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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Adarryl Roberts, Chief Information Officer, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

Colonel Gabriel Arrington, Chief, International Affairs, US AETC

Dr. ClarLynda Williams-DeVane, Chief Deputy and Deputy Secretary of Operational Excellence, NCDHHS

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

Anil Chaudhry, Senior Advisor for Artificial Intelligence, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (Subject to Approval)

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Bhaskar Sharma, Chief, Data Management Division, ATF

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CDAO Government Conference Tuesday, September 22, 2026	
0800 ET	*Registration & Light Breakfast*
0850	Welcome Remarks from Corinium Intelligence
0855	Chairperson's Opening Remarks
0900	**Enabling Data-Driven Logistics Through Enterprise IT Transformation** • Transforming defense logistics through data: leveraging enterprise systems to improve visibility, forecasting, and decision-making across the supply chain • Modernizing IT infrastructure: advancing cloud, data platforms, and digital services to support mission-critical logistics operations • Driving efficiency and resilience: using data and analytics to strengthen supply chain agility in contested and dynamic environments **Adarryl Roberts**, Chief Information Officer, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY
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	**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	**Integrated, Cross-Agency Platforms for Government Impact** • Moving from strategy to execution by building enterprise data platforms that support multiple agencies and mission areas • Breaking down silos through shared data infrastructure to enable more coordinated, citizen-centered service delivery • Lessons from implementing large-scale, cross-agency systems, including governance, integration, and stakeholder alignment • Sustaining long-term transformation by aligning technology, policy, and operations to deliver measurable outcomes **Patrick McLoughlin,** Executive Director, MD THINK, STATE OF MARYLAND
1145	**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
1215	*Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*
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	*Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*
1530	**Scaling AI in Public Health: From Strategy to Impact at State Level** • Developing and executing an AI strategy that supports public health priorities and statewide outcomes • Leveraging data and AI to improve population health, disease surveillance, and policy decision-making

	• Integrating AI into complex health data ecosystems while addressing interoperability, privacy, and governance challenges • Moving from pilots to production by scaling AI initiatives that deliver measurable impact across healthcare systems **Prachi Mondaiyka**, Chief AI Strategy Officer, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
1600	**Closing Keynote: 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
1630	*Conference Drinks Reception*

CDAO Government Conference Wednesday, September 23, 2026	
0800 ET	*Registration & Light Breakfast*
0850	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	**Governing Data for Financial Decision Advantage Across Government** • Establishing governance over data pipelines to ensure reliability, consistency, and trust in financial data • Breaking through organizational barriers to access and integrate mission-critical data across agencies • Synthesizing complex datasets into standardized formats that enable a shared, consistent understanding across stakeholders • Leveraging enterprise platforms such as Advana to align financial data and support more cohesive, data-driven operations **Richard Patterson**, Chief Data and AI Officer, Bureau of the Comptroller and Global Financial Services, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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 Collaboration Across Government and Allied Networks** • Enabling cross-government collaboration: aligning data and AI strategies across U.S. agencies and international partners • Interoperability through partnerships: overcoming barriers to data sharing, standards, and integration across borders • Building the workforce: developing talent and training programs to support data-driven government operations • Lessons from international engagement: best practices for coordinating across diverse organizations, missions, and governance frameworks **Colonel Gabriel Arrington**, Chief, International Affairs, US AETC
1145	**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
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	*Lunch & Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*
1400	**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
1430	**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
1500	**AI in Aviation for Safety, Efficiency, and Airspace Innovation** • Applying AI to enhance aviation safety, situational awareness, and decision-making across increasingly complex airspace • Leveraging data and machine learning to improve air traffic management, predictive maintenance, and operational efficiency • Integrating AI into mission-critical systems while ensuring reliability, certification, and regulatory compliance • Scaling AI capabilities across the aviation ecosystem to support modernization and the future of air mobility **Dr Mike Horton**, Chief Artificial Intelligence Officer, US Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration
1530	*Networking Break in the Exhibition Area*

1600	*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** 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	*End of Conference*		

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