



WELCOME

NLT 2026 Technical Committee

National Leadership Training 2026



February 18-19, 2026
Washington, D.C. or Virtual

Technical Committee Co-Chairs



Federal:
Asif Kahn
Director
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- **NLT 2025 Snapshot:**

Total Attendance: 1,136 (600+ in-person / 400 virtual)

46% Feds, 10% State/Local, 35% Private (include exhibitors)

36 sessions / 4 breakout sessions each

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NLT 2025 Evaluation Results



**Overall quality of the training event and meeting expectations –
92% Good to Excellent**

Please rate your overall satisfaction with the NLT 2025

Answer Choices	In-Person	Virtual
Excellent	40%	62%
Very Good	40%	29%
Good	12%	8%
Fair	8%	1%
Poor	0%	0%

Recommend training event to colleagues – 98% Yes

Would you recommend this training event to your colleagues?

Answer Choices	In-Person	Virtual
Yes	98%	98%
No	2%	2%

**Overall quality of educational sessions, speakers, topic areas –
96% Good to Excellent**

Please rate the overall quality and value of the educational program, speakers and session topics.

Answer Choices	In-Person	Virtual
Excellent	38%	65%
Very Good	42%	28%
Good	15%	5%
Fair	4%	1%
Poor	0%	0%

Educational topics relevant to job – 90% Agree

The educational topics were relevant to me and my job.

Answer Choices	In-Person	Virtual
Strongly Agree	46%	65%
Agree	44%	33%
Neutral	4%	2%
Disagree	6%	0%
Strongly Disagree	0.00%	0%

T106: Deep Dive: Be Your Own Cheerleader and Amplify Your Voice	5
T113: Beyond Excel Spreadsheets: Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution (PPBE) Digital Transformation	5
W108: How to Find “Happy” in an Ever-Changing World	4.93
T119: Closing Plenary Session: BOLD Expectations: We Cannot Escape Our Expectations	4.87
W118: Taking Care of Business: Gearing Up for the Next Congress	4.79
T104: High Performance and Future Ready Teams: Success, Trust and Power for Changing Times	4.74
T110: Unlock the Power of Positivity: Focusing on Glimmers, Not Triggers	4.71
T117: IPERA - Examples of Effective Programs for a High-Visibility Issue	4.68
W109: Performance Counts! Power Program Success with Evidence	4.67
T109: Unlock the Power of AI Governance: The Rise of the Federal Technology Officer	4.67

Top 10 Sessions



Technical Committee Duties

- Submit session ideas via call for proposal portal (emailed on 10/22)
- Unlimited submission; include session title, description, learning objectives, key takeaways, speaker names (optional)
- Review and score session proposals
- Identify & recruit government sector subject-matter panelists
- Coordinate session
- Speak or moderate



Submission Guidelines

- **Session Titles:** Use exciting, catchy, engaging session titles; five words or less
- **Session Descriptions:** Use active voice for an effective and interesting description; total 50-75 words, or three to five (3-5) sentences
- **Learning Objectives:** What attendees will know or be able to do by the end of your session
- **Key Takeaways:** 3-4 bullet points that summarizes the important points of your session; recommendations/next steps

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Proposal Title	Status	Actions
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Submit a New Proposal:

Submit a New Proposal Instruction

Proposal Title

Keep it simple, concise, and catchy

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November 17

Co-chairs kick off call

November 19

Technical committee. members first conference call

Oct. 20 – Nov. 23

Submit potential sessions with brief description, key takeaways, & potential speakers

Nov. 24–Dec. 10

Review and grade submitted sessions

December 15–16

Co-chairs approve final agenda

December 17

Agenda submitted to Marketing team for marketing

After December 17

Confirm speakers and finalize session titles/descriptions (resource site)

Speaker & Moderator Resources

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This event will be held:

- Live Virtual
- In Person

Washington, DC

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Timeline and Due Dates:

- October 18 – Co-Chairs call
- October 24 – Technical Committee call
- November 16 – Deadline to submit session proposals
- December 3 – Deadline to review and score session proposals
- December 11 – Session acceptance notices
- December 31 – Finalize session titles, descriptions

Deliverable Deadlines:

- **Thursday, January 15** – Submit speaker/moderator registration form, bio, and headshot

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- Presenters from different organizations and government levels (state, local, and federal), gender, career specialties, and race/ethnicities. Only government-sector professionals may participate in a panel of speakers.
- New!** Recent former federal Senior Executive Service (SES) members or equivalent state and local senior executives or subject-matter experts, now in private or commercial practice, may participate in NLT 2026 sessions as a panel speaker.
- Participation is subject to approval by AGA and provided there are more government speakers in the panel.



Engagement Ideas

- Use AGA's app and audience response system (Q&A, Polling, Games)
- Allow Q&A at the end
- Know your audience (review pre-registered attendee list)
- Storytelling format, offer real life examples/best practices
- Practice with your panelists so everyone is aware of the flow
- Engage! Don't just inform.

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Special Events

- Solutions Hall – 30+ exhibitors
- Awards (federal/state/local/private leadership awards) due mid-Dec.
- Students (collegiate leadership scholarship, Datathon competition) due early Dec.
- Career coaching
- Deep dive workshop
- Networking events

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QUESTIONS?

AGA Contacts:

Call for Proposals/Technical Committee: Jerome Bruce

Sessions/Speakers: Stephanie Shaer

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THANK YOU!