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Thursday, July 30, 2026

9 AM CDT
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Registration and Networking

10 AM CDT
30 MINS
Panel

From Idea to the Frontlines: Scaling High-Velocity Agentic Innovation



Andrea Danes
Public & Social Impact, Global Health and Human Services Leader
Slalom



Janee Harvey
Director, Division of Family Well-Being & Protection
Iowa Department of Health and Human Services



Gabby Burke
Cloud AI Customer Engineer
Google Public Sector



Brad Hoffman
SLED Central Director
Google Public Sector

Government and academic institutions have entered an unprecedented era of innovation where AI-powered agents are fundamentally reshaping how organizations operate, solve complex challenges, and serve their communities. Google Public Sector's SLED Central Director, Brad Hoffman, will set the stage by defining this new agentic era, previewing the day's hands-on learning opportunities, and establishing how agencies can shift from multi-year development cycles to immediate, high-velocity deployments. He will then be joined by Google Public Sector's Gabby Burke, Slalom's Andrea Danes, and special guest Iowa Department of Health and Human Services' Janee Harvey for an executive discussion spotlighting the State of Iowa's groundbreaking partnership to modernize its child welfare technology. This keynote will explore how Iowa is pioneering intelligent systems to empower frontline workers, demonstrating how to compress time-to-value and offering government and education leaders a repeatable blueprint for driving immediate, impactful innovation without sacrificing enterprise-grade security.

10:30 AM CDT
45 MINS
Plenary Session & Demo

The State of AI: Breaking Down Silos Across Campuses and Communities



Darcy Bullock
Director, Joint Transportation Research Program
Purdue University



Nathan Sturdevant
Director of the Emerging Mobility Division
Indiana Department of Transportation



Camilla Sullivan
VP of Innovation and AI
Covista



Brad Hoffman
SLED Central Director
Google Public Sector

As the Midwest experiences rapid economic and campus growth, the demand for secure, digital-native experiences has never been higher. This opening session explores how agentic AI systems empower both government and academic leaders to unify institutional intelligence for agentic action. Join Google Public Sector and regional innovators to learn how they're transforming their communities with AI and discover how cross-sector collaboration can automate operations, strengthen cybersecurity, and increase productivity.

11:15 AM CDT

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Hands-On Workshop

Hands-On Workshop: Driving Mission Outcomes with Agentic AI



Gabby Burke
Cloud AI Customer Engineer
Google Public Sector



Christopher Mende
Head of Customer Engineering
Google Public Sector

Move from theory to practice in this interactive, hands-on workshop designed specifically for public sector leaders ready to build the future. In this session, you will leverage Google Cloud's latest agentic AI tools to actively build, test, and deploy intelligent virtual agents capable of completing multi-step workflows on their own. Whether your goal is to automate complex constituent services, unlock siloed institutional data, or scale campus support, you will leave this session with a practical understanding of how to build secure, mission-driven agents that expand organizational capacity and accelerate community outcomes.

12:15 PM CDT

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Networking Lunch & Demos

1:15 PM CDT

45 MINS

Breakout Track #2

EDU Track: From Ideation to Publication: Supercharging Science with Google AI



Georgie Nahass
Postdoctoral Researcher
University of Illinois Chicago



Jarek Nabrzyski
Associate Vice President for Research
Notre Dame



Christina Maimone
Associate Director, Research Data Services
Northwestern University



Joel Pingel
Head of Central Midwest for State, Local, and Education
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Google’s latest AI tools and agentic systems build on the leadership of our Gemini 3.5 models, providing powerful capabilities that empower researchers throughout every phase of scientific discovery. From deep literature analysis and hypothesis generation to coding, data analysis, and manuscript preparation, Google AI accelerates and automates the research pipeline and lifecycle, end to end. In this session, you'll learn how your institution's research community can get started and immediately boost scientific productivity and discovery capabilities across campus.

1:15 PM CDT

45 MINS

Breakout Track #1

SLG Track: Modernizing the Citizen Experience with AI



Hassan Ahmed
Chief Technology Officer
Suffolk County



Lyle Evans
Director and Chief Investigator, PLACE Division
Illinois Office of Comptroller



Robert Fulk
CIO
Indiana Secretary of State



Kristin White
Transportation Industry Executive
Google Public Sector

State and local governments are under increasing pressure to deliver seamless, consumer-grade experiences to their residents. This session will explore how agencies are leveraging conversational AI, intelligent automation, and agentic workflows to transform service delivery. Discover how to streamline operations, reduce backlogs, and provide faster, more personalized, 24/7 support to your communities—all while maintaining trust and security.

2 PM CDT

15 MINS

Break

2:15 PM CDT

45 MINS

Breakout Track #1

SLG Track: Empowering the Government Workforce and Breaking Down Data Silos



Gabby Burke
Cloud AI Customer Engineer
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Stephen Miller
CTO
Oklahoma Healthcare Authority



Huong Nguyen-Hilfiger
Chief Data Officer
Wisconsin Department of Health Services



Tim Marczewski
Chief of AI
State of Missouri

The foundation of a modern government agency is its data and its people. In this session, we will discuss strategies for securely sharing and analyzing data across departmental silos to drive better policy decisions and operational efficiency. Furthermore, we will explore how modern, AI-powered workspace tools can drive collaboration, boost productivity, and improve employee retention in an era of persistent budget and staffing constraints.

2:15 PM CDT

45 MINS

Breakout Track #2

EDU Track: Scaling Personalized Education



Melissa Gomez de la Fuente
Senior Director, Product Management - AI & Innovation for Teaching & Learning,
Covista



Dimitrios Peroulis
Senior Vice President for Partnerships and Online and Reilly Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering
Purdue University



Andrew Wu
Associate Professor of Technology and Operations
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The promise of personalized education has long been constrained by the difficulty of identifying and mapping a student's knowledge gaps at scale. To realize this vision, we need systems that understand learning goals, track progress, and actively bridge those gaps. This session will explore how institutions are developing AI-assisted platforms to create a continuous, closed-loop learning experience.

3 PM CDT

1 HR, 45 MINS

Networking Reception