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**Important Blockchain  
Workshop for  
Government Executives,  
Managers and Staff**

**- Blockchain Technology  
is Often Called the "New  
Internet" -**

**Important to Learn About  
Blockchain and Its  
Potential Uses**

**NIST Blockchain Security  
Speaker - Just  
Announced**

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Potential in Government  
Training Workshop:  
*A Primer for Government  
Executives, Managers, and Staff***

**Demystifying Blockchain: What You  
Need to Know About Blockchain,  
the Use Cases Being Explored, and  
How it May be Used in Government  
to Securely Meet Business Needs**

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**Government Speakers**

NIST SPEAKER JUST ANNOUNCED:

Paul Grassi  
Senior Standards and Technology Advisor  
Trusted Identity Initiative Group  
NIST  
(NIST Blockchain Security Expert)

Jose Arrieta  
Director, Office of IT Schedule Contract Operations  
General Services Administration (GSA)

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Earl Warrington  
Senior Technical Advisor  
General Services Administration (GSA)

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**Craig Fischer**

**Innovation Program Manager**

Department of the Treasury

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Chris Robey

Blockchain and Procurement Consultant

(Former Procurement Analyst of

DHS/U.S. Customs and Border Protection)

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Bo Shevchik, MBA, CGFM, PMP  
Co-Chair  
Association of Government Accountants (AGA)  
Blockchain Working Group

Justin Herman  
Emerging Citizen Technology Inter-Agency Program Lead

General Services Administration (GSA)  
(invited)

Combiz Abdolrahimi  
Treasury Representative to the  
FedID Planning Committee & Senior Policy Advisor  
Department of the Treasury  
(invitation extended)

Additional Government Speakers Awaiting Confirmation

Overview:

Commonly described as the "next great disrupter," Blockchain technology is the "new Internet". While there are challenges associated with widespread use, its potential is drawing heavy interest and investment from both commercial and government leaders around the world. Primarily known as the technology underlying Bitcoin, the strengths of Block's "distributed ledger" include increased transparency, speed, increased security.

Federal agencies are currently funding and building use cases to explore the potential of blockchain technologies. Potential applications continue to expand as government moves toward adoption of the technology to increase efficiencies, trim costs, and increase transparency, and improve security in their operations.

Driven by the advantages of Blockchain and efforts for government transparency and the DATA Act, there are numerous Blockchain use cases that agencies are considering that touch many parts and processes of an organization, including:

- Financial management and services
- Procurement
- IT asset and supply chain management
- Smart contracts
- Patents, Trademarks Copyrights, Royalties
- Identity management and government-issued credentials like visas, passports, SSN and birth certificates
- Federal personnel workforce data
- Appropriated funds
- Federal assistance and foreign aid delivery

Government & Industry Partners Invited to Register

This Workshop is for Government Executives, Managers and Staff and Industry Partners to Understand Blockchain Technology and its use and potential use for Government.

**What You Will Learn:**

- **Fundamentals of Blockchain and Distributed Ledger Technology**
- **How blockchain works, and how it applies to government processes**
- **Key opportunities to use Blockchain**
- **Examples of blockchain use "outside the beltway" (including other Governments) and why**

**Why You Should Attend:**

- **Understand Blockchain and how it can be used in government**
- **Improve your knowledge of an exploding technology**
- **Be better equipped to support acquisition decisions**
- **Build communities of interest in your agency and across agencies**
- **Craft new strategies for improving business processes and government operations**

**Who Should Attend:**

- **Federal Government Executives, Managers and staff who are interested in learning about Blockchain and how it can be used in government**
- **Government Executives, Managers and staff responsible for implementing Agency restructuring plans**
- **Federal employees or members of employee affinity groups**
- **Technology leaders and technology implementers**
- **CIOs, CFOs and other CXOs**
- **Procurement Personnel**
- **Records Managers**
- **IGs and Staff**
- **State and local Government Executives, Managers and staff**
- **Industry Partners who support the government**

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Dr. Mike Dourson will serve the citizens of the United States faithfully and responsibly in his role in the EPA. I was on the Board of TERA for several years prior to its merger with the University of Cincinnati. During that time TERA served a wide variety of clients from State governments, to foreign governments as well as the US government. During that time the average amount of income from private corporations probably accounted for less than 30% of the income of the firm. TERA was never flush with cash and operated almost literally as a non-profit organization so to my mind allocations, made by some organizations, that TERA was getting rich from private corporation fees are absurd.

While small, the organization enjoyed an excellent reputation in the toxicology community. Its primary business was conducting training sessions in risk analysis for working toxicologists and bringing together expert panels to review published research to make recommendations for exposure levels. Since the organization had no power of its own, the reviews had to be conducted by experts that had earned excellent reputations with the government agencies to which the reviews would be submitted. TERA toxicologist assembled data and organized these review but had almost no impact on the published results of these reviews. Occasionally a TERA scientist would be asked to participate in the review of new data for publication and that data was published in peer reviewed journals. They were also asked to design experiments, the results of which were published in peer reviewed journals. Many of their publications won awards for the excellence of their work.

Now, a little bit about me. I am a liberal democrat that is horrified by the fact that we have a completely unqualified person as the elected President of the United States. I have a Ph.D. in biochemistry and a 25 year career as a Toxicologist for a major corporation. For the last 15 years I have been the President of a Land Trust preserving wetlands at the mouth of the Great Miami River near Cincinnati. We work hard to keep pollution out of the wetlands and out of the waters of the United States that feed those wetlands. In doing this volunteer, full time, labor of love we have helped bring back species that have not been seen in the river valley for 100 years, Our lands have amassed a total of 290 species of birds seen in the wetlands, more than many National Wildlife Refuges. The neighboring communities all draw their drinking water from the aquifer under the wetland area. I am fiercely protective of the environment and would NOT recommend anyone that I thought would not do a good job of protecting it.

Jon Seymour, Ph.D.