

FEDERAL NETWORKS 2026 CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Westin Arlington, Virginia

8:30 – 9:00 AM

Opening Remarks – How Artificial Intelligence Will Be a Federal Marketplace Game Changer:

The conference chairman's opening remarks will focus on how the rapid evolution of Artificial Intelligence models is resulting in significant federal marketplace disequilibrium that calls into question many of our steady-state assumptions at the heart of the government's acquisition strategies and industry's processes for designing winning solutions to address the government's most important requirements.

- **Warren Suss**, President Suss Consulting Inc. and Conference Chairman

GSA Update

9:00 - 9:30 AM: Part 1 - OneGov Initiative Fireside Chat

How the Federal Acquisition Service is creating ways to buy smarter, move faster, and deliver better value for customers. This session will include an update on GSA priorities, FAS service model and ASD's expanded portfolio, as well as limited time offers, pathways to direct contracts, considerations for expanding beyond enterprise software and other recent updates to OneGov.

- **Lawrence Hale**, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Acquisition Solutions Development (ASD), Federal Acquisition Service (FAS)
- **Kyra Stewart**, Executive Director, Vendor Management Office, ASD, FAS

9:30 - 10:30 AM: GSA IT Modernization Update

This panel will provide insights into how industry can partner with GSA to meet emerging agency technology requirements and implement solutions to modernize government IT. The panel will provide an update on GSA's telecommunications portfolio which includes Enterprise Infrastructure Solutions contracts, as well as Wireless Mobility Solutions, Commercial Satellite Communications Solutions, and Earth Observation Solutions using Special Item Numbers on the Multiple Award Schedule. The panel will also share insights into how GSA will partner with industry to address the government's emerging technology requirements including Artificial Intelligence, 6G, and Post Quantum Cryptography. They will also share lessons learned from

recent contract transitions so that GSA working with their industry partners can better serve government customers in the future.

- **Everlean Rutherford** (Moderator), Acting Executive Director, Office of IT Category, ASD, FAS
- **Deborah Hren**, Director, Business Management Division, ETS, ASD, FAS
- **Sheela Sastry**, Branch Chief - Solutions Brokers, ETS, ASD, FAS
- **Loren Smith**, Director - Solutions Development, ETS, ASD, FAS
- **G. Robert "Bob" Patterson**, Solutions Development, ETS, ASD, FAS

10:30 – 11:00 AM GSA Breakout Session/Networking Break

11:00 – 12:00 PM

The Navy Chief Technology officer will describe how his office, with support from industry, will ensure that the DON's \$12+B Information Technology portfolio will deliver mission relevant outcomes to the Fleet and Fleet Marine Force. He will highlight DON's top near-term and mid-term requirements to ensure that Naval Information Technology capabilities are operationally ready, secure by design, and highly resilient. Key focus areas will include Artificial Intelligence, 6G, Zero Trust Architecture and Operations, Cyber Readiness, Operational Resilience and Continuous Integration and Delivery.

- **Justin Fanelli**, Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Department of the Navy

12:00 – 1:30 PM

KEYNOTE LUNCHEON: *DISA Keynote Address*

An overview of DISA's most important initiatives, including the latest developments related to network infrastructure and upgrades, cybersecurity, cloud computing, Artificial Intelligence, Unified Communications (UC), and secure mobility. The presentation will also include an update on organizational changes and DISA's budget.

- **Sajeel Ahmed**, Executive Director, DISA J-6

1:30 – 3:00 PM

DISA Update

Top DISA executives will describe the latest strategies and plans for the Defense Department's networks, network services, and capabilities with an emphasis on upcoming requirements from industry. The presentations will cover upcoming DISA requirements for network infrastructure,

services, enhancements, and upgrades; enterprise services; cloud services and migration; Artificial Intelligence; and cybersecurity.

- **Christopher A. Paczkowski (Moderator)**, Director, DISA PAE Transport Directorate
- **Nick Creswell**, DISA Portfolio Acquisition Executive for Mission Partner Environment
- **Sharon McMillon**, Vice Director for Programs, DISA J-6
- **Chris Pymm**, Deputy for Portfolio Acquisition Executive (PAE) Cyber

3:00 – 3:30 PM DISA Breakout Session/Networking Break

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Closing Keynote: DISA J-6 Pentagon Operations Update

DISA's Vice Director for Operations will give a briefing on the critical role that the DISA J-6 Pentagon plays in ensuring the highest levels of availability, reliability and cybersecurity of the Pentagon's networks, considering the complexity of the systems and technologies employed to protect and manage them.

- **Brigadier General Francisco J. Dominguez, USAF**, DISA Vice Director for Operations