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.

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 COG to enter into a contract to support a regional Health Funders Working Group
   C. Resolution R21-2025 – Resolution authorizing updates to the COG Procurement Policy

   Recommended Action: Adopt Resolutions R19-2025-R21-2025.

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

Mr. Paul 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