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Government Executive Media Group’s 2nd Annual Fedstival To Convene Key Government Officials Around President Trump’s Agenda for Federal Agencies

Government Executive Media Group’s premier conference for feds will focus on federal IT, management, and workforce development

Fedstival
September 19-22
Sidney Harman Hall — Washington D.C.

Washington, D.C. (September 11, 2017) — Government Executive Media Group (GEMG) will host its second annual Fedstival, convening federal officials from across the government, to explore the Trump administration’s agenda. Presented by GEMG subsidiary brands Government Executive and Nextgov, Fedstival is the premier forum for the discussion of topics and themes driving federal innovation.

Fedstival will be hosted at Washington, D.C.’s Sidney Harman Hall, September 19-22. A specific theme is reserved for each of the four days:

- Tuesday, September 19: IT Innovation
- Wednesday, September 20: Workforce
- Thursday, September 21: Management
- Friday, September 22: Bold Friday

Confirmed speakers to date include:

- **David Eagles**, Chief Operating Officer and Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **Karl Schneider**, Deputy Chief Management Officer, United States Army
• **Wynn Coggins**, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
• **J. David Cox Sr.**, National President, American Federation of Government Employees
• **Holly Ham**, Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education
• **J. Christopher Mihm**, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office
• **Peter Shelby**, Assistant Secretary, Office of Human Resources & Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs
• **Kristine Simmons**, Vice President, Government Affairs, Partnership for Public Service

Fedstival will close with **Bold Friday**, recognizing peer-nominated innovators in government. A record 190-plus nominations have been registered, featuring innovators from the Office of Personnel Management, the Transportation Security Administration, the State Department, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Fedstival is open to the press. Media should RSVP to Justin Pallenik at jpellnik@atlanticmedia.com or (202) 266-7770. Fedstival will also be livestreamed at: www.govexec.com/feature/fedstival-livestream-17/

Further details on Fedstival are listed below. For more information, visit: www.govexec.com/feature/fedstival-2017/

**EVENT DETAILS**

**WHAT:** Fedstival  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, September 19 - Friday, September 22  
  • Tuesday, September 19: **IT Innovation** (8:30 - 11:40 a.m.)  
  • Wednesday, September 20: **Workforce** (8:30 - 11:40 a.m.)  
  • Thursday, September 21: **Management** (8:30 - 10:40 a.m.)  
  • Friday, September 22: **Bold Friday** (8:00 - 11:35 a.m.)  

Please consult the Fedstival website or reach out to jpellnik@atlanticmedia.com regarding additional programming each day.  
**WHERE:** Sidney Harman Hall (610 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20004)  
**WHO:**  
  • **Dr. David Alexander**, Chief Geospatial Scientist, First Responders Group, Science & Technology, Department of Homeland Security  
  • **Mark Bathrick**, Director, Office of Aviation Services, Department of Interior
• **Jose Bonilla**, Director, Innovation Task Force, Office of Requirements and Capabilities Analysis (ORCA), Transportation Security Administration

• **Wynn Coggins**, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

• **Margot Conrad**, Director, Partnership for Public Service

• **J. David Cox Sr.**, National President, American Federation of Government Employees

• **Jason Duley**, Open Data/Code Sharing Program Manager, NASA Ames Research Center

• **David Eagles**, Chief Operating Officer and Acting Deputy Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development

• **Meleia Egger**, Third Goal Program Specialist, Peace Corps

• **Teresa Gerton**, President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration

• **Steve Haedrich**, Associate Trustee, Deming Institute

• **Holly Ham**, Assistant Secretary for Management, Department of Education

• **Michele Hartley**, Media Accessibility Coordinator, Harpers Ferry Center for Media Services, National Park Service

• **Elias Hernandez**, Chief Human Capital Officer, Small Business Administration

• **Dr. Michael Icardi**, National Director, Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Services, Department of Veterans Affairs

• **Raymond Limon**, Director, Office of Human Resources & Deputy, Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of Interior

• **Ellen Linehan**, Program Analyst, Office of Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management

• **Heather McHugh**, Assistant Director, Connecticut Passport Agency, Department of State

• **J. Christopher Mihm**, Managing Director, Strategic Issues. Government Accountability Office

• **Jeffrey Neal**, Senior Vice President, ICF International and Publisher, ChiefHRO.com

• **Nancy Potok**, Chief Statistician of the United States and the Chief of Statistical and Science, U.S. Office of Management and Budget

• **Dave Powner**, Director of IT Issues, Government Accountability Office

• **Howard Risher**, Consultant, HRsolutions

• **Tom Ross**, President, Volcker Alliance

• **Charles Rothwell**, Director, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

• **Karl Schneider**, Deputy Chief Management Officer, U.S. Army
• **Peter Shelby**, Assistant Secretary, Office of Human Resources & Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs

• **Kristine Simmons**, Vice President, Government Affairs, Partnership for Public Service

• **Kelly Tshibaka**, Chief Data Officer, Office of the Inspector General, U.S. Postal Service

• **Bill Valdez**, President, Senior Executives Association

• **Stephanie Westphal**, Policy Analyst, Office of Planning and Policy Analysis, Office of Personnel Management

• **Mara Winn**, Manager, Solutions and Process Integration Branch, Innovation Task Force, Office of Requirements and Capabilities Analysis (ORCA), Transportation Security Administration

• **Courtney Winship**, Division Chief of Innovation and Technology, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

**LIVESTREAM:** [www.govexec.com/feature/fedstival-livestream-17/](http://www.govexec.com/feature/fedstival-livestream-17/)


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