a strategic asset to support federal and state mission agility • Building AI/ML capabilities tailored to the unique structure and dual responsibility of the National Guard • Integrating digital solutions to enhance readiness, situational awareness, and emergency response coordination • Strengthening partnerships across federal, state, and private sectors to ensure secure, scalable, and mission-aligned technology adoption **Dr. Delester Brown Jr.**, CDAO, NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU (Confirmed)
1500	**Panel Discussion: Governing AI in Government, From Policy to Practical Implementation** • How are agencies translating federal AI policy and governance frameworks into operational programs that deliver real mission value? • What structures are needed to ensure transparency, accountability, and public trust as AI becomes embedded in government decision-making? • How can agencies balance innovation with responsible oversight when deploying generative AI and advanced analytics? • What lessons can be shared across federal, state, and local governments on managing risk while accelerating AI adoption? • How should government leaders prepare their workforce and organizational culture for an AI-enabled future?
1545	*Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*
1615	**Academic Innovation and the Future of AI in the Public Sector** • Connecting university research with government priorities to accelerate the application of data science and AI to real-world policy and operational challenges

	• Advancing interdisciplinary approaches that combine technology, policy, and social science to develop trustworthy and effective AI systems • Applying data and AI methods to address complex societal issues such as public health, education, and economic resilience • Expanding collaboration between academia, government, and industry to translate research breakthroughs into practical tools for public sector decision-making **Jing Liu**, Executive Director, Michigan Institute for Data and AI in Society, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (Invited)		
1645	**Leading Data Transformation in State Government** • Lessons learned from building and scaling a statewide data strategy to support better decision-making and public service delivery • Overcoming common challenges in implementing data governance, breaking down silos, and driving adoption across diverse state agencies • Identifying high-impact opportunities where data and analytics can improve policy outcomes, operational efficiency, and citizen services • Practical insights for current and future government data leaders on sustaining data initiatives and fostering a culture of data-informed decision-making **Josh Martin**, Former CDAO, STATE OF INDIANA (Invited)		
1715	*Closing Roundtable Discussion Groups*		
	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: Building the Defense Data Ecosystem** 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.
1800	*End of Conference*		