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Thursday, December 10, 2026

4 PM EST
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Registration & Networking

Check in, pick up your badge, and get settled. Start the day by connecting with fellow public sector and industry leaders before the program begins.

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5 MINS

Opening Remarks

Welcome to the State of the Sector Cocktails & Conversation event!

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5 MINS

The Year That Reshaped Government: What Happened, What Changed, and What's Next

From the effects of the shutdown that opened the year to evolving policy, spending, workforce, acquisition, and technology priorities, federal leaders have had to continually adapt to a changing operating environment. This session will look back at the defining moments of 2026 and explore what they reveal about the road ahead; from how agencies navigated disruption and uncertainty, to the lasting shifts in how government plans, budgets, and delivers on its mission. This fireside chat will allow government leaders to share firsthand perspectives on the lessons learned, and the strategies that proved resilient in 2026.

5:10 PM EST
20 MINS

The Year Ahead: Federal Priorities Heading into 2027

What should federal leaders expect in 2027? As policy, budget, and operational shifts continue to reshape the way agencies work, this panel brings together government leaders to make sense of how priorities and ways of working have evolved, and what to watch in the year ahead.

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Networking, Cocktails and Conversations

Wrap up the day with drinks and candid conversation. Continue the discussions from the program, trade perspectives with government and industry peers, and build the relationships that will help your team plan strategically for 2027.