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League of Oregon Cities Fall Conference 2025 AI Workshop for Cities: Innovation, Application, and Acceleration

This AI workshop is designed to help cities take advantage of AI technology to improve efficiency and governance for their communities. From an interactive session where participants will be walked through step by step in creating/managing emails, research, or scheduling, to local AI governance, real applications used by cities today, to the finale of an AI pitch fest. Cities will walk away with tangible tools and perhaps, just maybe, their next big project partner.

When: Friday, October 3

Session 1: Is Your City AI-Ready... or Not? Implementing Practical AI Governance at the Local Level Made Easy

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Overview:

AI isn't coming to government — it's already here (and moving faster than a council debate about pickleball courts). As artificial intelligence (AI) systems rapidly expand into public services, municipalities need practical strategies to harness these technologies while managing risks. This interactive session will equip participants with concrete tools and frameworks to responsibly implement AI governance in their city operations and community. We'll cover key principles for ethical AI use, risk assessment tools, sample policies, and examples from the City of Bend's AI journey. Participants will leave with actionable resources they can bring back to their cities — even if they are at the very beginning of their AI journey. This session moves beyond theory to provide actionable implementation strategies that work within the constraints of local government budgets, technical capabilities, and personnel resources.

Speakers:

- Lindsey Washburn, City of Tigard & GovAI Coalition
- Adam Young, City of Bend
- Sean McSpaden, State of Oregon
- Hector Dominguez, City of Portland
- Janet Johnson, AI Governance Group
- Covenant Global Representative

Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Session 2: Beyond the Hype: Cities Harnessing the Power of AI to Build Faster, Smarter, and More Responsive Local Governments

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Overview:

Artificial intelligence is already transforming how governments serve their communities. From streamlining operations to improving public engagement, AI has the power to make local government more efficient, effective, and responsive. To harness its potential, local leaders must understand both the technology and the impact this technology aims to solve. This session explores municipalities that have invested in AI technology and provides real-world applications that municipalities have adopted. Whether you are a small, medium, or large city, this session will help you build the confidence to innovate using AI.

Speakers:

- Jose Rodriguez, City of Gresham (invited)
 - Jayson Thornberg, City of Oregon City
 - SHI International Representative
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Snack Break 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Session 3: AI Pitch Fest: The Speed-Dating Showcase

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Overview:

Forget snoozy demos and sales decks — this is a rapid-fire showcase of the best and brightest in civic-focused AI innovation. We've invited 5–8 vendors to pitch their product or concept in five minutes, followed by five minutes of sharp Q&A from you, our audience of savvy city leaders.

Vendors:

- SHI International LLC
- Covenant Global
- Vialytics
- Soar AI
- CityLogic
- Envisio (invited)