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8:00 AM	Exhibit Hall Open Sponsored by IBEW Local 24
9:00 AM – 9:15 AM	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Kelly Schulz</b>, Maryland Tech Council</li><li><b>Martin Romo</b>, Rowan Digital Infrastructure</li></ul>
9:15 AM – 10:00 AM	<b>Regulatory Roadmap: Partnering for Maryland’s Data Center Future</b> <p>This session will delve into topics shaping Maryland’s data center landscape. Discover how to navigate local and state policies. Explore ways to engage policymakers for sustainable growth and enhanced competitiveness. Panelists will also discuss local issues, including updates from recent data center studies, and highlight ongoing legislative debates around energy consumption and issues impacting the industry in Maryland.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Sebastian Kurian</b>, Rowan Digital Infrastructure</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Khara Boender</b>, Data Center Coalition</li><li><b>Thomas Natelli</b>, Natelli Communities</li><li><b>Kelly Schulz</b>, Maryland Tech Council</li></ul>
10:05 AM – 10:50 AM	<b>Powering AI – Energy Solutions for the Next Generation of Data Centers</b> <p>As AI-driven data centers push energy demand to new heights, how can the industry ensure scalability, efficiency, and regional energy stability? This session will explore innovative approaches to meeting these demands, from stranded and orphan power solutions to regional transmission challenges and opportunities. Experts will discuss collaboration with utilities and regulators, the complexities of retrofitting existing facilities, and the role of local energy generation, including gas turbines, modular solutions, and SMRs, in bridging power gaps.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Charley Daitch</b>, Rowan Digital Infrastructure</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Brian Gitt</b>, Oklo</li><li><b>Jim McDonald</b>, MIRATECH Corporation</li><li><b>Sharon Midgley</b>, Constellation</li><li><b>Amber Young</b>, Pepco Holdings</li><li><b>Zachary Zawilla</b>, Distributed Power Solutions</li></ul>
10:50 AM – 11:05 AM	Networking Break Sponsored by PSEG
11:05 AM – 11:50 AM	<b>The Future of Cooling – Liquid, Air, and Sustainability in Data Centers</b> <p>Cooling is a critical challenge for data centers, especially as computing demands intensify. This session will examine the latest advancements in cooling technologies, comparing traditional air-cooled solutions to liquid cooling solutions. Panelists will explore how different cooling systems manage heat rejection, address community concerns about water consumption, and assess the future of sustainable cooling. The session will also highlight opportunities for heat reuse and how evolving technologies are meeting shifting industry demands, including the challenges posed by AI inference workloads.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Sidney L. Fowler</b>, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Dave Meadows</b>, STULZ USA</li><li><b>Phill Lawson-Shanks</b>, Aligned Data Centers</li><li><b>Dinesh Sachdeva</b>, ABB</li><li><b>Greg Stover</b>, VERTIV</li></ul>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	<b>Lunch Fireside Chat with Keynote Speaker Dr. Anirban Basu, Chairman &amp; Chief Executive Officer of Sage Policy Group, and Kelly Schulz, Chief Executive Officer, Maryland Tech Council</b> <p>The fireside chat will unpack the findings from Sage Policy Group’s recently completed Data Center Study Report. Learn how data centers can expand Maryland’s tax base, driving significant economic and fiscal benefits across the state. The conversation will also explore Maryland’s broader economic outlook. Don’t miss this opportunity to hear directly from two leading voices on the future of Maryland’s economy.</p>

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM	<b>Bridging the Workforce Gap: Building Maryland’s Data Center Workforce Pipeline</b> <p>As the data center industry expands, so does the need for a highly skilled workforce. This session will explore the critical role of manufacturing, craft builders, construction workers, electricians, and other trades in building these facilities and the specialized training needed to develop subject matter experts in data center construction. Panelists will highlight workforce development programs, partnerships with local educational institutions, and community college training initiatives. The discussion will also address recruitment efforts and tackle misconceptions about earning potential and trade careers, emphasizing job flexibility and the opportunities these roles create.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Brandon Butler</b>, Pinnacle Strategies Consulting</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Dana Blackwood</b>, Turner Construction Company</li><li><b>Jason Friedman</b>, Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters</li><li><b>Chris MacLarion</b>, Maryland Department of Labor</li><li><b>Mike McHale</b>, IBEW Local 24</li></ul>
2:20 PM – 3:05 PM	<b>Scaling the Future: Modular Data Centers for an AI-Driven World</b> <p>Evolving data center demands for hyperscale and modular edge deployments require faster, more efficient builds. This panel spotlights the transformation of digital infrastructure from traditional models to today’s dynamic, modular architectures, exploring the need for modularity as a product and process for faster deployment, customization, and resiliency. Industry leaders will explore how AI workloads, with capacities now exceeding 100MW, are reshaping infrastructure requirements, driving demand for high-density, liquid-cooled environments, and confronting mounting power constraints.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Bill Lowry</b>, Related Digital</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Bill Bradley</b>, Ernst &amp; Young</li><li><b>Shane Gibson</b>, Hitachi Vantara</li><li><b>Randy Hayes</b>, VAST Data Federal</li><li><b>Andrew Lindsey</b>, Flexnode</li></ul>
3:05 PM – 3:20 PM	Networking Break Sponsored by PSEG
3:20 PM – 4:05 PM	<b>Debunking Data Center Myths – Sound, Sustainability, and Community Impact</b> <p>Public perception of data centers is often shaped by misconceptions, particularly around noise, environmental effects, and community impact. This session will tackle common concerns and separate fact from fiction. Industry experts will address myths surrounding noise and vibration, sustainability, and the construction process itself. The discussion will explore how data centers can be built and operated with environmental responsibility and community collaboration in mind, highlighting efforts to minimize disruption and maximize efficiency. The discussion will also cover the importance of transparency in operations, and the role data centers play in supporting regional economic growth.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Kraig Walsleben</b>, Rodgers Consulting</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Jim Lears</b>, Turner Construction Company</li><li><b>Sean Scully</b>, Whiting Turner Contracting Company</li><li><b>Santiago Suinaga</b>, iMasons</li><li><b>Jeff Szymanski</b>, Ramboll</li></ul>
4:10 PM – 4:55 PM	<b>The Economic Engine – How Data Centers Drive Fiscal Growth and Community Benefits</b> <p>Data centers are more than technology centers; they are economic catalysts fostering community growth. This session will explore their lasting impact, from generating tax revenue that supports schools and infrastructure to creating jobs and fostering local business growth. Beyond financial contributions, data centers play an active role in community life, supporting initiatives and partnerships that enhance long-term prosperity. Counties and stakeholders will gain insights into how these investments translate into sustainable economic and community benefits.</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Matthew D. Doyle</b>, Maryland Department of Commerce</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Alex Gottschalk</b>, Mecklenburg County Government, VA</li><li><b>Earl “Buddy” Hance</b>, Calvert County Board of County Commissioners</li><li><b>Kelly Schulz</b>, Maryland Tech Council</li><li><b>Meghan Sweigert</b>, techfrederick</li></ul>
5:00PM – 6:00PM	Networking Cocktail Reception in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by STULZ



**Dr. Anirban Basu**  
Chairman & Chief Executive  
Officer, Sage Policy Group

Anirban Basu is Chairman & CEO of Sage Policy Group, Inc., a Baltimore-based economic and policy consultancy he founded in 2004. He serves the Chief Economist function for many organizations, including the Maryland Bankers Association and Associated Builders and Contractors. The Baltimore Business Journal named him one of the region's 20 most powerful business leaders in 2010. In 2022, he entered the Daily Record newspaper's Circle of Influence. He is the Distinguished Economist in Residence at Goucher College, where he teaches History of Economic Thought.



**Dana Blackwood**  
Business Manager, Turner Construction  
Company

Dana Blackwood is the Business Manager for Turner Construction Company's Maryland business unit, where she leads business operations, strategic growth initiatives, and community engagement efforts. With more than 17 years in the construction industry, Dana's experience spans operations, preconstruction, business development, and project management, including leadership on complex projects. Throughout her career, Dana has built strong relationships across the industry and remains deeply committed to advancing equitable access to careers in construction, engineering, and architecture. She plays a key role in Turner's efforts to strengthen local partnerships, support supplier diversity, and promote workforce development through collaboration with industry & trade organizations, educational institutions, and community programs. She is actively engaged with the Maryland Tech Council, Maryland Washington Minority Companies Association (MWMCA), Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) of Greater Baltimore, and the Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC), among other industry groups. Through these platforms, she continues to champion inclusive practices that drive lasting impact across Maryland's built environment.



**Khara Boender**  
Senior Manager, State Policy Data  
Center Coalition

Khara Boender is senior manager, state policy at the Data Center Coalition (DCC). Khara brings over a decade of experience working on a variety of state policy issues. Prior to joining DCC, Khara served as state policy director at the Computer & Communications Industry Association (CCIA), where she oversaw CCIA's engagement with policymakers across the 50 states on legislation and regulations related to antitrust reform, consumer data privacy, content moderation, online safety, artificial intelligence, and digital taxes. In this capacity, Khara provided written and verbal testimony before state legislatures, produced advocacy materials, and analyzed and commented on key legislative trends, serving as a voice for the technology industry. Khara also previously served as a policy and research analyst at The Pew Charitable Trusts, on a team that worked with state legislators to adopt processes to evaluate the economic impact of their state tax incentives and, once processes were established, tying those evaluation findings to evidence-based policy changes. Working in partnership with the National Conference of State Legislatures, Khara led a network of tax incentive evaluation analysts to foster peer connections and build shared technical capacity. Earlier in her career, Khara worked at Stateside Associates, a state and local government affairs firm, supporting efforts to identify and track relevant legislation for clients.



**Bill Bradley**  
Managing Director, Digital Infrastructure Strategy,  
EY-Parthenon, Ernst & Young LLP

Bill has a distinguished career spanning executive leadership positions in corporate strategy, finance, and general management. Bill's unique blend of skills and experiences drive growth and strategic excellence, and he is a trusted advisor to CEOs, boards of directors, and executive management. Bill worked at Digital Realty Trust as Chief of Staff to the CEO prior to joining EY-Parthenon and is a Data Centre industry expert, advising on capital allocation decision-making, market attractiveness assessments, go-to-market development, corporate strategy, and industry evolution, among other areas. Prior to Digital Realty Trust, Bill worked as a senior Mergers & Acquisitions leader in Digital Infrastructure at Waller Capital, Credit Suisse, and Citi, and was an analyst in private equity at Soros Capital.



**Brandon Butler**  
Owner Pinnacle Strategies Consulting

Brandon Butler is the Executive Director of the Maryland Workforce Association through contract with his firm Pinnacle Strategies. Butler started Pinnacle in June 2021, capitalizing on his experience in workforce development, government relations, legislative process, and local governance. Brandon served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Workforce Development and Adult Learning at Maryland's Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. While there, Butler was the chief architect in crafting Maryland's first State Workforce Plan under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. In addition, he was part of the team implementing the Department's youth apprenticeship initiative, was named as a co-chair of a national policy committee convened by the Aspen Institute and served on Governor Larry Hogan's Two- Generation Family Economic Security Commission. Butler was also the County Administrator of Allegany County, Maryland. While there, Butler implemented a major initiative to reorganize local government, supported tourism-driven initiatives, created a position within county government to serve as a workforce development specialist, established a summer fellowship program, created a first of its kind makerspace and training center, Western Maryland Works.



**Charley Daitch**  
Chief Executive Officer, Rowan Digital Infrastructure

Charley Daitch is Chief Executive Officer at Rowan Digital Infrastructure, where he brings over a decade of experience in infrastructure development and delivering utility-scale energy, water, and renewable solutions. Charley's leadership is integral into bolstering Rowan's capability to effectively serve partners. Charley joined Rowan as Chief Commercial Officer in 2023 and led the company's efforts in scaling its pipeline of data center campuses to over 1 GW of opportunities. Charley works directly with Rowan's hyperscale customers to ensure Rowan's approach to siting and sustainability meet the future needs of the industry. Prior to joining Rowan, Charley led the Energy and Water strategy teams at AWS. In this role, he managed a global organization of professionals, delivering gigawatts of critical infrastructure across more than 20 countries. He was instrumental in developing and scaling the world's largest corporate renewable energy portfolio. Prior to AWS, Charley was the Business Development Lead at Puget Sound Energy.





**Matthew D. Doyle**  
Senior Business Development Representative  
Maryland Department of Commerce

Matt Doyle is a Senior Business Development Representative focused on business attraction and major projects in the Office of Business Development at the Maryland Department of Commerce. He is a member of the Business Services team responsible for attracting new businesses to Maryland, growing existing Maryland businesses, and providing assistance to Maryland small businesses. Doyle attends conferences for site selection experts and consulting firms that work with businesses during their site selection process as well as plan and attend sales missions to market Maryland as a premier business location. Prior to the Maryland Department of Commerce, Matt was the Senior Business Attraction Manager for the Frederick County Office of Economic Development and has over 18 years of sales, marketing and development experience. He has completed numerous education courses with IEDC and is working towards his CECd.



**Sidney L. Fowler**  
Counsel, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP

Sid Fowler supports clients in deploying next-generation energy solutions, including advanced nuclear, fusion, and geothermal, and advises on the integration of these energy solutions into data center planning. He provides comprehensive regulatory services, advising on energy and environmental compliance, and providing representation before various federal agencies. He has specific experience with EPA's regulations impacting the refrigerants used in data centers and other industries. He regularly counsels clients on emerging regulatory issues, helping them develop forward-thinking strategies to navigate legislative, agency, and political challenges and reduce regulatory risks. Sid also provides guidance on transactional matters, conducting regulatory due diligence for technology investments and addressing broader strategic issues to minimize legal and commercial risk.



**Jason Friedman**  
Senior Council Representative, Eastern Atlantic Sales  
Regional Council of Carpenters

Jason Friedman is a 26-year union carpenter and Senior Representative with the Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, leading business development efforts in the DMV region with a focus on the data center market. He has held numerous leadership roles within his Local Union and has been a delegate to both regional and national conventions. Outside of his union work, Jason is Chairman of the Middlesex County Planning Board, a community advocate, and a dedicated fundraiser for local causes.



**Shane Gibson**  
Field CTO, Hitachi Vantara Americas

Shane Gibson has worked in large IT enterprise datacenter environments for over 27 years, architecting and designing infrastructure, from under the floor to the cloud. His focus now is enabling large scale infrastructure to support AI. Originally from Colorado and now lives in Florida with his daughter, son and wife.



**Brian Gitt**  
Senior Vice President, Head of Business  
Development, Oklo

Brian leads business development at Oklo, a public company focused on delivering reliable, low-cost, clean energy 24/7 through advanced nuclear power plants. He spearheaded the development of a 14-gigawatt sales pipeline for advanced nuclear power projects. With over two decades of experience in the clean energy industry, Brian has built and led multiple organizations. He began as the executive director of a green building trade association, later becoming CEO of a consulting firm specializing in clean energy solutions. More recently he founded UtilityScore, a software startup that estimated utility costs and savings for 100M+ homes, and he led business development at a hard tech company developing wireless power. Today, Brian writes and speaks passionately about the critical need for clean, reliable, and affordable energy.



**Alex Gottschalk**  
County Administrator, Mecklenburg County  
Government, VA

Alex Gottschalk is the Sixth Chief Administrative Officer of Mecklenburg County, Virginia. Alex was elevated to this role in March 2024, after serving as Mecklenburg's Deputy County Administrator for two years. Prior to his time in Mecklenburg, Alex worked in budget and legislative affairs for the City of Virginia Beach. A two-time graduate of the University of North Carolina, Alex was in attendance for the University of Maryland's last trips to Chapel Hill as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference.





**Earl “Buddy” Hance**  
President of the Calvert County Board of County Commissioners

County Commissioner Earl “Buddy” Hance took office in December 2018 as an at-large representative on the Calvert County, Maryland, Board of County Commissioners. He is serving his second term, which began in December 2022. Hance served as secretary of the Maryland Department of Agriculture in the cabinet of Gov. Martin O'Malley from May 2009 to January 2015, after serving as deputy secretary of the department since February 2007. Hance was born in Prince Frederick. Following graduation from Calvert High School in 1973, he joined the Prince Frederick Volunteer Fire Department. Prior to his appointment to the state post, he served as a member of several civic and agricultural organizations including the board of directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation from 2004-2007 and as president of the Maryland Farm Bureau from 2003-2007.



**Randy Hayes**  
Vice President Public Sector, VAST Data Federal

Mr. Hayes is currently serving VAST Data Federal as the Vice President of Public Sector. VAST has fundamentally rethought data storage to bring an end to the hard drive era. VAST's Universal Storage data platform is designed to provide customers with high-performance and affordable access to all their data, without compromising scale. VAST's Universal Storage data platform is a file and object storage solution that scales to meet any application or capacity agenda all while being engineered at every level to deliver unrivaled system efficiency. Previously, Mr. Hayes was the Federal Sales Director at Avere Systems (acquired by Microsoft), Account Executive at DDN, and Regional Territory Manager at Isilon Systems. He began his career in 2002 at DLT Solutions, slugging it out over the phone in the mission to resell data storage products.



**Sebastian Kurian**  
Chief Legal Officer  
Rowan Digital Infrastructure

Sebastian Kurian is our Chief Legal Officer. Sebastian joined us from Google, where he served as Senior Counsel, focusing on data center site selection, acquisition, development, operations, power procurement, energy and utilities infrastructure, energy public policy, sustainability, economic development, community affairs, public relations, marketing, and colocation leasing. Prior to Google, Sebastian was the first utilities lawyer for Amazon Web Services. During his decade at Google and Amazon, Sebastian closed nearly 10 GWs of clean energy power purchases across five continents for the two largest corporate buyers of renewables in the world. Earlier in his career, Sebastian was the Assistant General Counsel of Clark Construction, one of the oldest and largest building and civil construction firms in the U.S. and a commercial real estate, construction and transactional finance associate at Amlaw 200 law firms.



**Phill Lawson-Shanks**  
Chief Information Officer, Aligned Data Centers

Phill has more than 25 years of experience identifying new opportunities for further growth of leading data center infrastructure, network architecture, and cloud solutions in the U.S. and abroad. As Chief Innovation Officer at Aligned, Phill is responsible for the management of revenue generation and profitability objectives, as well as championing key innovation, technology, and sustainability strategies aimed at maximizing new business development. Prior to joining Aligned, Phill served as Chief Innovation Officer at EdgeConneX, where he was instrumental in driving strategies focused on creating the next generation of network edge-based data centers for the digital content ecosystem. Throughout his career, Phill has also served in numerous senior executive-level positions at Virtacore, Alcatel-Lucent, Savvis (now CenturyLink Technology Solutions), and MCI (now Verizon Digital Media Services). He currently holds eight active technology patents and serves on the Board of Directors for Netrality Data Centers as well as the Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA) Advisory Board.



**Jim Lears**  
Vice President and General Manager, Critical Facilities,  
Turner Construction Company

Jim Lears is a Vice President and General Manager within Turner Construction Company's Critical Facilities Group, where he leads the delivery of data center projects across the United States. Over his more than 25 years with Turner, Jim has held roles in operations and finance, supporting the execution of complex, large-scale projects. In his current role, Jim oversees teams managing all phases of mission-critical construction, coordinating closely with clients, designers, and trade partners to meet the specialized demands of data center environments. He brings a practical understanding of project delivery and a commitment to aligning technical goals with client and community priorities. He is a member of the Maryland Tech Council and the Associated General Contractors of America. He continues to lead conversations around innovation in construction and the evolving role of data centers in shaping a connected, resilient future.



**Andrew Lindsey**  
Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Flexnode

Andrew Lindsey is the Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Flexnode, a digital infrastructure company delivering the next generation of distributed, high-performance data center solutions for 'go-anywhere' computing capacity. At Flexnode, Andrew collaborates with industry-leading colleagues and best-in-class strategic partners on designing, delivering, and operating modular, liquid-cooled, high-density data centers optimized for AI deployments globally. Prior to founding Flexnode, Andrew served as director of Applied Research and Development at Alpha Corporation, a multidisciplinary design and construction consulting firm headquartered in the Washington DC, Metropolitan Area. While at Alpha, Andrew supported the development and implementation of mission-critical, high-security, and modular solutions. Throughout his career, Andrew has collaborated with a broad cross-section of industry leaders in an effort to support long-term solutions to a range of challenges in media, healthcare, education and most recently the built environment.



**Bill Lowry**  
Senior Vice President, Energy, Related Digital

Bill Lowry is the Senior Vice President, Energy at Related Digital. Prior to joining Related Digital, he worked at Exelon serving in the following roles: Vice President, Innovation and Strategic Development, Managing Director of Strategic Development and Founder, Data Center Services.



**Chris MacLarion**  
Director, Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program, Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning, Maryland Department of Labor

Chris MacLarion began his career by serving for three years in the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After leaving the Army, Chris spent 16 years working at the RG Steel plant in Sparrows Point, Maryland as a steelworker and the Vice President of the local union. When the RG Steel Corporation closed, Chris attended the University of Baltimore, initially as a participant in the USDOL funded RG Steel National Emergency Grant, earning his Bachelor's Degree and becoming an employee of the Maryland Department of Labor. In the twelve years Chris has been with Maryland's Department of Labor he has managed numerous grants, including two USDOL National Dislocated Worker Grants and numerous State Apprenticeship Expansion Grants. Chris is currently the Director of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Program and serves as the Vice President for the National Association of State and Territorial Apprenticeship Directors.



**Jim McDonald**  
Founder/Director ENP Consultants, A Miratech Group, MIRATECH Corporation

Jim McDonald has over 30 years' experience in the field of Environmental Controls utilization on Power Generation equipment. He has a BSME and was cofounder of Miratech Corporation, a leading manufacturer of pollution control equipment in 1992. He is a contributing author on a textbook on the subject and is a coinventor of patented diesel particulate technology. He has also served in management roles for Johnson Matthey, Rypos and PowerSecure and developed the parameter of 'Generator vs. Utility' (GVU) to compare the Net Environmental benefit of On-site generation versus delivered centralized utility power. In his current role as Director of Environmental Impact he focuses on the Datacenter industry and how the implementation of controls on the Backup Generators can provide ultra clean, reliable power for the client while potentially being a resource for the community at large.



**Mike McHale**  
Business Manager, IBEW Local 24

Mike McHale is the Business Manager of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 24. Starting as a trainee in 1985, Mike completed an IBEW co-sponsored electrical apprenticeship, becoming a Journeyman Wireman in 1991. In the early 2000's, he sat for and passed the Master Electrician's examination in both Maryland and West Virginia. He has held multiple positions in Union elected offices and on jobsites. These include General Foreman, Project Manager, and VP of Operations. Along the way, Mike taught evening classes at the training center for 12 years and is now part of the team that oversees all training programs. As the Business Manager, he represents roughly 2,400 members from Frederick County to Ocean City.



**Dave Meadows**  
Director of Technology, STULZ USA

Dave Meadows is the Director of Technology at STULZ USA. He has over 20 years of experience in mission critical technologies and participates in numerous committees and panels throughout the year. Dave has a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. He is also a graduate of the United States Navy Nuclear Power School. Dave is an voting member on these ASHRAE committees: 1. ASHRAE Technical Committee 9.9: "Mission Critical Facilities, Data Centers, Technology Spaces and Electronic Equipment". 2. ASHRAE SSPC 90.4: "Energy Standard for Data Centers". 3. ASHRAE SPC 127: "Method of Testing for Rating Computer and Data Processing Room Unitary Air Conditioners".



**Sharon Midgley**  
Vice President of Regulatory Policy, Constellation

As Vice President of Regulatory Policy, Sharon Midgley oversees the development and implementation of regulatory strategy for Constellation Energy Corporation, the nation's largest producer of clean energy. Prior to joining Constellation, Midgley was the Vice President of Federal Regulatory Affairs at Exelon Corporation, overseeing the development and implementation of federal regulatory strategy for the nation's largest distributor of clean energy. She was responsible for achieving Exelon's policy objectives in matters before PJM and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Midgley also served as the Chair of PJM's Members Committee in 2024. Before joining Exelon in 2004, Midgley was in operations at PJM.



**Thomas Natelli**  
President and Chief Executive Officer, Natelli Communities

Tom Natelli is the CEO and principal owner of Natelli Communities, a real estate investment and development company headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland. Natelli Communities specializes in creating master-planned communities in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, and has won numerous awards for its work. Notably, the company received the ULI Award for Excellence and the NAHB's Best In American Living Award for its Bay Forest Community in Delaware. Beyond his work at Natelli Communities, Natelli has a distinguished history of board service. He is on the board of Park Hotels and Resorts (NYSE:PK) and formerly served as Chairman of the Board for Chesapeake Lodging Trust (NYSE:CHSP). He is a past Chairman of the Board for the School of Engineering at Duke University and a past Chairman of the Board for Suburban Hospital Healthcare System. Natelli has also served on the boards of multiple organizations and funds, including Catholic Charities of Washington DC, the Strathmore Center for the Performing Arts, and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. He also co-founded and served as Chairman of the Board of eStara, a venture-funded start-up.



**Martin Romo**  
Senior Director, Economic Development and External Affairs,  
Rowan Digital Infrastructure

Martin Romo is an economic development, real estate, and public policy professional with over a decade of experience in the public and private sector. He is experienced in community development, government affairs, real estate development feasibility, and site selection for industrial-scale infrastructure projects within data center markets. Martin holds a master's degree in Economic Development from Cornell University. Prior to joining Rowan, Martin was a member of the Economic Development Team at Meta, supporting the development of several hyperscale data centers in the United States.



**Dinesh Sachdeva, PE**  
Global Head of Data Center Sales, Motion Division, ABB

Dinesh Sachdeva, P.E., is the Global Head of Data Center Sales for the Motion Division at ABB Inc., where he has served in various leadership roles for more than 25 years, including the past 12 years focused on data centers in electrification and motion. Prior to ABB, he held engineering leadership positions as Director of Engineering at Pathway Group of Companies (Dover Corp.) and as Engineering Manager at Thermo Electron, Inc. Dinesh holds a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the New Jersey Institute of Technology and a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from India. He has been published in the IEEE Journal for his work on microgrids and serves on the Advisory Board for the Department of Science and Engineering at McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana.



**Sean Scully**  
Project Manager, Whiting Turner Contracting  
Company

Sean is a New Jersey native who studied Construction Management at The Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport, PA. Immediately following graduation Sean began his career with Whiting-Turner in North Carolina on his first Mission Critical Project. Over the past fourteen years Sean has managed greenfield, fit-out, renovation and expanded data centers in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland for a variety of clients.



**Greg Stover**  
Global Director, Hi-Tech Development, VERTIV

With more than 30 years of experience in Data Center Efficiency Optimization with Large Data Center Enterprise Operators and industry leading VARs/Resellers, Greg champions the successful leveraging and utilization of Vertiv's amazing and constantly evolving portfolio of Thermal, Power, Monitoring & Management Solutions for the Hyperscale, Colo, On-Prem, DR and Edge IoT Ecosystems! As a Data Center Efficiency Optimization Enthusiast, Greg has a proven track record of bringing Leading and Bleeding Edge Cooling, Power, Monitoring and DCIM Solutions and Tools thru introduction, implementation and successful execution, while staying keenly focused and aligned with Client/Enterprise/Edge Operator's Goals & Objectives. Greg is a frequent presenter at industry conferences, trade shows and Integrator/VAR/Partner Training events.



**Santiago Suinaga**  
Chief Executive Officer, iMasons

Santiago Suinaga, Chief Executive Officer of Infrastructure Masons, is a senior multi-cultural executive in the digital infrastructure industry, with 20 years of international business experience in more than 10 countries across data center design, critical operations, M&A, sales, finance and cost management in high growth markets. He most recently served as CEO of KIO Networks Data Centers. Suinaga joined iMasons as a member in 2018, has served as an Advisory Council member, and is a founding member of the iMasons Climate Accord. Santiago's Industry Certifications include Uptime Institute Accredited Tier Designer (ATD) and Accredited Tier Specialist (ATS), C-Net Certified Data Centre Design Professional (CDCDP) and Certified Data Centre Management Professional (CDCMP).





**Meghan Sweigert**  
Executive Director, techfrederick

Meghan joined techfrederick as Executive Director in March 2023, leveraging her extensive experience with local and national non-profits. She excels in fundraising, event planning, relationship building, and stewardship, all of which drive her efforts to expand the techfrederick network and secure vital support for Frederick’s tech community. Holding a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from the University of Maryland, Meghan is a passionate community advocate. She is a founding member of W.I.S.H. (Women, Inspiring, Supporting & Helping) and Par For A Cause: A Charity Golf Challenge. She also volunteers with the Mental Health Association of Frederick County and is a Key City Rotary member.



**Jeff Szymanski**  
Senior Managing Consultant, Ramboll

Jeff is a Senior Managing Consultant in Acoustics for Ramboll. He has over 30 years of experience in acoustical engineering and noise control. Prior to joining Ramboll in 2023, he was the Senior Acoustical Engineer for Black & Veatch, where he managed noise control projects for a variety of infrastructure projects, such as fossil and renewable power plants, electrical substations, and water treatment facilities. Other experience includes architectural acoustics, acoustical treatment product design, noise permitting, noise emissions compliance testing, and noise control design for industrial plants, transportation projects, and construction. Jeff has Bachelor's and Master's degrees in acoustical engineering. He is a Professional Engineer and Board Certified INCE member. He has authored textbook chapters and numerous conference papers. He holds two US patents.



**Kraig Walsleben**  
Team Leader, Principal, Rodgers Consulting

Working as a land use consultant with Rodgers Consulting for the last 36 years, Kraig Walsleben has developed a special level of proficiency in all aspects of Land Development. He has been the principal project manager for the design, entitlement and construction of several award-winning mixed-use developments in the Washington Metro area, creating several thousand residential units and millions of square feet of employment uses, including tens of millions of square feet of data center use.

Having taken part in multiple Citizen Advisory Panels and Boards and participating in multiple ULI advisory Service Panels and assisted with the writing of Zoning Text Amendments for multiple jurisdictions focused on data centers as a land use, Mr Walsleben has a unique resume of experiences in the entitlement and infrastructure design supporting data center operations.



**Amber Young**  
Vice President of Technical Services, Pepco Holdings

Amber Young is the vice president of Technical Services for Pepco Holdings, a subsidiary of Exelon Corporation. Based in Washington, D.C., she oversees distribution capacity planning, engineering, smart grid and innovation, and operations for all regions, including Pepco, Delmarva Power, and Atlantic City Electric. Since joining the company in 2005, she has held key roles in engineering and planning. As director of the Operations Control Center, she led initiatives that improved outage response and accelerated restoration during severe weather. Before joining Pepco Holdings, she held engineering positions at PSEG Nuclear. Amber serves on the boards of the Delaware Foundation of Science and Mathematics Education, the Girl Scouts of Chesapeake Bay, and the University of Delaware College of Engineering Advisory Board. She is also a member of the 2016 cohort of Leadership Delaware.



**Zachary Zawilla**  
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Zach is the Vice President of Business Development for DPS. Prior to his current role, he was the General Manager for DPS. Under his leadership, DPS contracted and commissioned the first behind-the-meter power solution for a Hyperscaler. Prior to his time at DPS, he held various financial and strategic leadership positions within the energy, government contracting, and telecom industries. Zach holds a Bachelors of Finance from Penn State University and a Master of Accountancy from the University of North Florida.



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