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9 AM EDT
5 MINS

Program Introduction



Craig Abod
President & CEO
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9:05 AM EDT
20 MINS

FedRAMP Reauthorization



Rep. James Walkinshaw
Virginia's 11th Congressional District
U.S. Representative

As expectations for government services continue to evolve, agencies are embracing artificial intelligence and automation to deliver faster, more personalized, and more accessible experiences. This keynote will explore how public-sector leaders are moving from CX strategy to execution, leveraging AI and emerging technologies to modernize service delivery, improve outcomes, and strengthen public trust.

9:25 AM EDT
35 MINS

Opening Fireside Chat: Future of Security in Federal



Greg Barbaccia
Federal Chief Information Officer
Office of Management and Budget



Hon. Dr. Kevin Rhodes, PMP
Administrator, Office of Federal
Procurement Policy, Office of
Management and Budget
Executive Office of the President (EOP)



Frank Konkel
Editor-in-Chief
GovExec

Join senior government officials as they discuss the why and how of government technology adoption and FedRAMP's role in ensuring secure cloud adoption. What types of technologies does the government need? How is the federal government looking at procuring new and emerging technologies? This conversation will provide insight into what the Federal technology landscape is today.

10 AM EDT
45 MINS

FedRAMP: A Trust Network



Branko Boken
Chief, Architecture & Engineering Center
of Excellence
CISA



Ryan Hoelsing
Chief of Staff, FedRAMP
General Services Administration



Amber Pearson
Deputy Chief Officer Support Operations
& Executive Director for Business
Support Operations
Department of Veterans Affairs



Drew Myklegard
Executive Director of Government
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FedRAMP is more than a certification process, it is a trust framework that enables agencies to confidently adopt shared cloud services. This panel brings together agency leaders to discuss how FedRAMP supports mission outcomes, reduces duplicative assessments, and enables faster procurement while maintaining strong security postures.

10:45 AM EDT
15 MINS

Networking Break

11 AM EDT
35 MINS

One Year Into FedRAMP Modernization: Updates from Industry



Kristine Lam
Executive Director
CSP-AB



Hemant Baidwan
Former DHS CISO; Executive CISO
Knox



Ross Nodurft
Executive Director
Alliance for Digital Innovation



Kenny Scott
Founder & CEO
Paramify



Cortney Steiner
Vice President
Carahsoft

Join industry leaders for a candid discussion on how FedRAMP modernization is playing out one year in. As the FedRAMP Consolidated Rules for 2026 and FedRAMP 20x reshape the program, panelists will share how CSPs are adapting in real time; what’s working, what’s challenging, and what it means for the future of cloud security in the federal market.

11:35 AM EDT
45 MINS

Building the Future FedRAMP



Pete Waterman
FedRAMP Director
General Services Administration



Drew Myklegard
Executive Director of Government
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As FedRAMP evolves towards automation, machine-readable security data, and continuous assurance, the FedRAMP community is redefining what risk management and compliance looks like. Pete Waterman will discuss what is next for FedRAMP and what it means to all FedRAMP stakeholders.

12:20 PM EDT
5 MINS

Virtual Livesream Concludes

The Livestream of the mainstage sessions concludes and the in person audience will go into breakout sessions.