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# POWER BREAKFAST

Guiding the Golden Dome:  
Architecture, Acquisition,  
and the Future of Integrated  
Missile Defense

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Friday, May 8, 2026

7:30 AM EDT  
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## Registration & Networking

8:30 AM EDT  
5 MINS

## Opening Remarks



**Nick Wakeman**  
Editor-in-Chief  
Washington Technology

8:35 AM EDT  
30 MINS

## Setting the Stage: What Makes a Golden Dome



**David Hutchins**

Director, Defense Technologies & Naval  
Systems

**Forecast International**



**Nick Wakeman**

Editor-in-Chief

**Washington Technology**

Golden Dome will include several key components, from space assets and interceptors to artificial intelligence and ground-based systems. It will integrate into existing systems as well as develop new defense systems, with both technical and strategic challenges to achieve success, such as operational sustainability, integration, and cooperation with allies.

During this session, David Hutchins, Director, Defense Technologies & Naval Systems at Forecast International, will break down the components of Golden Dome, explain how they fit together, and review the challenges and opportunities ahead.

9:05 AM EDT  
15 MINS

## Data Security & Golden Dome: Why Data Matters More than Ever

**EVERFOX**



**Dr. John Carbone**

Senior Technical Director supporting  
Government and Critical Infrastructure

**Everfox**

Golden Dome is often framed in terms of sensors, interceptors and physical defense systems. But success depends on something less visible, the ability to move trusted data across domains, systems, and partners at speed.

This session focuses on what it takes to operate effectively across the full mission, from left of launch through to sustained operations, where secure data movement, trusted access, and real-time coordination and collaboration define success.

Dr. John Carbone will explore how these challenges are already being solved in operational environments today, and how Everfox delivers trusted connectivity to achieve decision dominance.

9:20 AM EDT  
30 MINS

## Designing a Layered Defense: How to Build an Operationally Viable Golden Dome



**Dr. John F. Plumb**

Head of Strategy (Former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Department of Defense)

**K2 Space**



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Delivering on the complexities of Golden Dome—a tightly integrated system-of-systems architecture, persistent sensor constellations, and resilient command-and-control networks—will require new levels of integration across domains, services, and classifications.

During this session, speakers will explore the technical and operational challenges in fielding and sustaining a layered defense architecture, including questions around data fusion, interoperability, cyber resilience, and sustainment logistics. The conversation will provide insight into the most critical capabilities of an operationally viable Golden Dome, including where industry innovation will be most needed.

9:50 AM EDT  
30 MINS

## The Opportunity Landscape: Industrial Base Strategy and Positioning Under Shield



**Todd Stevens**

Vice President, Mission Strategies and Advanced Capabilities Strike, Deterrence and Missile Defense

**Lockheed Martin Space**



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Golden Dome's scope demands careful coordination across emerging space firms, software providers, and specialized component manufacturers. Success will hinge on how effectively companies align capital investment, workforce development, and supply chain resilience within the SHIELD framework. During this panel, industry leaders will reveal strategies for aligning internal investments, forming strategic partnerships, and balancing competition with collaboration. The discussion will provide a candid perspective on where industry sees opportunity, where uncertainty remains, and how companies are shaping strategies to secure a long-term role in the Golden Dome ecosystem.

10:20 AM EDT  
5 MINS

## Closing Remarks



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