

# GovRAMP Symposium 2026 Agenda

## Cyber Harmonization as a National Security Strategy: Unlocking America's Competitive Edge in AI

**Date:** Monday, March 9, 2026

**Location:** Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, Washington, D.C.

**Room:** Pavilion Room

**Attire:** Business Professional

### 11:30 – 12:30 PM | Registration Check-In & Buffet Lunch

Check in at the elevators in front of the Pavilion Room, located within the Ronald Reagan Building. Event staff will be available to assist with directions and registration.

### 12:30 – 12:40 PM | Welcome Remarks

Framework harmonization is national security in action—it builds trust and unlocks U.S. innovation capacity.

**Speakers:**

- **Joe Bielawski**, President, Knowledge Services
- **Leah McGrath**, Executive Director, GovRAMP

### 12:40 – 1:30 PM | Framework Harmonization: A Catalyst for Innovation and National Security

Discussion on how harmonizing NIST, FedRAMP/GovRAMP, DoD and other regulatory frameworks can create a secure, interoperable innovation base for AI and emerging tech.

**Moderator:** Teri Takai, Senior Vice President, e.Republic

**Speakers:**

- **Bernice Russell-Bond**, State Chief Information Security Officer, North Carolina
- **Casey Dolen**, Professional Staff Member, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Protection, House Committee on Homeland Security
- **Nick Leiserson**, Senior Vice President for Policy, Institute for Security and Technology and former Assistant National Cyber Director for Cyber Policy and Programs at the Office of National Cyber Director
- **Victoria Yan Pillitteri**, Manager for Security Engineering and Risk Management Group, NIST

### 1:30 – 1:35 PM | Transition

Brief transition and introduction for the upcoming discussion.

### 1:35 – 2:20 PM | From Guardrails to Green Lights: A New Cyber Playbook for the AI Era

Keynote conversation with top cyber leaders; discuss how aligned assurance frameworks can strengthen U.S. competitiveness in AI and advance the national cyber strategy.

**Moderator:** **Leslie Anderson**, Chief Cyber Strategist & Head of Threat-Informed Defense Programs, MITRE

#### **Speakers:**

- **J.R. Sloan**, CIO, State of Arizona, President of NASCIO and GovRAMP Board Past President
- **Allan Mangaser**, Senior Advisor to the US Federal CIO, Office of the Federal Chief Information Officer (OFCIO), Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President
- **Drew Myklegard**, Executive Director of Government Programs for Carahsoft and former Deputy Federal CIO for the White House
- **Anthony O'Neill**, Esq, CISO & Chief Risk Officer, Executive Office of Technology Services & Security, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### 2:20 – 2:35 PM | Networking Break

A dedicated networking break, co-hosted by Rubrik, providing opportunities for public and private sector leaders to exchange ideas and foster connections.

### 2:35 – 3:15 PM | Achieving Framework Harmonization

Interactive workshop evaluating different paths - harmonization through elimination; harmonization through overlap; and harmonization through equivalency.

#### **Facilitators:**

- **Teri Takai**, Senior Vice President, e.Republic
- **Leslie Anderson**, Chief Cyber Strategist & Head of Threat-Informed Defense Programs, MITRE
- **Katerina Megas**, NIST Senior Policy Advisor

### 3:15 – 3:30 PM | Final Thoughts: AI, Cyber, and the Regulatory Horizon

**Speaker:** **Tony Sauerhoff**, Chief AI & Innovation Officer, Division of Information Resources (DIR) and Interim State CIO / DIR Executive Director, State of Texas; GovRAMP Board President

**3:30 – 4:00 PM | Networking Break & Transition to Fireside Chat with Billington CyberSecurity**

A brief break before the program continues. Guests will transition to the fireside chat hosted in partnership with Billington CyberSecurity.

**4:00 – 4:30 PM | Fireside Chat Held in Conjunction with Billington CyberSecurity**

**4:45 – 6:15 PM | Networking Reception (Co-Hosted by GovRAMP and Billington CyberSecurity)**