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. COUNTY SUMMIT ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & CYBERSECURITY

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(Trenton) Leaders from across the State will join the New Jersey Association of Counties (NJAC) on December 13th at the historic Trenton Country Club for an important and timely discussion on Artificial Intelligence and Cybersecurity.

“Whether improving efficiencies, making better decisions, enhancing public safety, improving constituent services, and more, the use of Artificial Intelligence presents both unique opportunities and complex challenges that could reshape the fundamental workings of government,” said NJAC President Hunterdon County Commissioner Shaun Van Doren.

NJAC has assembled two outstanding panel discussions where subject matter experts from the public and private sector will address how local governments may use AI as a revolutionary technology that could help provide vital services in an effective and efficient manner along with potential ethical and policy considerations. Additionally, county, state, and federal authorities will discuss how local governments may establish, implement, and operate cybersecurity best practices and policies that prevent malicious viruses, ransomware, spyware, and more from disrupting operations, stealing information, and damaging IT systems. Eric Scott with NJ 101.5 will moderate both panels.

“As cyber criminals continue to target governmental agencies with ransomware, phishing, password, and other malicious attacks on vital information systems, implementing and maintaining robust cybersecurity risk management protections are critical for helping reduce exposure to these ever-increasing threats,” commented Van Doren.

NJAC is committed to advocating for legislation, regulations, and policy directives that empower county government to operate more effectively and efficiently. As a non-partisan organization that represents the only true regional form of government in the State with a unified and proactive voice, NJAC is dedicated to advancing innovative programs and initiatives that enhance the level of service provided and save valuable taxpayer dollars. For additional details, please visit NJAC’s website at www.njac.org or contact NJAC’s Executive Director John G. Donnadio at (609) 394-3467.

NJAC SUMMIT ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE & CYBERSECURITY AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

December 13, 2024

Trenton Country Club

201 Sullivan Way, Ewing, New Jersey

NJAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

OPENING REMARKS

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

- National Anthem
Performed by students from the Burlington County Institute of Technology

HOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MAY USE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Eric Scott with NJ 101.5 to moderate both panel discussions

- Marc Pfeiffer, Assistant Director, Bloustein Local Government Research Center
- Douglas Vargo, Vice President of Emerging Technologies, CGI
- Tricia Jamison, Cloud Solutions Architect, Google Cloud Public Sector
- Micah Hassinger, Director of Information Technology, Passaic County

COFFEE BREAK

11:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

CYBERSECURITY BEST PRACTICES & PROTECTIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

- Stan Field, Chief Information Security Officer, Cumberland County
- Mike Geraghty, Director, NJ Cybersecurity & Communications Integration
- Christopher Kay, State Coordinator, Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency

KEYNOTE CLOSING SPEAKER AND LUNCHEON

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

- Jayson Dunn, Executive Government Advisor, Amazon Web Services