2025 NV GMIS CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

RENO, NEVADA

2025 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, Nevada State Chief Information Officer
Panelists: Tim Robb, Homeland Security Advisor – Office of the Governor
Joe Bernardy, Deputy Executive Director – Dept. of Taxation
Chris Johnson, CISO – Nevada Dept. of Transportation
Carl Stanfield, CIO – Dept. of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation
Sasi Pillay, Vice President for IT and CIO – University of Nevada, Reno

How Real is AI in Government?

Leaders in government and education share their insight on emerging AI from generative solutions and beyond. Hear about solutions that actively leverage this new technology and the opportunities they provide. Learn how AI can increase productivity and free up technologists for more creative activities.

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

Join NV GMIS

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~located across the breezeway in the convention center parking lot~

Room: Emerald C, D

Winning Strategies: Leveraging AWS and AI for Government Transformation – Lessons from the NFL and F1

Discover how government organizations can accelerate their digital transformation by learning from the NFL and Formula 1's groundbreaking success with AWS. This session explores how the technological revolution in sports analytics provides a blueprint for government agencies to enhance citizen services, optimize operations, and drive innovation. Learn practical strategies for implementing AWS services that deliver measurable outcomes while navigating public sector challenges. Whether you're just starting your AI journey or looking to scale existing initiatives, you'll leave with actionable insights to transform your agency's digital capabilities

Christopher Lott, Principal Solutions Architect, Generative AI - Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Room: Emerald A, B

Transformational Leadership in the Public Sector Information Technology Space

This session will explore how transformational leadership principles can be applied to modernize and elevate public sector IT organizations. Emphasis will be placed on aligning leadership behaviors with the evolving demands of digital government, customer-centric service delivery, and cross-agency collaboration.

Michael D Smith, Division Chief, Client Services - Governor's Office of the CIO

Room: Paradise E

Structuring for Success: How Nevada Taxation Reimagined Project Delivery

In this session, we'll explore how the Nevada Department of Taxation reimagined project delivery by putting people at the center of transformation. Through the creation of an Enterprise Project Management Office and an Enterprise Change Management Office, Taxation aligned their efforts around three foundational pillars: Business, Technical, and Quality.
These pillars support a culture of alignment, accountability, and agility—enabling them to deliver with purpose and drive toward Excellence.

Patric Starr, PMP Enterprise Project Manager – Dept. of Taxation

Room: Paradise D

Synthetic Risks: Deepfakes, AI-Powered Phishing, and the Collapse of Trust

In a world where voices can be cloned, faces fabricated, and phishing emails indistinguishable from the real thing, trust has become the most endangered element of cybersecurity. Join Bill Carter, who previously held the State of Ohio CSO role, as he unpacks the implications of synthetic content, discussed how to validate authenticity in a post-truth digital world, and explores strategies for resilience when seeing is no longer believing.

Bill Carter, Public Sector Field Strategist - Fortinet

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

Room: Emerald C, D

Unlocking the Power of Hybrid Cloud:
Modernizing Infrastructure for Agility, Security, and Scale

As organizations navigate rapid digital transformation, hybrid cloud strategies are emerging as the cornerstone for agility, scalability, and resilience. This session will explore how to modernize IT infrastructure, integrate cloud-native capabilities, and protect critical data - while maintaining control, security, and cost efficiency.

Mark Brandow, Technical Expert - Hitachi Vantara

Room: Emerald A, B

Unwind the Grind:
Mindfulness, Balance & Better Understanding of Habits that Drive our Behavior

This session will give you an idea of what mindfulness is, how it works, ways to develop a personal practice and ways you can apply mindfulness for improved work life balance. We will also explore how habit loops drive our behavior and a pathway to making more intentional choices.

Colleen Camenisch, Founder/Owner - Equilibrium-MBSR

Room: Paradise E

Identity: The Forgotten Threat Vector In Cybersecurity

How to stay ahead of evolving cyberattacks by securing your most exploited asset IDENTITY through automation, AI, and modern access controls

Alex Bonnifield, Advisory Solutions Consultant – Sailpoint Technologies

Room: Paradise D

The Internet of Things and Video over LTE

In this session we will discuss best practices for managing data centric devices (IoT devices) utilizing AT&T's Control Center as well as how customers can utilize iP cameras on LTE/5G networks to stream video without running into bandwidth constraints or throttling and still maintain high quality video.

Kiley Breitling, Sr. Solutions Consultant at Connected Solutions - FirstNet

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

Room: Emerald C, D

The WAN Edge and WAN Evolution with VeloCloud

Join Vince Pletcher as he discusses the evolution that is coming to the WAN Edge, data centers, and elsewhere within the industry. Learn about software that addresses end-to-end automation, application continuity and branch transformation, and empowers enterprises looking to advance their business outside the data center with modern, high performance operations.

Vince Pletcher, Systems Engineer - Arista

Room: Emerald A, B

What's Up? A Guide to High Availability and Business Continuity in your Private Cloud

Use Cloud Foundation services to create resilient private cloud! Data protection and recovery are top of mind for our customers. This session will cover discovery and remediation techniques, new best practices, design guidance and alignment with your existing infrastructures.

Drew Tsang, Staff Solution Architect at Broadcom - Carahsoft

Room: Paradise E

Hacked! Now What? Incident Response Planning 101

Review a real-world ransomware attack that PCS has responded to that showcases the sophistication of the threat actor's actions and the recovery steps, followed by a walkthrough of a Ransomware Incident Response Playbook, and learn how to build an effective one for your organization.

**Jeremy Dreyer, Founder and CEO of Skyhelm - PCS**

Room: Paradise D

Driving Strategic Value Through Innovation:
A Nevada Department of Taxation Case Study

Explore how the Nevada Department of Taxation is addressing a complex business challenge through a strategic framework that drives long-term value with innovative technology. This session highlights the department's method for identifying opportunities, deploying modern solutions, and delivering demonstratable value —illustrated through a real-world document processing case study.

Scott Freidus, PMP, FMVA, Technical Project Manager – Dept. of Taxation

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

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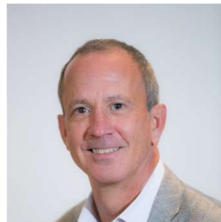
From Hype to Reality: How GenAI and AI-Native Networks Are Reshaping Government
As a new federal administration reshapes the national agenda, agencies at all levels must adapt—fast. From the City of Las Vegas deploying AI-powered traffic systems to Philadelphia modernizing public safety infrastructure, we're seeing real-world momentum behind once-experimental technologies. This session will explore key trends driving this shift. Attendees will leave with insight into the latest federal guidance, tools already making an impact, and strategies for aligning IT investments with the digital demands of today's constituents.

Ben Caruso, Field CTO, State and Local Government – Juniper Networks

Room: Emerald A, B

Wi-Fi 7 and the next era of campus connectivity
Wi-Fi 7 is set to transform campus connectivity with higher throughput, wider channels, and ultra-low latency. This session will break down what makes Wi-Fi 7 different from previous generations and why it matters for high-density, critical environments like education, public safety, and smart city initiatives. Attendees will learn where and when to deploy Wi-Fi 7, along with best practices for designing a future-ready campus network. We'll also describe how Extreme's universal platforms and cloud management enable organizations to adopt Wi-Fi 7 with confidence and ease of use.

Shawn Mall, Sr. Solutions Engineer – Extreme Networks

Room: Paradise E

Beyond AI Hype to Real-World Impacts
Attendees can expect deeply practical insights into:
-Operationalizing AI - stop the pilot purgatory and start embedding AI into daily workflows.
-Addressing public sector concerns - privacy, compliance, ethics, and transparency.
-Securing AI deployments - not just against external threats, but ensuring internal controls, observability, risk mitigation, and accountability.
-Partnerships that scale - how public & private sectors can co-create to deliver results that matter.

Matt Levesque, VP of Partnerships & Revenue at OnStak – Amplify

Room: Paradise D

Top 10 List for Protecting Your Enterprise Network - And Your Job
Your enterprise network is the backbone of operations—and often, so is your role in keeping it secure and resilient. This session walks through the "Top 10" initiatives every IT leader should have on their roadmap to strengthen defenses, deliver measurable ROI, and demonstrate value to leadership.

Jefferson Grace, Deputy Chief Information Security Office – Nevada Dept. of Transportation

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

04:30 pm – 06:30 pm
Invitation Only – Hosted by Taborda with Island
CIO Reception – Atlantis Steakhouse – Chris Cruz, Vice President and Chief Innovation Officer

From Gateway to Guardrail: The Browser Reinvented
Chris Cruz will share insights on the concept of the Enterprise Browser and its role in securing government operations in a cloud-first, AI-enabled world. Using Island as an example, he'll explore how this approach supports zero trust principles, protects sensitive data, enables secure BYOD access, and ensures compliance—without disrupting the user experience. This session will focus on education, offering practical ideas for how agencies can strengthen security and modernize workflows directly at the browser level. *Please note: This is an invitation only event.*

All meeting space is conveniently located on the 2nd floor.
The entire Conference & Events Center is non-smoking.

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