

AGENDA

8:30 – 9:15 a.m.	Check-in and refreshments – <i>Conference Center</i>
9:15 – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome and introductions - <i>Conference Center</i> Deanna Brocker, WaTech Deputy Director Strategy & Management
9:30 - 10 a.m.	Keynote - <i>Conference Center</i> Bill Kehoe, State CIO & WaTech Director
10 – 10:45 a.m.	Panel Discussion - <i>Conference Center</i> TOPIC: Modernization and the Customer Experience Moderator: Amy Pearson, WaTech Chief of Staff
10:45 - 11 a.m.	Break
11 a.m. – Noon	Agency-Vendor Networking Exchange – <i>Marcus Pavilion</i>
Noon – 1:15	Lunch (hosted) - <i>Marcus Pavilion</i> Open Mic - Rapid Fire Modernization Tech Talks from our sponsors!
Breakout sessions 1:15 – 2 p.m.	Conference Center Room 1 Connected Government Bill Kehoe – State Chief CIO & WaTech Director
	Conference Center Room 2 Innovation & Modernization Fund Nick Stowe – Chief Technology Officer, WaTech
Breakout sessions 2:15 – 3 p.m.	Conference Center Room 1 Enterprise Service Modernization Mark Quimby - Deputy Director of Technology & Operations, WaTech
	Conference Center Room 2 Digital Equity Tavares Terry - DEAI Director, WaTech
3 – 4 p.m.	Wrap up / Social - <i>Marcus Pavilion</i>



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Breakout sessions

ROOM 1

Innovation & Modernization Fund

The Innovation & Modernization Fund breakout session will focus on two key themes: an interactive Q&A where panelists will discuss what makes a successful project pitch to the IT Investment Board, followed by a collaborative idea-generation segment to encourage agency submissions for innovative, short-term projects.

Panelists: Kathy Costello – WaTech, Annette Roth – Arts Commission, Tania Johnson – WSP and John Buckley – Department of Fish & Wildlife

Digital Equity

Digital equity ensures that everyone, regardless of income, location, or background, has access to the technology and resources they need to fully participate in our digital society. As technology becomes a basic necessity for education, healthcare, employment, and civic engagement, it's critical that we bridge the digital divide. Today, we'll explore key strategies to promote digital inclusion and create a more equitable future for all.

ROOM 2

Connected Government

Connected government is about breaking down silos, leveraging technology, and fostering collaboration to provide easy, efficient, and accessible services. In this session, we'll explore how we can use technology and partnerships to create a truly connected government that meets the evolving needs of the public.

Panelists: Irene Vidyanti, Wendy Wickstrom, Louis Bugenig and Rob Allred - WaTech

Enterprise Service Modernization

Enterprise service modernization is essential for organizations to stay agile, scalable, secure and responsive in today's fast-evolving landscape. Whether it's through cloud adoption or upgrading legacy systems, modernizing IT services plays a pivotal role in driving digital transformation. In this session, with a special focus on the Zero Trust framework and cloud services, we'll explore the strategies, challenges, and opportunities that come with modernizing enterprise services to meet the demands of the future.

Panelists: Chris Lamb and Cesar Rivera – WaTech and Keith Jewell - DSHS

