

Fraud, Waste, & Abuse FORUM

Protecting Mission Integrity

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Thursday, October 22, 2026

9 AM EDT
10 MINS

Opening Remarks



Tom Suder
Founder
ATARC

9:10 AM EDT
20 MINS

Morning Keynote Briefing



Kimberly Brandt
Chief Operating Officer & Deputy
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid
Services

9:30 AM EDT
35 MINS
Panel

Strengthening Fraud Prevention Across Agencies



Renata Miskell
Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Accounting Policy & Financial
Transparency, Office of the Fiscal
Assistant Secretary
U.S. Department of Treasury



John Fowler
Chief, Criminal Investigation Division,
Office of Tax and Revenue
Government of the District of
Columbia



Eric Rivera
Assistant Inspector General, Audits
Export-Import Bank of the United
States & ATARC Working Group
Government Chair

Fraud schemes increasingly span multiple agencies, programs, and systems, making collaboration more critical than ever. This panel will explore how agencies are improving fraud prevention through secure data sharing, cross-agency partnerships, and coordinated oversight efforts. Panelists will discuss lessons learned from recent fraud trends, challenges around interoperability and privacy, and how AI and automation are helping agencies identify risks faster, improve decision-making, and strengthen program integrity across government.

10:25 AM EDT
20 MINS

Break & Emerging Technology Showcase

10:45 AM EDT
35 MINS
Panel

Connected Defense: Data Sharing and AI



Dr. Jim Chen
Professor
National Defense University



Ajay Phogat
Senior Advisor to CIO on Strategy,
Technology, Innovation and
Governance
U.S. Customs and Border Protection,
Department of Homeland Security



Dr. Sterling Thomas
Chief Scientist
Government Accountability Office

As fraud tactics evolve at unprecedented speed, organizations face growing challenges from AI-enabled scams, and increasingly sophisticated threat actors. This panel explores the current state of fraud, the technologies being used to detect and prevent it today, and where advanced analytics and AI-driven defenses are headed next.

11:35 AM EDT
20 MINS

Mid-Morning Fireside Chat



Matt Batzel
Associate Administrator for the Office
of Government-wide Policy
General Services Administration



Frank Konkel
Editor-in-Chief
GovExec

11:50 AM EDT
10 MINS

ATARC Working Group Presentation



Dr. Rebecca Shea
Director, Forensic Audit and
Investigative Service
Government Accountability Office &
ATARC Working Group Government
Chair



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Assistant Inspector General, Audits
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Bobby Duffy
Advisor Chair
ATARC Working Group

Hear from leaders across EXIM, GAO, and the ATARC Fraud Detection & Mitigation Working Group as they provide an overview of the group’s roadmap and priorities for the year ahead. The briefing will highlight ongoing efforts to strengthen cross-agency collaboration and preview an upcoming virtual demonstration showcasing a real-world grant fraud use case, with details on how attendees can participate and continue the conversation.

12 PM EDT
35 MINS
Panel

Detecting the Invisible: Insider Threats and Cyber Risk



Liza Briggs
Senior Social Scientist, Investigation & Analysis Division, Insider Threat Program, Office of Chief Administrative Officer
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office



Mark Canter
CISO
Government Accountability Office



Dennis Sendros
Senior Technical Advisor
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

As digital systems expand, so do opportunities for fraud, insider misuse, and cyber exploitation. This panel will explore current and emerging risks, lessons learned from recent incidents, and approaches for building stronger defenses against evolving threats.

12:35 PM EDT
35 MINS
Panel

Mission First: Strengthening Accountability and Organizational Integrity



Katie Rose
Director of Data Operations, Office of Inspector General
Department of Health and Human Services



Luiz Santos
Inspector General
Architect of the Capitol



Dr. Rebecca Shea
Director, Forensic Audit and Investigative Service
Government Accountability Office & ATARC Working Group Government Chair



Dr. Caryl Brzymialkiewicz
Acting Inspector General, Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of the Interior



Edward Graham
Managing Editor
NextGov/FCW

Achieving mission success requires more than operational performance—it depends on a strong culture of accountability and alignment across the organization. This panel will explore how leaders can reinforce mission-focused values, strengthen decision-making, and create environments where accountability is embedded into daily operations. Discussions will highlight the role of leadership, communication, and workforce engagement in driving organizational effectiveness and ensuring teams remain focused on strategic objectives.

1:10 PM EDT
5 MINS

Closing Remarks

1:15 PM EDT
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Lunch & Emerging Technology Showcase