



Working Forward Forum

September 24, 2026

Virtual Format

Agenda

- 10:00** **Welcome**
Joe Mitchell, Senior Advisor for Strategy to the President and CEO, National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA)
Dan Chenok, SEA Board of Directors and Executive Director, IBM Center for the Business of Government
Josh Bailes, SSLC Board of Directors and Executive Vice President, Groundswell
- 10:05** **Agenda and Objectives for the Day**
Josh Bailes, Host and Moderator
- 10:10** **HR 2.0 Update and HRIT Marketplace Survey Report**
Perryn Ashmore, Deputy Associate Director, Workforce Standards and Data Center, US Office of Personnel Management
Jim Cook, Co-Chair, ACT HCM Modernization Working Group, Chair, ACT-IAC Institute for Innovation
Mark Abel, Co-Chair, ACT-IAC HCM Modernization Working Group, Vice President for Strategic Growth, Maximus
Joe DeFee, SSLC Board of Directors, Business Development & Strategy, Digital Solutions, CACI International
Gretchen McCracken, Vice Chair, SSLC Board of Directors, CEO and Managing Partner, Golden Key Group
Melissa Wojciak, SSLC Board of Directors, Federal Contracting Executive
- 11:00** **Modernizing the Paperwork Reduction Act thru Grants Pilot Project**
Mike Peckham, former Grants Transformation Executive, Department of Health & Human Services
Denice Ross, Director, Data Policy Institute, Federation of American Scientists, former U.S. Chief Data Scientist
Bridget C.E. Dooling, Associate Professor of Law, The Ohio State University
- 11:45** **Close and Adjourn**