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2026

Thursday, August 27, 2026

8 AM EDT  
1 HR

**Registration, Exhibition, and Breakfast**

9 AM EDT  
5 MINS

**Opening Remarks**

9:10 AM EDT  
35 MINS

## **Modernization at the Speed of Mission: Staying Ahead in an Era of Constant Change**

For government agencies, modernization is no longer a project with a finish line. By the time one system is upgraded, mission priorities, cybersecurity threats, workforce demands, and emerging technologies have already evolved again. The real challenge facing the government today is not simply replacing legacy infrastructure, but building organizations capable of continuously adapting while maintaining mission continuity at scale. Across government, leaders are balancing aging systems, operational risk, workforce transformation, and growing expectations for faster, more secure digital services. From modernizing air traffic control infrastructure to replacing decades-old financial and payment systems, agencies are rethinking modernization as an ongoing strategy focused on agility, resilience, and long-term mission readiness rather than a one-time transformation effort. In this discussion, NGFCW will bring together federal technology leaders to explore how agencies are balancing long-term transformation efforts with immediate mission demands, while building modernization strategies designed to evolve alongside rapidly changing operational environments.

9:45 AM EDT  
15 MINS

## **Industry Session Presented by Equinix**



Stay tuned for session details!

10 AM EDT  
35 MINS

## **Networking Break**

10:35 AM EDT  
15 MINS

## **Industry Session**

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10:50 AM EDT  
30 MINS

## **Funding the Future: Modernization, Momentum, and the Role of the TMF**

As agencies work to modernize aging infrastructure, improve digital services, and strengthen cybersecurity, the Technology Modernization Fund has played a major role in accelerating transformation efforts across government. With new funding allocated in early 2026 and current funding authority set to sunset in September, the future of the TMF and federal modernization efforts remains a critical conversation. Over the past several years, the TMF has helped agencies tackle legacy system replacement, cybersecurity modernization, digital service delivery, and shared infrastructure initiatives, while reshaping how agencies approach modernization investment and accountability. This fireside conversation will look back at the impact the TMF has had across government, the lessons learned from modernization efforts, and where federal leaders see priorities heading next. The conversation will also explore how agencies are balancing speed, operational risk, measurable outcomes, and long-term sustainability as modernization demands continue to grow.

11:20 AM EDT  
15 MINS

## **Industry Session**

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11:35 AM EDT  
1 HR, 15 MINS

## **Networking Lunch**

12:50 PM EDT  
25 MINS

## **Industry Session**

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1:15 PM EDT  
35 MINS

## **Connected Government: The Power of Data Interoperability**

Modernizing public sector IT infrastructure depends on the ability to securely share, integrate, and operationalize data across agencies and mission environments. Yet many organizations continue to face challenges caused by siloed systems and fragmented architectures.

This panel will explore how federal leaders are advancing data interoperability to improve collaboration, strengthen decision-making, and support mission outcomes. Join us for a discussion on how connected data ecosystems are driving the next generation of government modernization.

1:50 PM EDT  
35 MINS

## **AI at Scale: The Next Phase of Federal Modernization**

As agencies modernize public sector IT infrastructure, artificial intelligence is becoming a key driver of efficiency, innovation, and mission delivery. From automating workflows to improving decision-making, agencies are exploring how AI can enhance operations while balancing security, governance, and scalability requirements.

This panel will examine how federal leaders are integrating AI into modernization efforts, preparing infrastructure for AI adoption, and overcoming implementation challenges across government environments. Join us for a forward-looking discussion on how AI is reshaping the future of public sector modernization.

2:25 PM EDT  
5 MINS

## **Closing Remarks**