



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES

Information Technology Forum

Hilton Cleveland Downtown – Cleveland, OH

September 27-29, 2026

- Daily Schedule of Events -

Sunday, September 27, 2026

5:30 pm - 6:30 pm **Opening Reception**
Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres

Monday, September 28, 2026

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast & Networking
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Introduction & IT Survey Results
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Coffee Break & Networking
9:45 am - 10:05 am	Thought Leader Sponsor Presentation <i>Egnyte</i>
10:05 am - 11:00 am	Navigating AI Adoption: Successes, Setbacks, and Strategies <i>Rich Holst</i>
11:00 am - 12:00 pm	AI in Action: Live Demos of Agent-Powered Workflows <i>Dan Bogdan, HED</i>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Networking Lunch
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	AI Think Tank: Interactive Breakouts for Brainstorming IT Innovation
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Coffee Break & Networking
2:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Small Breakout Discussions
3:30 pm - 4:45 pm	Forum Report-Out on Breakout Discussions

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5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Reception at The Great Lakes Science Center

Join us for an evening of networking, drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and interactive exhibits at Cleveland's Great Lakes Science Center.

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

7:30 am - 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast & Networking

8:00 am - 9:00 am

Firm of the Future - AI and Technology

Joe Bates, ACEC Research Institute

9:00 am - 9:45 am

Open Discussion

9:45 am - 10:00 am

Coffee Break & Networking

10:00 am - 11:00 am

The Enclave Journey: Preparing for, Navigating, and Evaluating CMMC Assessments

Chris Calaf, Pennoni

Creighton Barnes, HED

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Small Breakout Discussions

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Networking Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

The Impact of M&A and Venture Capital on IT Teams

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Open Roundtables

3:30 pm

Forum Adjourns

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