



UTILIZING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE WITHIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, September 10, 2025
8:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- 8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION CHECK-IN & BREAKFAST** (*1st Floor Training Center*)
- 9:00 A.M. WELCOME & AI PULSE KICKOFF**
Joe Paul, OptimaNova AI
- 9:15 A.M. AI IN CYBER SECURITY**
Palo Alto Networks

Palo Alto Networks will share trusted foundations for AI-enabled government.
- 10:15 A.M. BREAK**
- 10:30 A.M. AI IN PUBLIC SAFETY**
Peregrine

Peregrine will share how AI can be used in public safety from detection to response.
- 11:30 A.M. LUNCH** (*3rd Floor COG Board Room*)
- 12:00 P.M.**
- 1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - CALL TO ORDER**
Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair
 - 2. CHAIR'S REPORT**
Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair
 - COG Congressional Delegation Reception - October 20th
 - 3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**
 - 4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
Clark Mercer, COG Executive Director
 - 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 11TH, 2025**
Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

Reasonable accommodations are provided upon request, including alternative formats of meeting materials.
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6. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Rodney Lusk, COG Board Chair

- A. Resolution R19-2025 – Resolution authorizing COG to receive a grant to execute the National Capital Prism Invasive Species Management and Outreach Project
- B. Resolution R20-2025 – Resolution authorizing updates to the COG Procurement Policy

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions R19-2025 and R20-2025.

12:10 P.M. 7. INTRODUCTION TO AI IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Joe Paul, OptimaNOVA

12:15 P.M. 8. U.S. CONGRESSMAN DON BEYER – AI IN GOVERNMENT

Don Beyer, United States Congressman

Congressman Beyer will provide insights on the state of AI nationally and policies at the federal level.

1:00 P.M. 9. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COUNTY COMPASS: PRACTICAL TOOLKIT FOR LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION

Rita Reynolds, National Association of Counties Chief Information Officer
Seamus Dowdall, National Association of Counties Legislative Director for Technology and Telecommunications Policy

Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Dowdall will share best practices from the NACo AI Toolkit.

1:30 P.M. 10. HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL – AI POLICY DEVELOPMENT

Chuck Wemple, Houston-Galveston Area Council Executive Director

Mr. Wemple will share the AI Policy developed and implemented by the council of governments representing the Houston, Texas region.

2:10 P.M. 11. AI IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT - REGIONAL BEST PRACTICES

Bryan Hill, Fairfax County Executive (moderator)
Stephen Miller, District of Columbia Chief Technology Officer
Vanetta Pledger, City of Alexandria Chief Information Officer; NLC AI Advisory Committee
Gail Roper, Montgomery County Chief Information Officer
Nate Wentland, Loudoun County Chief Information Officer

Mr. Hill will moderate a panel discussion on AI best practices and policies from local governments in the region.

3:15 P.M. 12. LIVE AI DEMONSTRATION & NEXT STEPS

Joe Paul, OptimaNova AI
Erin McKinney, Amazon Web Services

Mr. Paul and Ms. McKinney will bring together all the AI best practices and lessons learned and facilitate an interactive AI demonstration for COG board members.

4:00 P.M. 13. ADJOURN