2026 Montana IT Strategic Planning Conference

Agenda

Tuesday, November 17 – Day 1

Time	Session
8:30 AM	Registration, Breakfast, and Networking
9:00 AM	Conference Kickoff Kevin Gilbertson, State Chief Information Officer
9:15 AM	Keynote: Governor Greg Gianforte
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	State of the Strategy: From 2024-26 and into 2026-28 IT Plan Kevin Gilbertson, State CIO
11:15 AM	Sponsor Presentation: Island Technologies Presentation - *The Browser is the New Workspace: Rethinking Access, Security, and AI Access to State Government*
11:30 AM	A New Era in Agency Experience Travis Cottom, Chief Agency Experience Officer
12:00 PM	Networking Lunch
12:45 PM	Sponsor Presentation: Mythics/Oracle – *Five Questions Your 2026-28 Plan Assumes You Can Answer*
1:00 PM	What Legislators Want from State IT Representative Luke Muszkiewicz
2:00 PM	Sponsor Presentation: SailPoint – *The Next Frontier of Government Security: People, Machines and AI*
2:15 PM	Initiative Labs – Round 1: Current State and Barriers Breakout Groups
3:30 PM	Break
3:45 PM	Sponsor Presentation: Palo Alto Networks – *Unmasking Real-World AI Threats*
4:00 PM	Sponsor Presentation: Siteimprove – *Your Path to ADA Title II Compliance: Tools Available to Montana Agencies Through the State's Accessibility Platform*
4:15 PM	Day 1 Wrap-Up and Housekeeping Kevin Gilbertson, State CIO
5:00 PM	Networking Social Hosted by **Island Technologies** Central Commons Island

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Wednesday, November 18 – Day 2

Time	Session
8:30 AM	Breakfast and Networking
9:00 AM	Welcome and Day 1 Recap Kevin Gilbertson, State CIO
9:15 AM	The Future of AI Chris Tarabochia, Deputy Chief Information Officer / Chief AI Officer
9:45 AM	Sponsor Presentation: Fortinet – *From Packets to Prompts: Securing AI Session Flows in the Modern Network*
10:00 AM	Break
10:15 AM	Initiative Labs – Round 2: Milestones, Owners, Decision Asks Breakout Groups
11:30 AM	Sponsor Presentation: Semperis – *Identity resilience and recovery for Montana - secure the identities behind people, services, and AI.*
11:45 PM	Networking Lunch
12:30 PM	Sponsor Presentation: Adobe – *Connected Experiences for Government: From Documents to Digital Services*
12:45 PM	Initiative Labs – Report-Out and Executive Decisions
1:45 PM	Working Session: Maximizing Return on Technology Investments Kevin Gilbertson, State CIO
3:00 PM	Sponsor Presentation: Fast Enterprises – *Investing in Montana's Future Together*
3:15 PM	Break
3:30 PM	Adopting the Product Management Mindset Angie Miller, Chief Product Officer
4:00 PM	Tracking Execution: Reporting Cadence, Action Register, and Next Steps Kevin Gilbertson, State CIO
4:45 PM	Adjournment

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Thursday, November 19 – Day 3

Product Management Workshop – for agencies adopting the product operating model and SITSD product leads.

Time	Session
8:30 AM	Breakfast and Networking
9:00 AM	Workshop Welcome and Objectives Angie Miller, Chief Product Officer
9:15 AM	Product Operating Model Fundamentals Facilitator Angie Miller
10:00 AM	Exercise 1: Define Your Product Portfolio Facilitator Angie Miller
11:00 AM	Break
11:15 AM	Exercise 2: Product Owner and 12-Month Roadmap Facilitator Angie Miller
12:30 PM	Read-Out, Adoption Plan, and Close Angie Miller, CPO, and Kevin Gilbertson, State CIO
12:45 PM	Initiative Labs – Report-Out and Executive Decisions
1:00 PM	Closing Remarks and Adjournment