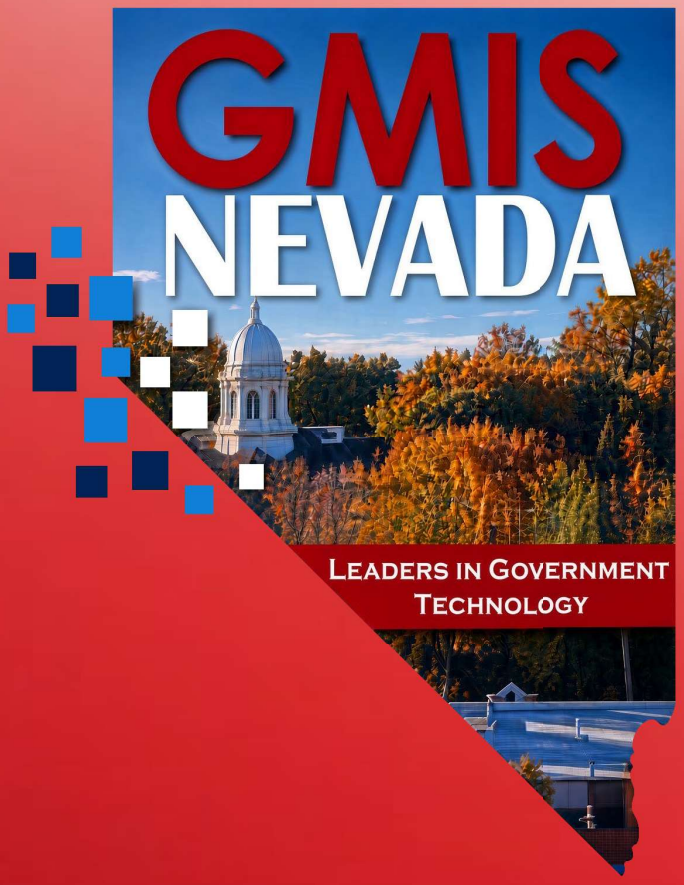


2026 Nevada GMIS Conference

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12th

RENO, NEVADA

2026 Nevada GMIS Conference Agenda

08:30 am – 09:00 am
Registration – Foyer
Breakfast – Grand Ballroom 3
Sponsor Exhibits – Grand Ballroom 1, 2 & Paradise Terrace

09:00 am – 10:00 am Welcome!

Grand Ballroom 4,5,6,7

Opening Remarks: Timothy Galluzi, Executive Director and State Chief Information Officer
Keynote Speaker: Rand Morimoto, President and CEO – Convergent Computing

What Will Technology Look Like Four Years from Now?

Rand will explore how artificial intelligence is expected to evolve over the next several years and what that could mean for government, education, and the workplace.

The discussion will focus on how AI may become more integrated into everyday operations, decision-making, cybersecurity, automation, and customer service, while also addressing the growing importance of governance, data privacy, workforce readiness, and responsible AI use. The overall theme will be looking beyond today's AI tools and considering how organizations should begin preparing now for the technology, opportunities, and challenges we may see by 2030.

Rand also plans to tackle some of the bigger fears surrounding AI — including the classic "Will AI take over the world like Skynet?" question. He'll help separate science fiction from reality, debunk common misconceptions, and focus on what organizations should prepare for as AI advances toward 2030.

10:00 am – 10:30 am Sponsor Exhibits & Refreshments: Grand Ballroom 1, 2 & Paradise Terrace

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Visit our Diamond Sponsors Palo Alto and Arctiq in the Emerald rooms C & D
Enjoy massage chairs, therapy dogs or simply take a minute to unwind.
~Therapy dogs available from 10:30-11:30 & 1:30-3~

10:30 am – 11:15 am Concurrent Sessions

How Government IT Can Modernize Network Services

Room: Paradise C



Government IT organizations are under pressure to modernize aging infrastructures to simplify operations, gain efficiencies, enable zero trust, and deliver new digital services, all while managing limited staff, tight budgets and compliance requirements.
In this session, we'll explore how AI-driven networking and security solutions can help local government IT meet these challenges head-on with automated efficiency, high efficacy, better economics, and elevated experiences.

Ben Caruso, Field CTO State and Local Government - Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Transforming Fleet Connectivity into a Mission-Critical Utility

Room: Emerald A, B



The modern emergency response vehicle is no longer just a transportation asset, it serves as a highly connected, mobile command node. This educational session addresses how public safety agencies are transitioning to a resilient, multi-WAN architecture. We will examine modern approaches for managing and intelligently combining multiple connectivity paths, integrating secondary terrestrial carriers alongside complementary Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite access. IT leaders will learn how this multi-transport strategy eliminates single points of failure, automatically expands coverage into dead zones, and guarantees data integrity for mission-critical fleet applications.

Anthony Lawson, Field CTO – Ericsson Enterprise Wireless Solutions

Security Before the Breach: Compliance as a Security Baseline—not a Checkbox

Room: Paradise E



The objective of compliance shouldn't be to pass the next audit. It should be to understand where risk exists before the audit—or the attacker—finds it for you.

Stephanie Zmroczek, Regional Account Executive – Extreme Networks

Implementing the Systems that keep Taxation in the Fastlane

Room: Paradise D



The **MOPAR** framework establishes a system-of-systems governance & engineering baseline designed to deliver unified capabilities w/out sacrificing the autonomy of constituent parts. Built upon **Managerial Independence** and **Operational Independence**, MOPAR acknowledges that component systems retain separate acquisition lifecycles, funding streams, and distinct primary missions. To integrate these autonomous elements into a cohesive whole, the framework drives **Performance Assessment** across multi-level system boundaries, guides continuous **Architecture Evolution** through open framework, and actively manages **Relational Interdependencies** to reduce friction and control cross-system data interfaces. MOPAR transforms independent platform capabilities into an agile, resilient, and adaptive enterprise engine capable of delivering emergent outcomes greater than the sum of its parts. It delivers the horsepower that the Dept of Taxation needs to stay in the Fastlane through its modernization efforts and sustainment models.
Patric Starr, PMP Enterprise Portfolio Manager – Dept. of Taxation

11:15 am – 11:45 am Sponsor Exhibits & Refreshments: Grand Ballroom 1, 2 & Paradise Terrace

11:45 am – 12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

Room: Paradise C



When the Adversary Changes the Rules: Preparing Government for the Next Era of Cyber Conflict

Cyber defenses built for yesterday's threats no longer hold. Advanced adversaries, artificial intelligence, automation and attacks on operational technology are speeding up how fast attackers reach their goals. State and local government feels this shift directly. Bill Carter breaks down what's changing and why resilience, not perfect prevention, has to become the goal. Walk away with a practical playbook for leaders preparing for adversaries who are harder to predict.

Bill Carter, Public Sector Cybersecurity Strategist - Fortinet

Room: Emerald A, B



Wrangling Constituent Identity: Building Flexible and Secure Public Sector Portals

State and local leaders face rising demand for seamless, single-sign-on constituent portals. However, unifying fragmented legacy systems introduces major security and privacy hurdles. Join Morgan Reed for a practical discussion on how public sector leaders can build a secure, modern, and constituent-centric identity foundation.

Morgan Reed, Distinguished Strategic Advisor and Field Chief Technology Officer - Okta

Room: Paradise E



Protecting Every Dollar: AI-Powered Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Detection for Nevada

Nevada agencies manage billions in taxpayer funds, but siloed data lets fraud, waste, and abuse slip through. Join Slalom and Snowflake to discuss how secure, explainable AI flags anomalies across thousands of records in minutes while keeping humans in the loop — addressing data leakage, HIPAA/CJIS/FTI compliance, explainability, third-party risk, and ROI.

Rich Ham-Kucharski, Senior Principal and Public Sector Solution Architect - Slalom

Room: Paradise D



Emotional Intelligence for Public Sector IT Leaders: A Key to Effective Leadership

This session will discuss the importance and necessity of emotional intelligence for public sector IT leaders as a key to leadership competency and excellence.

Michael D. Smith, Deputy CIO and Chief Technology Officer - Governor's Technology Office

12:30 pm – 01:45 pm Sponsor Exhibits– Grand Ballroom 1, 2 & Paradise Terrace
Lunch – Grand Ballroom 3

01:45 pm – 02:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

Room: Paradise C



Resilient by Necessity: Building Infrastructure for a World That Won't Stop Changing

Public-sector organizations must keep essential services running while navigating changing regulations, cybersecurity threats, constrained budgets, and growing demand for digital and AI-enabled services. In this environment, infrastructure resilience is not simply an IT objective—it is essential to maintaining public trust.

Matt Alexander, Principal Technologist – Everpure

Room: Emerald A, B



Doing More with Less: Leveraging Software to Address AI-driven Hardware Costs and the New Threat Landscape

AI has upended public sector hardware budgets and created an entirely new threat landscape for agencies that were already resource-constrained. As one of the 12 founding members of Anthropic's Project Glasswing, hear what Broadcom learned from testing its source code against the most powerful frontier AI models, the new AI-driven threat landscape, how long the RAM-pocalypse is expected to last, and some strategies State and Local agencies can use to mitigate the impacts without blowing up their budgets.

Kendall Holback, Account Director - VMware by Broadcom

Room: Paradise E



A VMware Reality Check

This session will focus on VMware costs, infrastructure risks, and modernization options. You will learn of a new service available to help IT decision-makers evaluate renewal, cloud, and alternative platform strategies through a practical assessment and business-aligned decision framework to help you make the most informed decisions possible when considering modernizing your IT services.

Dan Beeler, Senior Solution Advisor – CompuNet
Steve Asmussen, Global Architect - CompuNet

Room: Paradise D



Go-Live Isn't the Finish Line:
After modernizing your systems, modernize your content

Your new system is live, but the letters it sends, the web pages it links to, and the answers your staff give on the phone may still be written in decades-old legal language. The Nevada Department of Taxation used governed AI to rewrite its taxpayer letters and cut general-inquiry calls by more than half. This session shares the Department's continuous improvement roadmap: connecting modernized systems, building a source-cited knowledge base, and budgeting for AI as an operating cost. You'll get an inside look at how one agency is building on its modernization foundation to take on the emerging technologies that follow every go-live.

Scott Freidus, PMP, Project Manager, Technology – Dept. of Taxation

02:30 pm – 03:15 pm Sponsor Exhibits & Refreshments: Grand Ballroom 1, 2 & Paradise Terrace

03:15 pm – 04:00 pm Concurrent Sessions

Room: Paradise C

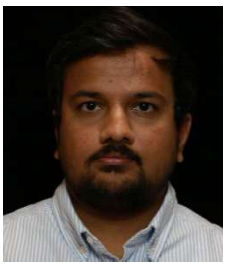


SOC Reality Check: What Works, What Breaks, What Nobody Tells You

Everyone wants an SOC. Few talk honestly about what it costs to run one well. This session cuts through the vendor pitch to cover the real wins, the operational pitfalls, and the failure modes that quietly kill SOC programs- so you can build one that actually holds up.

Kyle Chugg, Enterprise Solutions Architect - Arctiq

Room: Emerald A, B



From AI Tools to AI Results: An Operating Model for Software Delivery in Government

This session's topic is adopting AI in software delivery: moving from AI tools to real, measurable results. A current, public sector wide concern is that organizations have invested in AI development tools but can't yet point to the productivity payoff. This session explains why that gap exists, introduces a repeatable operating model where AI proposes and humans verify at every gate, and shows how that same discipline strengthens security and compliance: auditability, accountability, and fewer defects that matter in the public sector. Leaders leave with a practical way to find their agency's first real AI win without sacrificing control or security.

Achyutha Harish, Solutions Architect and Builder - Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Room: Paradise E



Securing the Critical Horizon

To counter emerging AI-driven cybersecurity threats—including rapid exploit velocity, triage paralysis, and legacy software debt—this presentation outlines a three-step workshop framework (Clarity, Ideation, and Roadmap Co-Creation). It helps organizations evaluate their security posture, prioritize risks, and build actionable, multi-year roadmaps across people, process, and technology

Ray Blair, Chief Architect – Amplify SI

Room: Paradise D



Why AI is Dangerous for IT People: When familiar concepts hide unfamiliar systems

For many government IT shops, the "someday" of AI is finally here. But AI uses a lot of words that sound familiar to IT people while hiding systems that may behave very differently. Terms like memory, permissions, agents, read-only access, guardrails, data, and integrity do not always mean what our traditional IT instincts expect them to mean. This session will look at where those assumptions break down, why prompt injection and probabilistic outputs matter, and how public-sector technology teams can approach AI risk without falling into hype or fear.

Michael Kennedy, Information Security Office – Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health

04:05 pm – 04:20 pm RAFFLES – Grand Ballroom 4

04:30 pm – 06:30 pm

Invitation Only – Hosted by Tanium

CIO Reception – Treasures A & B – Andy Hanks, Tanium Executive Strategist

Detection Isn't Knowing: Closing the Visibility Gap Before the Next Incident

Most Nevada agencies have invested in modern endpoint protection, and those tools work. But the lesson from recent public-sector incidents, including the lessons Nevada itself has openly shared, is that attackers often live in the gaps: devices that never got an agent, sensors that quietly stopped reporting, and assets no one's inventory fully accounts for. This fireside conversation asks the questions every CIO and CISO should be able to answer in minutes, not days. How complete is our coverage right now, and how do we know? When IT's inventory and security's telemetry disagree, which one is true? And how can state and local teams share one reliable picture without adding staff or tools? The discussion is vendor-neutral and focused on practical steps for coverage, confidence, and speed. ***Please note: This is an invitation only event.***



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