

Carten Cordell:

Good morning, and welcome to the GeoData and GIS. I'm Carten Cordell, deputy editor of Nextgov/FCW, and I'm thrilled to be here today to lead our discussion on one of the most valuable government technologies, geodata and GIS. The demands for modern technologies and citizen services are plentiful as they are complex, and as they seek to prepare tools for the next generation, state and federal agencies are continually reliant on geodata as a key component for collecting and storing more accurate information than ever before. With geographic information systems readily available as a tool to manage, analyze, and map this data, leaders must be prepared to translate the data from simple storage to real-time decisions and actions, better informing their work, and better improving the lives of those they serve. Today, we'll hear from leaders who are rising to the challenge, and are ready to share with all of you the practical steps in bolstering their work with geodata and GIS, how to leverage leadership support for such a complex time, and the key considerations being made for the future improvements. We're excited to have them and can't wait to hear what they have to say.

As we get started here, be sure to use the chat window on the right to engage with your fellow attendees, and though we may not have time for Q&A for every session today, we'll be sure to get some of your questions to our speakers after the event concludes, if we can't get to them during the session. If you look towards the bottom right, you'll notice an icon with a question mark. You can click on this button if you're experiencing technical difficulties throughout the summit, and you'll get connected directly to our technical team, which will get you up and running. The toggle button on the left of the chat function will allow you to choose which screen you want to be enlarged, the slides or the chat, while the full screen button with arrows points to the opposite directions that will allow you to expand the player into full screen mode. And be immediately above the player, you'll notice a ticker or a message strip, that's where we'll be asking questions throughout the summit for CPE credits, five of which are available for today's summit.

However, we do not need to confirm the audience presence and participation, hence this section. Be sure to get those answered throughout the day for credit. Now I'd like to turn it over to Cameron Chehreh, Vice President of Sales and Marketing and General Manager of Public Sector at Intel, for some short remarks. Cameron, take it away.