



2026 AI SUMMIT

AGENDA

THE DUPONT CIRCLE HOTEL | JULY 14-15, 2026

TUESDAY, July 14, 2026

9:00am – 12:00pm Podcast Studio Open

Location: Douglas Room

[Elected women](#) and [partners](#) are welcome to book time on site to record a segment for [Elected Women Across America](#).

12:00pm – 5:00pm Registration Open

Location: Dupont Ballroom Foyer

Check in and get everything you need for a successful event.

2:00pm – 2:15pm Conference Opening – Elected Women Leading Change

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Speakers **Representative Lisa Subeck**, Wisconsin State Legislature, NFWL Chair
Renee Dabbs, Executive Director, NFWL

2:15pm – 2:45pm The 2026 Legislative Outlook and the Future of Compliance

Location: Dupont Ballroom

With AI-related legislation introduced across all 50 states and U.S. territories this year, the state policy landscape has fractured into a complex regulatory patchwork. Panelists will explore what made certain 2026 frameworks truly innovation-friendly and how corporate lawyers help tech teams build compliant tools in an era of rapidly evolving and unpredictable state laws. Attendees will gain a forward-looking, 360-degree view of how industry and state legislatures can successfully collaborate to craft smart, executable policies heading into the 2027 horizon.

Introduction **Representative Dar'shun Kendrick**, Georgia State Legislature

Speakers **Chinnu Joseph**, Senior Corporate Counsel, AI Legal, Salesforce, Inc.
Margaret Durkin, Executive Director, TechNet

2:45pm – 3:15pm Powering AI: The Policy Challenge of Data Centers

Location: Dupont Ballroom

As artificial intelligence advances, the demand for large-scale data centers is surging—bringing with it complex policy questions around energy consumption, water use, environmental impacts, and community infrastructure. How are policymakers, energy experts, and industry leaders working to shape the future of AI infrastructure.

Introduction **Assemblywoman Carol Murphy**, New Jersey State Legislature, NFWL Board

Speakers **Erin McKinney**, Principal Policy Counsel, Amazon Web Services, Inc.
Mandy Ulrich, Energy and Water Services, AWS Americas East

3:15pm – 3:45pm

AI for Good

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Using Meta's open source AI models to speed public service delivery, Meta's open source artificial intelligence models are being used widely to accelerate the delivery of public services, ranging from programs like SmartSurfaces, which are using Meta's AI-powered insights on tree cover to combat extreme heat, to the international work of the World Bank. This panel will discuss how incorporation of Meta's AI models into tools that support public sector funded programming can accelerate faster policymaking and speed delivery of public services.

Introduction **Senator Gayle Harrell**, Florida State Legislature, NFWL Board

Moderator **Laura McGorman**, Director, AI for Good, Meta

Speakers **Justine Spore**, GIS Research Associate, World Resources Institute

Sahiti Sarva, Data Scientist in the Development Economic Group World Bank

3:45pm – 4:15pm

The Road Ahead: Autonomous Vehicles, Safety, and State Policy

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Self-driving technology is no longer a vision for the future—it is already operating on roads in communities across the country. As autonomous vehicles continue to evolve, state policymakers face important questions about public safety, infrastructure, insurance and liability, workforce impacts, cybersecurity, accessibility, and the regulatory frameworks needed to foster innovation while protecting the public. How are the roads changing, who is leading the way, and what is the role of state policymakers?

Introduction **Delegate April Miller**, Maryland State Legislature, NFWL Board

Speaker **Aimee Privitera**, New York Policy Manager, Waymo

4:15pm – 4:30pm

Networking Break

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Sponsored by T-Mobile, take a quick stretch and get ready to move around for our speed policy roundtables.

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Rotating Roundtables

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Six tables will be hosted for three table rotations.

Introduction **Representative Kim Schofield**, Georgia State Legislature

1. **Is the AI You Can't See Running Your State? – Safia Gourani**, Field CTO, Dynatrace & **Susan St. Clair**, Principal Solutions Engineer, Dynatrace
Legislators face key choices in facing invisible AI: the algorithmic systems quietly making decisions inside government IT, public utilities, and critical infrastructure. What does it mean to "watch the watchers," and should states mandate observability standards for AI systems that touch public services?
2. **The Future of AI Equity – Dr. Nicol Turner Lee**, Senior Fellow, Center for Technology Innovation
Explore how policymakers can help ensure artificial intelligence is developed and deployed in ways that expand opportunity, reduce bias, and promote equitable outcomes for all communities.

3. **Tech Innovation – Kristen Casimir**, Government Affairs Senior Manager, Salesforce, Inc.
Discover how emerging AI technologies are driving innovation across the public and private sectors and what state policymakers should know about the future of digital transformation
4. **AI & Healthcare Innovation – Christine Maroulis**, Director of State Government Affairs, & **Brendan Abel**, Director of State Policy, Johnson & Johnson
Explore how artificial intelligence is transforming healthcare through advances in research, patient care, diagnostics, and more efficient delivery of health services.
5. **America's Workforce Academy – Diana Doukas**, Director for Economic Opportunity, & **Dustin Carmack**, Director, Public Policy Executive Branch, Meta
The skilled trades workforce must continue to grow to support the rapid expansion of AI infrastructure. Meta's newly launched initiative brings together states, educators, and industry partners to create workforce pathways that prepare more people for high demand skilled trade careers.

5:30pm – 7:00pm Networking Reception

Location: Glover Park Room

Join us for good conversation over wine and cheese and see how you look in the latest Meta wearables.

WEDNESDAY, July 15, 2026

8:00am – 5:30pm Summit Registration

Location: Dupont Ballroom Foyer

8:00am – 9:00am Networking Breakfast

Location: Doyle Bar

9:00am – 9:30am Empowering Small Businesses to Succeed in the AI Economy

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Fuel your community's entrepreneurial spirit with practical AI resources. Through Verizon's Small Business Digital Ready program and Small Business Supplier Accelerator, discover how local businesses can utilize AI tools to streamline backend operations, save valuable time, and scale efficiently.

Introduction **Senator Lisa Krasner**, Nevada State Legislature, NFWL Board

Speaker **Michele Cober, Esq.**, Strategic Alliances, Verizon

Ga-Young Park, Director, Small Business Supplier Accelerator, Verizon

9:30am – 10:15am AI for Fair Chances: Digital Access Builds Digital Equity for Incarcerated Individuals

Location: Dupont Ballroom

People leaving incarceration often lack the digital skills to compete, widening inequities and making it harder to access jobs and services in an AI-driven economy. This panel examines how states can expand secure access to digital literacy and AI-enabled tools inside facilities and design policies that support fair hiring, workforce readiness, and successful reintegration while maintaining safety and oversight.

Moderator **Representative Lisa Subeck**, Wisconsin State Legislature, NFWL Chair

Speakers **Jane Oates**, President, WorkingNation

Kaitlin Horton, Campus and Fair Chance Pipeline Lead, Aventiv Technologies

10:15 – 10:45am The Broader Impact of AI on Workplaces

Location: Dupont Ballroom

This session explores how artificial intelligence is impacting workplaces across the country, including job loss and job transformation, AI use and misuse, and governance and regulatory challenges.

Introduction **Representative Sandra Scott**, Georgia State Legislature

Speaker **James Atkinson**, Vice President of Thought
Leadership, SHRM

10:45 – 11:30am Leadership Academy – How to Harness AI to be a Better Leader

Location: Dupont Ballroom

Learn more about utilizing your strengths, and how to better utilize AI to improve your workflow.

Speaker **Renee Dabbs**, Executive Director, NFWL

Wrap Up & Adjourn

NFWL programming continues with the kickoff of our Healthcare Summit for those attending at 1:00pm!

Speaker **Representative Lisa Subeck**, Wisconsin State Legislature, NFWL Chair