

FORUM2026 SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

	Suite 1ab/1cd*	Suite 2*	Suite 3	Suite 4*	Suite 5	Tower Cafe
Capacity	240	160	168	168	168	40
Sunday, Nov 15	Registration, Forum Café, App Help Desk: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM / Sound Bowls: 4:30 PM -5:30 PM, Lobby					
Monday, Nov 16	Buyer Registration: 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM					
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Morning Refreshments / Networking					
9:00 AM – 10:30 AM	MK0 Welcome: Kelly Gill and Opening Keynote: Vernice 'FlyGirl' Armour - Who Needs A Runway? Take Off From Where You Are - Ballroom 1 - 3					
Breakout Session 1: 10:40 AM - 11:30 AM	MB11 Electronic Invoicing 2.0 <i>Tony Jordan, eVA</i>	MB12 Building a Faster, Smarter, Modern IT Supply Chain <i>Kymberly Johnson & Evan Davis, VITA</i>	MB13 Surplus Solutions: Connecting People, Property, and Possibilities <i>Floyd Coburn & Andrea Washington, DGS Surplus</i>	MB14 Practical Tools for Professionals Under Pressure <i>Jim Morgan, All Well and Good</i>	MB15 Amplify Your Drive <i>Beth Cooley, DGS OFMS</i>	
Breakout Session 2: 11:40 AM - 12:30 PM	MB21 Receiving Pitfalls <i>Miranda Bowling, eVA</i>	MB22 The Strategic Partnership: Procurement Meets Human Resources <i>Lauren Clarke, DGS HR & Sylvester Williams, DGS SCO</i>	MB23 Virtually Said: Leveraging Technology without Losing the Human Touch <i>Michele Skaggs, VDSS</i>	MB24 Unlocking Performance Through Better Conversations <i>Andrea Simmons, INSPIRED Transformations & Solutions</i>	MB25 Connecting the Dots with SBSD <i>DSBSD Team</i>	
12:40 PM - 1:55 PM	Lunch / DSBSD Awards 1:20 PM - 1:40 PM					
Breakout Session 3: 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	MB31 Procurement Analytics <i>Jonathan Eisenman, eVA & Joel Padow, DGS ISS</i>	MB32 From Waste to Worth: Circular Strategies for Smarter Procurement <i>G'Sean Williams, PSM Workforce</i>	MB33 What's the Deal with the VDC? <i>Andy Repak & Sara Bates, DPS VDC</i>	MB34 VRS Retirement: Are You Ready to Retire? <i>Audrey Macklin, VRS</i>	MB35 The Who, What, How and Why of VCE <i>Michael Strange, VCE & Philip Graner, VCE</i>	
2:50 PM – 3:20 PM	Afternoon Refreshments					
Breakout Session 4: 3:20 PM - 4:10 PM	MB41 Sourcing & Contracts <i>Tracy Robinson & Sandy Stanley, eVA</i>	MB42 Supplier Relationships in Jeopardy: Building Partnerships That Deliver Results <i>Kayla Anderson & Larry White, VITA</i>	MB43 From Waste to Worth: Circular Strategies for Smarter Procurement <i>G'Sean Williams, PSM Workforce</i>	MB44 The Who, What, How and Why of VCE <i>Michael Strange & Philip Graner, VCE</i>	MB45 Unlocking Performance Through Better Conversations <i>Andrea Simmons, INSPIRED Transformations & Solutions</i>	
Tuesday, Nov 17	Buyer Registration: 7:30 AM – 4:30 PM / Supplier Registration: 7:00 AM - 10:00 AM					
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Morning Refreshments / Networking					
Workshop Session 1 OR Supplier-Led Session 1: 9:00 AM - 10:20 AM	TW11 eVA Update <i>Shane Caudill, eVA</i>	TW12 Elevating your IT Procurements Part 1: Using Market Research to Develop a Complete RFP <i>Meghan Manning & Andrew Bartlett, VITA</i>	TW13 What Happens Next: Practical Contract Administration for Public Procurement <i>Stephanie Gale, NASPO</i>	TW14 Procurement Unfiltered: Spilling the Tea <i>DPS Policy, Consulting & Review Team</i>	TW15 Preventing and Detecting Pre-Award Collusion & Fraud <i>Jessica Martonosi, USNRC-OIG Robert Shewell, DCIS/DOW-OIG, & Chad Kenney, DHS-OIG</i>	Supplier Speaks: TS1: 9:00 - 9:20 AM TS2: 9:30 - 9:50 AM TS3: 10:00 - 10:20 AM
10:20 AM - 12:30 PM	Supplier Connect Exhibition: Hall A/B / Sound Bowls and LEGOs: Lobby					
12:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Buyer Lunch in Ballroom 1-3; Supplier Lunch in Hall C					
1:30 PM - 3:15 PM	Matchmaking Session in Hall D					
Workshop Session 2 OR Supplier-Led Session 2: 1:50 PM - 3:10 PM	TW21 Buyer User Group Meeting <i>Kim Pritchett, Tony Jordan, & eVA Team</i>	TW22 What Happens Next: Practical Contract Administration for Public Procurement <i>Stephanie Gale, NASPO</i>	TW23 Promoting IT Procurement Excellence: Human-Centered Training, Modern Tools, and Modernizing IT Governance <i>Liz Candler & Rachael Hoffman, VITA</i>	TW24 Preventing and Detecting Pre-Award Collusion & Fraud <i>Jessica Martonosi, USNRC-OIG Robert Shewell, DCIS/DOW-OIG, & Chad Kenney, DHS-OIG</i>	TW25 Procurement Unfiltered: Spilling the Tea <i>DPS Policy, Consulting & Review Team</i>	Supplier Speaks: TS4: 1:50 - 2:10 PM TS5: 2:20 - 2:40 PM TS6: 2:50 - 3:10 PM
3:10 PM - 3:40 PM	Afternoon Refreshments					
Breakout Session 1: 3:40 PM - 4:30 PM	TB11 The Fee-nomenal World of the eVA Business Bureau <i>Joanne Bryant, eVA Business</i>	TB12 Virtually Said: Leveraging Technology without Losing the Human Touch <i>Michele Skaggs, VDSS</i>	TB13 The Strategic Partnership: Procurement Meets Human Resources <i>Lauren Clarke, DGS HR & Sylvester Williams, DGS SCO</i>	TB14 Utilizing DPS Statewide Contracts <i>Sharyn Quick & Tonya Tucker, DPS SCO</i>	TB15 Practical Tools for Professionals Under Pressure <i>Jim Morgan, All Well and Good</i>	TB1T VCM Networking <i>Sherida Haughton, Haughton Solutions</i>
Wednesday, Nov 18	Buyer Registration: 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM					
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Morning Refreshments / Networking					
Breakout Session 1: 9:00 AM - 9:50 AM	WB11 eVA Feud <i>Kim Pritchett & Tony Jordan, eVA</i>	WB12 Surplus Solutions: Connecting People, Property, and Possibilities <i>Floyd Coburn, DGS Surplus</i>	WB13 Elevating your IT Procurements Part 2: Effective use of Evaluation Tools <i>Sarah Hicks & Matthew Fritzingier, VITA</i>	WB14 Amplify Your Drive <i>Beth Cooley, DGS OFMS</i>	WB15 VRS Retirement: Are You Ready to Retire? <i>Audrey Macklin, VRS</i>	
Breakout Session 2: 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	WB21 eVA Feud – Round 2 <i>Kim Pritchett & Tony Jordan, eVA</i>	WB22 What's the Deal with the VDC? <i>Andy Repak & Sara Bates, DPS VDC</i>	WB23 VITA Spotlight IT Contracts <i>Kristina Brekke & Gregory Brown, VITA</i>	WB24 Connecting the Dots with SBSD <i>DSBSD Team</i>	WB25 Utilizing DPS Statewide Contracts <i>Sharyn Quick & Tonya Tucker, DPS SCO</i>	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	WK0 Closing Keynote: Seth Mattison - The Human Advantage: The Strategy for Winning in the Age of Machines - Ballroom 1 - 3 / Dismiss					