

CDAO Government/Defense Conference – COMBINED AGENDA Tuesday, September 22, 2026		
0800 ET	Registration & Light Breakfast	
0820	Welcome Remarks from Corinium Intelligence	
0825	Chairperson's Opening Remarks Leslie Beavers , SES, Former Acting Chief Information Officer, US DEPARTMENT OF WAR	
0830	Delivering Decision Advantage: Integrating Intelligence, Data, and AI Across the Joint Force Brigadier General Shannon O'Harren , Deputy Director for Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Operations, US JOINT STAFF	
0900	Driving Financial Operations and Government Efficiency at Scale Justin Marsico , Chief Data Officer and Assistant Commissioner, US DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY	
0930	Industry Insights – Edge AI / Local AI – Data Sovereignty + Security Performance HP	
1000	Fireside Chat: Delivering Critical Capabilities at the Speed of Mission Bonnie Evangelista , Director of Acquisition, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS AND LOW-INTENSITY CONFLICT, Senior Advisor Acquisition Policy, OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR FOR INDUSTRIAL BASE POLICY	
1030	Networking Break in the Exhibition Area	
	DEFENSE	GOVERNMENT
1100	From Data to Decision Advantage: Operationalizing Data Across the Naval Enterprise Dr. Colin Crosby , Service Data Officer, US MARINE CORPS, Deputy Chief Data Officer, DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY	From Guardrails to Mission Outcomes: Defense in Depth for Agentic AI  Domino Paul Jojy , Manager, Forward Deployed Engineering, DOMINO DATA LAB
1130	Industry Insights from Kpler  Michelle Brouhard , Head of Policy and Geopolitical Risk, KPLER	Advancing AI in Transportation for Safer and More Efficient Systems Anil Chaudhry , Senior Advisor for Artificial Intelligence, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
1200	Bridging Defense and Innovation: Accelerating AI Adoption Through Strategic Partnerships Colleen Laughlin , Advisory Board Member, STATION DC	Unlocking the Value of Data as a Strategic Asset Natalie Evans Harris , State Chief Data Officer, STATE OF MARYLAND
1230	10x'ing National Security for Future Generations Moderator: Leda Evans  Panelists: John Eubank , CEO, 10x NATIONAL SECURITY Nic Vandre , Director of Growth, 10x NATIONAL SECURITY	Building the Connected City: Ottawa's Digital Twin in Action Randal Rodger , Program Manager, Geospatial Analytics, Technology & Solutions (GATS), CITY OF OTTAWA
1300	Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area	
1400	Preparing the Cyber Workforce for the Future Fight	Scaling Data Leadership Across Government: Lessons from the Federal CDAO Community

	Elizabeth Phu , Chancellor, College of Information and Cyberspace, NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIVERSITY	Rob King , 3x Federal CDO
1430	Fireside Chat: From Data to Mission Advantage: Operationalizing Data Across the Defense Enterprise Dan Folliard , Former CDAO, US SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND	5 Signs Your AI Governance Is Already Failing – And How to Fix It  Ben Brendle , Staff Product Manager, COLLIBRA
1500	Verification Meets Uncertainty: Enabling Next-Generation Robotics, Logistics, and Compliance Dr. Alvaro Velasquez , CEO, NSI, Assistant Professor, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER	Using Data and AI to Improve Health Outcomes and Government Service Delivery Dr. ClarLynda Williams-DeVane, PhD , Chief Deputy Secretary, NC DHHS
1530	From Innovation to Deployment: Delivering AI-Enabled Capabilities for Defense Missions Michael Huynh , Founder & CEO, PHERATECH SYSTEMS	Technology Trends and AI in Public Health: From Strategy to Statewide Impact Prachi Mondaiyka , Chief AI Strategy Officer, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
1600	<i>Networking Break in the Exhibition Area</i>	
1630	Data and AI Collaboration Across Government and Allied Networks Colonel Gabriel Arrington , Graduate Flying Training, US AETC	Building the Data Ecosystem for an AI-Enabled Government Laura Biven, PhD , Chief Data Officer, JEFFERSON LAB
1700	Operational Lessons in AI, Cyber, and Data from the War in Ukraine Iryna Kopanitsa , UKRAINIAN ARMED FORCES	Fireside Chat: Integrated, Cross-Agency Platforms for Government Impact Patrick McLoughlin , Executive Director, MD THINK, STATE OF MARYLAND
1730	Fireside Chat: ITAR Wasn't Built for AI: Closing the Gap Before It Closes You Katie Sweeten , Partner, SCALE LLP	Scaling AI Across State Government to Drive Operational Impact Lauren Maffeo , Senior AI/ML Program Manager, STATE OF MARYLAND
1800	<i>Conference Drinks Reception</i>	

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0800 ET	Registration & Light Breakfast	
0840	Chairperson's Opening Remarks Leslie Beavers , SES, Former Acting Chief Information Officer, US DEPARTMENT OF WAR	
0845	Building the AI-Ready Organization: Modernization, Accountability, and Sustainable Transformation Justin Carder , Chief Digital & AI Officer, DEFENSE CONTRACT AUDIT AGENCY	
0915	Panel Discussion: AI and the Adaptation Advantage: Outpacing Adversaries Through Rapid Innovation Panelists: Kevin McQueary , Data and AI Weaponization Lead, US NAVY Tyler Saltsman , Founder & CEO, EDGERUNNER Dr. Kimberly Elenberg , Applied AI Research Scientist, CARNEGIE MELLON Zeke Topolosky , SBIR STTR Program Manager, US ARMY HP Representative 	
1000	Building the Digital Army: Delivering Technology at the Speed of the Mission Gabriele Chiulli , Acting Chief Information Officer, US ARMY	
1030	Advana for Financial Management: Strengthening Decision Advantage Through Trusted Data Richard Patterson , Data Acquisition and Management Division Chief - Office of the Deputy Chief Financial Officer OUSW(C), US DEPARTMENT OF WAR	
1100	Networking Break in the Exhibition Area	
	DEFENSE	GOVERNMENT
1130	Advancing Intelligent Systems for the Future Fight: From Research to Operational Capability Dr. Rajneesh Singh , Associate Division Chief, Science of Intelligent Systems Division, US ARMY	Panel Discussion: Breaking the Silo: How City Data Leaders Are Building Cross-Agency Infrastructure That Delivers Results Moderator: Stephen Caines , Director, New Cities, BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES WHAT WORKS CITIES Panelists: Charlotte, NC Jenny Durda , Director, Organizational Performance at Glendale, AZ Dr. Kelly Williams , Chief Innovation Officer, City of Oklahoma Abbie Patel-Jones , Director of Management & Budget, City of Dayton, OH
1215	Accelerating Defense Innovation Through AI, Emerging Technologies, and Strategic Collaboration Dr. Amy Soller , Chief AI Officer, Systems Planning & Analysis	Intelligence Without Action: Why Organizations Fail to Operationalize AI at Scale Patrick McGarry , Federal Chief Data Officer, SERVICENOW 
1245	Panel Discussion: From Innovation to the Warfighter: Accelerating Technology Transition	Harnessing Data to Drive Smarter Environmental Policy and Public Service Delivery

		Meghan Barrett Welch, Chief Data Officer, MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS	
1315	Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area		
1400	Scaling Commercial Capabilities for Operational Advantage Charlene Jacka, Chief Engineer, SPACEWERX, US SPACE FORCE	Empowering Public Sector Transformation: Trustworthy AI in Regulated Environments  Brandon Bak, Principal Solutions Engineer & Field Chief Transformation Officer, ALTERYX	
1430	Innovation Panel: Breaking Barriers and Accelerating Technology Adoption at Scale Panelists: Charlene Jacka, Chief Engineer, SPACEWERX, US SPACE FORCE Dr. Amy Soller, Chief AI Officer, Systems Planning & Analysis Dr. Rajneesh Singh, Associate Division Chief, Science of Intelligent Systems Division, US ARMY	Leveraging Data and AI to Drive Community Impact and Organizational Transformation Andrew Patricio, Chief Data and AI Officer, UNIDOSUS	
1500	Applying Data Science and AI to Advance Mission Innovation at Scale Victoria Da Poian, Lead Data Scientist, Quantum Sky, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center	Geospatial Standards for AI-Driven Decision-Making Christy Monaco, Chief Operating Officer, OPEN GEOSPATIAL CONSORTIUM	
1530	Networking Break in the Exhibition Area		
1600	AI Without Borders: Building Digital Capacity for the Next Generation of Government Dr Mike Horton, Chair of the Africa Tech Forum, AFRICA ECONOMIC FORUM		
1630	Roundtable 1: Operationalizing AI Across Defense Missions Roundtable Leader: EDM	Roundtable 2: Data as a Warfighting Asset Roundtable Leader: Leslie Beavers	Roundtable 3: Cloud Infrastructure for Modern Defense Operations Roundtable Leader: TBC
	Roundtable 4: Accelerating Technology Transition: From Innovation to Fielded Capability Roundtable Leader: Carahsoft	Roundtable 5: Human–Machine Teaming: Building Trust and Effectiveness Roundtable Leader: TBC	Roundtable 6: Cyber Resilience in Contested Environments Roundtable Leader: Carahsoft
1700	End of Conference		