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7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration, Breakfast and Morning Networking

8:30 AM – 8:40 AM

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Martin Romo**, Vice President, Economic Development & External Affairs, Rowan Digital Infrastructure
 - **Kelly Schulz**, CEO, Maryland Tech Council
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8:40 AM – 8:50 AM

Maryland Legislative Policy Overview

- **Kelly Schulz**, CEO, Maryland Tech Council
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8:55 AM – 9:25 AM

Panel Session 1

**Winning Digital Infrastructure Investment
– MD National Security & Public Health**

Maryland's advantage in digital infrastructure is not just geographic. It is mission-driven. With close proximity to the federal government, major defense and cyber activity, leading research institutions, and globally significant public health and medical assets, Maryland is uniquely positioned to compete for digital infrastructure investment tied to national security, health resilience, and next-generation innovation. This panel will explore how Maryland compares with peer states, what investors and site selectors are prioritizing, and how the state can better align business attraction, infrastructure planning, and public policy to win high-value projects. The conversation will also examine how federal demand, mission-critical use cases, and real-world development opportunities can help Maryland stand out in an increasingly competitive national landscape.

- **MODERATOR: KATIE MALONE**, MARKET AND NATIONAL EDITOR, TECHNICALLY
- **PANELISTS:**
 - **Stephen Jenkins**, Chief Development Officer, Rowan Digital Infrastructure
 - **Caroline Popper, M.D., MPH, Esq.**, Co-Founder and President, Popper and Company

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Panel Session 2

From Construction to Operations: The Jobs Behind Digital Infrastructure

Data centers create far more than a small number of on-site operational roles. They support a much broader employment ecosystem that includes skilled trades, union labor, general contractors, equipment suppliers, professional services, maintenance, logistics, and long-term community college and workforce training pathways. This panel will examine how Maryland can better define and communicate the industry's full workforce impact while building the talent pipeline needed to support continued growth. The discussion will cover immediate construction and infrastructure labor needs, long-term permanent roles, the role of apprenticeship and training partnerships, and the downstream employment effects that data center development can generate across the regional economy.

- **MODERATOR: WILLIAM YULL**, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION (NECA) MARYLAND CHAPTER
- **PANELISTS:**
 - **Dana Blackwood**, Vice President & General Manager, Turner Construction Company
 - **Jason Friedman**, Senior Council Representative, Eastern Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters
 - **Brian Hatmaker**, President, Stulz Air Technology Systems
 - Paul O'Connell, General Manager, Performance Contracting, Inc. (PCI)

10:05 AM – 10:15 AM

Expert Spotlight Talk 1

AI's Influence on Data Center Infrastructure, Power, and Cooling

- **Rich Lappenbusch**, Senior Principal, Super Micro Computer

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM

Morning Coffee and Networking Break

10:45 AM – 11:15 AM

Panel Session 3

Growth, Revenue, and Responsibility: The Maryland Policy Conversation on Data Centers

As data centers move closer to the center of Maryland's economic and land use debates, state and local leaders are being asked to weigh tax policy, development incentives, zoning, infrastructure needs, and public concerns in real time. This panel will examine how those decisions are being shaped in Annapolis and in local jurisdictions, and what they mean for Maryland's competitiveness. Just as importantly, it will connect policy choices to real community outcomes by exploring how data center projects can generate revenue, support public services, strengthen infrastructure, and contribute to broader local economic development goals. The discussion will also address common misconceptions and consider how Maryland can pursue a policy approach that is both economically credible and locally responsive.

- **MODERATOR: MATTHEW DOYLE**, SENIOR BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT REP, MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
- **PANELISTS:**
 - **Rob Corradi, Manager**, Mid-Atlantic Region, AWS State and Local Public Policy, Amazon Web Services (AWS)
 - **Doug Kelly**, Chief Executive Officer, American Edge Project
 - **Carmen Voso**, Business Agent, IBEW Local 24

11:20 AM – 12:00 PM

Panel Session 4

Power talk – Powering Growth: How Maryland Can Build the Energy Backbone for Digital Infrastructure

Power availability has become one of the defining constraints on digital infrastructure development nationwide, and Maryland is no exception. This panel will examine the full energy chain behind data center growth, from generation and transmission planning to utility distribution, regulatory oversight, and emerging on-site and advanced energy solutions. The discussion will focus on Maryland's current energy outlook, PJM's role in forecasting and planning for future demand, and the policy and infrastructure decisions needed to support economic growth while preserving reliability and affordability. It will also explore what a realistic, durable strategy looks like for serving large new loads in a state facing both rising demand and increasing scrutiny of energy costs.

- **MODERATOR: LINDSAY NORTH**, DIRECTOR, CLEAN ENERGY STRATEGY (CES), PEPSCO HOLDINGS
- **PANELISTS:**
 - **Dinkar Bhatia**, Chief Commercial Officer, X-Energy
 - **George Bivens**, North American Sales Director, Energy Services, Electric Power Division, Caterpillar
 - **Jason Stanek**, Executive Director, PJM Interconnection – Governmental Services

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Networking Lunch

1:00 PM – 1:25 PM

Fireside Chat

America's Digital Future

As a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, Barbara Comstock authored the 2012 legislation that modernized Virginia's tax incentives for data centers in the Commonwealth and opened the door to billions of dollars in investments, a strong pipeline for construction and trade jobs, and billions in state and local revenue that has made Virginia a top technology state and regularly named a top state for business in CNBC rankings under both Republican and Democratic Administrations. This legislation become a model for Maryland and other states. Now one of the most consequential infrastructure questions isn't about roads or bridges but about where the servers powering our growing digital economy will be located. Everything that uses the internet, from our government, military, businesses, to hospitals, banks, schools, cars, to manufacturers, and to anyone who creates and sells good and services – they all require data centers to operate in the 21st century. And as AI continues to become the primary driver of innovation and the global economy, lots of questions and controversies are arising on the state, local and national level. Data centers, which power our digital and AI economy, and are estimated to drive \$3 trillion in investment over the next 5 years – are at the center of these debates. What is the path forward for American innovation and how do we meet the current challenges and keep the U.S. the world leader and our businesses thriving?

- **Kelly Schulz**, CEO, Maryland Tech Council
 - **Barbara Comstock**, Founder, Comstock Strategies
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1:35 PM – 1:45 PM

Expert Spotlight Talk 2

The Digital Workforce Is Here

For decades, businesses invested in hiring people. Over the next decade, they'll invest in hiring AI. At Mindgrub, we're already building and deploying AI agents that help design software, write code, test applications, support clients, and automate internal operations. Those digital workers don't need office space—but they do need computing power. As every organization begins augmenting its workforce with AI, demand for intelligent infrastructure and modern applications will grow at an unprecedented pace. Todd Marks shares what Mindgrub is learning on the front lines of AI transformation and why this moment represents one of the biggest shifts in business since the internet.

- **Todd Marks**, Founder and CEO, Mindgrub

1:50 PM – 2:20 PM

Panel Session 5

The Sustainability Question: What Responsible Data Center Development Looks Like in Maryland

Public debate around data centers often centers on water use, backup generation, land use, and grid impacts, but the best version of this conversation is broader and more practical. This panel will examine how developers and operators are approaching sustainability, operational efficiency, and community stewardship in the real world, and what standards and practices are beginning to define responsible growth across the industry. The discussion will cover water and cooling strategies, energy demand, backup power, environmental performance, and the challenge of aligning project development with community expectations and long-term resilience goals. It will also explore how Maryland can encourage development that is both economically competitive and environmentally credible.

- **MODERATOR: J.D. LAMBERT**, DIRECTOR, SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES, ROWAN DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE
- **PANELISTS:**
 - **Chris Baughman**, Chief Platform & Sustainability Officer, Atmosphere Data Centers
 - **Dr. Damena Agonafer**, Associate Professor and Clark Faculty Fellow, University of Maryland
 - **Chris Cleet**, Vice President of Policy, Energy, and Environment, Information Technology Industry Council
 - **John Peterson**, Design Manager, Green Data Center Guide

2:20 PM – 2:45 PM

Afternoon Networking Break

2:45 PM – 3:15 PM

Interactive Roundtable Session

3:15 PM – 4:30 PM

Cocktail Reception and Raffle for Meta Glasses

ROUNDTABLE 1

AI's Influence on Data Center Infrastructure, Power, and Cooling – Follow up Q&A with Subject Matter Expert Speaker

- **HOSTS:**
 - **Rich Lappenbusch**, Senior Principal, Super Micro Computer
 - **Skip Shelton**, Director, Federal – Technology Enablement, Super Micro Computer
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ROUNDTABLE 2

Dekatherms to Data: The Latest on Moving Natural Gas to Your Large Load End Use

The presenters plan to engage attendees with a small “Jeopardy!” style game providing insights into the role and regulation of the natural gas transmission system as it relates to large loads. If time allows, the presenters will also lead a discussion highlighting significant actions at the federal and state levels affecting natural gas transportation, data centers, and other related matters.

- **HOST:**
 - **Gregory T. Simmons**, Partner, Cullen and Dykman LLP
-

ROUNDTABLE 3

Data Center Construction and Labor Pipelines

We will be discussing the importance of skilled, trained, and ready labor to complete this massive labor and cost-intensive projects.

- **HOST:**
 - **Brandon Fischbaum**, Workforce Development and Public Affairs Manager, Carpenter Contractor Trust
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ROUNDTABLE 4

Data Center Development and Community Engagement

Join Rowan's Director of Government and Community Affairs, Tim Alborg, for a candid roundtable discussion on what effective community engagement looks like before, during and after data center development. Attendees will gain practical strategies for building trust with local stakeholders, navigating common concerns, and explore lessons learned from Rowan's Bauxite 1 project – which is Maryland's first hyperscale data center.

- **HOST:**
 - **Tim Alborg**, Director of Government and Community Affairs, Rowan Digital Infrastructure

ROUNDTABLE 5

From the Stage to the Table: The Jobs Behind Digital Infrastructure
Panelists for more Q&A and more in-depth conversations

ROUNDTABLE 6

Beyond Day 1: The Interplay of Hyperscale Growth, MTDC Strategy, and Operational Continuity in the Data Center

Long-term, single-tenant hyperscale leases are rapidly rewriting the data center playbook, encouraging Enterprise and MTDC operators to rethink their growth and space allocation strategies. But securing space and powering up day one is only half the battle—keeping a dynamic facility running seamlessly on Day 2 is where operational value is truly tested. This roundtable dives into the dual pressures facing today's facilities: navigating dynamic market shifts and executing post-occupancy management. Join industry leaders trusted by the world's largest hyperscalers as we provide insight on the state of the data center market alongside the operational realities of managing these modern facilities.

• **HOSTS:**

- **Nick Shoemaker**, Senior Director, Mission Critical Hyperscale Programs, Vision Technologies
- **Jenni Pickens**, Program Manager-Mission Critical, Vision Technologies
- **Charlie Crawford**, Vice President of Business Development, Vision Technologies & MTC Board Member

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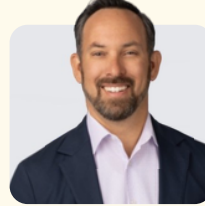
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Dr. Damena Agonafer
Associate Professor and
Clark Faculty Fellow,
University of Maryland

Damena Agonafer is an Associate Professor and Clark Faculty Fellow in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Maryland, College Park, where he directs the Nanoscale Energy and Interfacial Transport (NEIT) Laboratory. His research focuses on next-generation thermal management technologies for AI factories, high-performance computing, and sustainable data centers. Professor Agonafer's research integrates fundamental interfacial transport physics with scalable cooling system design, spanning from chip-level evaporation to facility-level thermal infrastructure. His group pioneered hollow micropillar-based direct-to-chip evaporative cooling architectures that enable stable, high-performance two-phase cooling for next-generation GPUs and CPUs while reducing pumping power and supporting scalable deployment in AI factories and hyperscale data centers. His current research extends these technologies through chip-to-facility cooling architectures, digital twins, advanced cooling distribution systems, and the co-design of next-generation PFAS-free, low-global-warming-potential working fluids. Professor Agonafer is a recipient of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers (PECASE), an ASME Fellow, the Maryland Innovation Invention of the Year Award, the Open Compute Project Best Paper Award in Data Center Sustainability, and the IEEE ITherm Best Paper Award.



Tim Alborg
Director of Government and
Community Affairs, Rowan
Digital Infrastructure

Tim Alborg brings more than 15 years of experience spanning technology and public affairs to his role as Director of Government and Community Affairs at Rowan Digital Infrastructure, where he leads engagement with government, community, and private-sector stakeholders to build partnerships that deliver shared value for both the company and the communities it serves.



Chris Baughman
Chief Platform &
Sustainability Officer,
Atmosphere Data Centers

Chris Baughman leads platform, engineering, construction integration, and sustainability at Atmosphere Data Centers, which develops, owns, and operates hyperscale data centers. His focus is productizing the data center — turning one-off builds into a repeatable, site-agnostic platform through modular MEP, prefabrication, and standardization — and treating sustainability as a design constraint rather than a marketing claim: rigorous about the decisions a developer controls, and honest about the ones a tenant dictates. He spent over nine years at Meta as a Global leading Technical Program Management, where he ran programs across the design, engineering, and construction organizations — liquid-cooling deployment, next-generation campus design, prefabrication strategy, and the change-management systems that governed the fleet through a period of rapid growth. Earlier, he led the data center division at Project Frog, an early innovator in commercial prefabrication. Chris is a board member and program leader of the Silicon Valley chapter of iMasons.

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Dinkar S. Bhatia
Chief Commercial Officer
X-energy

Dinkar Bhatia is Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of X-energy, where he leads the company's commercial strategy and global project development efforts. With nearly 30 years of experience in the energy sector, he brings deep expertise in successfully developing and financing new power projects around the world. Prior to joining X-energy, he served as Partner and Co-Head of North American Power at Hartree Partners. In that role, he led platform development across electricity, natural gas, renewables, and retail while overseeing trading, origination, strategic investments, and commercial operations. He also previously held roles in commodity strategy at Goldman Sachs, commercial strategy at Constellation Energy, and power generation portfolio development at PG&E.



Dana Blackwood
Vice President and General
Manager, Turner Construction
Company

Dana Blackwood is the General Manager for Turner Construction Company's Maryland business unit, where she provides overall leadership for the business unit's operations, strategic planning, market growth, and community engagement efforts. With over 18 years of experience across preconstruction, business development, and project management, she has supported the delivery of complex projects spanning healthcare, higher education, manufacturing, K-12, and critical data facilities markets across the region. She is actively engaged with the Greater Baltimore Committee, Maryland Tech Council, Maryland Washington Minority Companies Association, Associated General Contractors, and Associated Builders and Contractors of Greater Baltimore, among other industry groups.



George A. Bivens, Jr.
North American Sales
Director, Energy Services,
Electric Power Division,
Caterpillar

George A. Bivens Jr. is a commercial leader with over two decades of experience driving business development, strategic partnerships, and revenue growth across the energy, utilities, industrial and smart infrastructure sectors. As North America Sales Director for Caterpillar Energy Services, he leads go-to-market strategy and heads the team's business development of energy asset monetization projects for large industrials, municipalities, and co-ops, helping bring flexible, reliable power capacity online. George's career also includes leadership and individual-contributor roles at Siemens, SparkCognition, Oracle, Aggreko, Schneider Electric, and Delmarva Power, where he drove sales growth, market strategy, energy solutions engineering, and enterprise software commercialization.



Chris Cleet
Vice President of Policy, Energy
and Environment, Information
Technology Industry Council

Vice President of Policy, Energy and Environment, Information Technology Industry Council
Chris leads ITI's Sustainability Policy Group and ITI's The Green Grid as part of the Public Sector Team at ITI where he serves as the expert on technical environmental issues and manages ITI's engagement in sustainability policy at the global, international, federal and local levels, focusing on product and corporate impacts including materials use; climate impacts and emissions goals; repair issues; and circularity/end-of-life management. Chris has over 20 years of sustainability experience with the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) sector, and works to ensure that policies encourage innovation and are based on sound science. Chris has authored or co-authored several environmental technical papers.

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Barbara Comstock
Founder, Comstock
Strategies

Barbara Comstock was a Member of Congress (2015–2019), a Member of the Virginia General Assembly (2010–15), served as Director of Public Affairs at the Justice Department, and as Chief Counsel on the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee. Barbara was named one of the "Top Ten Most Effective Lawmakers" in the 115th Congress by the Center for Effective Lawmaking and has been a fellow at the Harvard Institute of Politics, UVA's Center for Politics, and the American University Sine Institute. Barbara serves as an ABC News political contributor, and appears regularly on CNN, PBS, and MSNBC. She serves as the President Emeritus of the Former Members of Congress Association, and as a Member of the Board of Trustar Bank, the Society for the Rule of Law, and UVA's Miller Center for the Study of the Presidency.



Rob Corradi
State and Local Public Policy,
Amazon Web Services (AWS)

Rob Corradi leads Mid-Atlantic Public Policy for Amazon Web Services (AWS). He brings extensive experience in public policy, government affairs, and strategic communications, including prior leadership roles in the public and private sectors. Corradi also serves on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Tech Council, helping to advance Maryland's technology and life sciences ecosystem.



Charlie Crawford
Vice President of Business
Development, Vision
Technologies

Charlie Crawford is the VP of Business Development at Vision Technologies and serves on the MTC Board of Directors. With over 30 years of experience in the Washington DC–Baltimore tech corridor, he specializes in Digital Workplace and complex design-build solutions. Charlie has a proven track record of architecting secure solutions for enterprise, healthcare, education, and federal government clients. As a MTC Board member, he is a champion for regional technology innovation and collaborative industry growth.

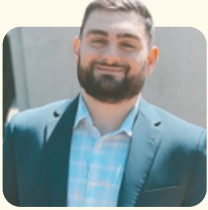


Matt Doyle
Senior Business Development
Representative, Maryland
Department of Commerce

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. 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. Matt is a lifelong resident of Frederick County where he resides today with his wife Jessie and two daughters Aubrey and Fallyn.

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Brandon Fishbaum
Workforce Development and
Community Affairs Manager,
Carpenter Contractor Trust

Brandon serves as the Workforce Development and Community Affairs Manager at the Carpenter Contractor Trust. In this role, he leads efforts matching employer demands with worker training as his focus. He has created effective workforce education programs to support career growth for union carpenter members and has worked as a liaison with signatory contractors to create valuable economic partnerships. Brandon engages continuously with legislators and community stakeholders to promote pro-labor workforce policies. Additionally, he has played a pivotal role in leading outreach initiatives to introduce registered workforce policies to candidates in underserved communities. Brandon leads the CCT's data center initiatives helping educate communities and developers about the benefits of organized labor on these multi-billion-dollar projects.



Jason Friedman
Senior Representative,
Eastern Atlantic States
Regional Council of
Carpenters

Jason Friedman is a 28-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. Outside of his work for the Carpenters, Jason is Chairman of the Middlesex County Planning Board.



Brian Hatmaker
President, Stulz Air
Technology Systems

Brian Hatmaker, President of STULZ USA, brings decades of experience in mission-critical infrastructure and data center solutions. He joined STULZ USA in 2011, where he built and scaled the company's aftermarket and business development functions, strengthening service capabilities and long-term customer support. By 2014, Brian advanced to Senior Vice President with full P&L responsibility across Sales, Marketing, Business Development, and Service, helping position STULZ as a recognized leader in precision cooling. After gaining additional global leadership experience in strategic accounts, AI infrastructure, and technology partnerships, he returned to STULZ USA as President in 2023.



Stephen Jenkins
Chief Development Officer,
Rowan Digital Infrastructure

Stephen Jenkins is Chief Development Officer at Rowan, where he leads the company's global development strategy as it scales next-generation hyperscale data center campuses. With more than 20 years of experience, he has built a reputation for driving innovation, operational excellence, and large-scale infrastructure delivery across the cloud and energy sectors. Prior to joining Rowan, Stephen spent nearly 12 years at Amazon Web Services (AWS), where he held senior leadership roles overseeing global data center expansion, network design, and infrastructure strategy. He led the development of new AWS regions worldwide and directed advanced networking solutions for government and enterprise customers, including infrastructure supporting cutting-edge AI services. Earlier in his career, Stephen held roles at Chevron Phillips Chemical Company.

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Doug Kelly
Chief Executive Officer,
American Edge Project

Doug Kelly is the Chief Executive Officer of the American Edge Project (AEP), where he leads efforts to sustain America's global technology edge, especially against authoritarian regimes. For 20 years, Doug served in senior leadership roles in the political sector, working on Presidential, Gubernatorial, and statewide campaigns, and has successfully led three large-scale transformation efforts in technology, organization building, and fundraising.



**J.D. Lambert, LEED AP
BD+C, GGP**
Director, Sustainable
Practices, Rowan Digital
Infrastructure

J.D. Lambert is a purpose-driven and process-oriented designer, focused on repairing our relationship with the environment. She helps customers align their business goals with actionable strategies to improve building performance while reducing risk and waste. In each project, she focuses on optimizing embodied carbon and considers the built environment's impact on the circular economy. J.D. holds a Master of Architecture degree from the Golisano Institute for Sustainability at the Rochester Institute of Technology.



Rich Lappenbusch
Senior Principal, Super Micro
Computer

Mr. Lappenbusch is an accomplished cloud, media, and technology leader who has pitched, built, incubated, and led businesses that develop software-based services, produce broadcast media, offer global-scale infrastructure, and manage technical operations. Mr. Lappenbusch has designed, built, and managed facilities and related networks, broadcast studios, data centers, postproduction facilities, and other custom venues for Continuum, DXC, Intra, GE, GTE, HPE, Microsoft, MSN, MSNBC, NBC, Net Element, StratusCore, and Videodiscovery.



Katie Malone
Market and National Editor,
Technical.ly

Katie Malone edits for Technical.ly's Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Maryland, and Louisiana markets, and oversees national coverage and commentary. She joined the team in April 2024 with tech journalism experience at Engadget, Business Insider, Industry Dive and other publications.

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Todd Marks
Founder and CEO of
Mindgrub Technologies

Todd Marks is the Founder and CEO of Mindgrub Technologies, a renowned technical agency and creative consultancy with a strong focus on pioneering AI solutions. A visionary leader and tech innovator, he is a two-time EY Entrepreneur of the Year nominee, a member of Baltimore Magazine's 40 under 40, and a three-time recipient of The Daily Record's Most Admired CEOs award. Under Todd's visionary leadership, Mindgrub has achieved remarkable success, making the prestigious Inc. 5000 list for ten consecutive years. Marks founded Mindgrub in 2002 and has since overseen award-winning projects for clients such as Dragos, Wendy's, DELL, Exelon, Under Armour, Yamaha, Crayola, Adobe, Geico, ORACLE, A&E, Tenable, University of Maryland, Visit Baltimore, Atlas, NASA, and Royal Farms. Through Todd Marks' dedication and foresight, Mindgrub Technologies is at the forefront of AI innovation.



Lindsay North
Director of Clean Energy
Strategy, Pepco

Lindsay North is the director of Clean Energy Strategy for Pepco Holdings. Lindsay is responsible for directing external regulatory engagements to advance policy, internal cross-functional teams that result in proposed programs and filings that support jurisdictional goals, and run programs that educate, and support Delmarva Power and Pepco customers adopt innovative technologies (energy efficiency, load flexibility, electric vehicles). Lindsay has over 17 years of experience in energy policy roles across multiple sectors including a trade association, solar and storage developer, large buyer and user of carbon-free and resilient generation, and consultant. She has worked at Pepco Holdings for six years.



Paul O'Connell
General Manager,
Performance Contracting
(PCI)

Paul O'Connell is the General Manager at Performance Contracting Inc. (PCI), where he has spent the past 11 years leading complex construction projects and delivering high-quality results for government and private-sector clients. With more than 15 years of experience in construction management, Paul has successfully overseen multimillion-dollar interior construction projects, managed teams of up to 200 professionals, and consistently delivered projects on time and within budget. A graduate of Ulster University with a Bachelor of Science in Construction Management, he brings extensive expertise in project leadership, operational excellence, and delivering complex construction projects at scale.



John Peterson
Design Manager, Green Data
Center Guide

Mr. Peterson is a professional engineer specializing in mission critical and data center design and efficiency. He is also a speaker and technical author on energy, efficiency, and sustainability for data centers. Mr. Peterson's continued involvement with the many industry leaders has helped to cross boundaries between IT, facilities, sustainability, and reliability.

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Jenni Pickens

Program Manager, Mission
Critical, Vision Technologies

Jenni Pickens has 15 years of experience in Digital Infrastructure, specializing in hyperscale and multi-tenant data center (MTDC) environments. Strategic Account Manager focused on delivering solutions for enterprise and hyperscale customers.



Caroline Popper, M.D., MPH, Esq.

Co-Founder and President,
Popper and Company

Caroline Popper is a business-person, clinician and an attorney (Nemphos Braue LLC). She has decades of experience in the healthcare industry in operating and advisory roles in public and private companies. She has a deep interest in the integration of AI into healthcare and other sectors, in privacy, validation, credentialing, governance and other legal issues associated with AI use and in commercialization of data. She is Chair of the American Bar Association Health Law AI Task Force, and member of the Risk and Trust sub-committee



Skip Shelton

Director, Federal – Technology
Enablement, Super Micro
Computer

Skip works at the intersection of national security and advanced technology. He is the Head of Federal & National Security Technology Enablement at Super Micro Computer, Inc., where he helps federal and national security customers deploy secure, scalable, high-performance computing and AI infrastructure. His work focuses on capture strategy, opportunity development, and positioning next-generation data center solutions across government agencies, integrators, and partners. Previously, Skip served as Director of Security Cooperation Programs at Oracle, supporting the company's entry into international defense and intelligence markets. Earlier in his career, he worked extensively in security cooperation and Foreign Military Sales environments, including serving as an in-country cybersecurity liaison for a major integrated air and missile defense program in Qatar, and supporting counterterrorism and partner force efforts in Somalia and Afghanistan.



Nick Shoemaker

Senior Director, Mission
Critical Hyperscale Programs,
Vision Technologies

Nick Shoemaker has 20 years of experience in telecommunications in OSP and hyperscale environments. A Senior Director focused on building and leading high performing teams.

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Gregory Simmons
Partner
Cullen and Dykman

Gregory T. Simmons is a partner in the firm's Energy, Renewables and Utilities department. Greg's practice focuses on the highly regulated field of energy and utilities, including regulation of energy in interstate commerce under jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and other administrative agencies. Greg has represented and advised natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs), electric distribution companies (EDCs), electric generators, and natural gas storage providers, among others. Greg has represented LDCs as they face increasing rates on interstate natural gas pipeline, expensive infrastructure modernization, increasingly constrained interstate natural gas transportation, and increasing regulatory pressures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Greg has handled a wide variety of proceedings including general base rate cases, limited Natural Gas Act Section 4 cases, and market-based rate applications.



Jason Stanek
Director, PJM Governmental
Services

Jason M. Stanek is the Executive Director for Governmental Services at PJM Interconnection, LLC. Prior to joining PJM, he most recently served as Chairman of the Maryland Public Service Commission from 2018 to 2023. Before that, he was Senior Counsel to the Energy Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Energy and Commerce where he advised on matters involving national energy policy, with specific focus on electricity issues and the operations of the regional power markets. He also served in senior positions at FERC for 16 years, advising both a chairman and a commissioner.



Carmen Voso
Business Agent
IBEW Local 24

Carman Voso is the Business Agent for the IBEW Local Union 24. Prior to his current position, he was an electrician for over 19 years.

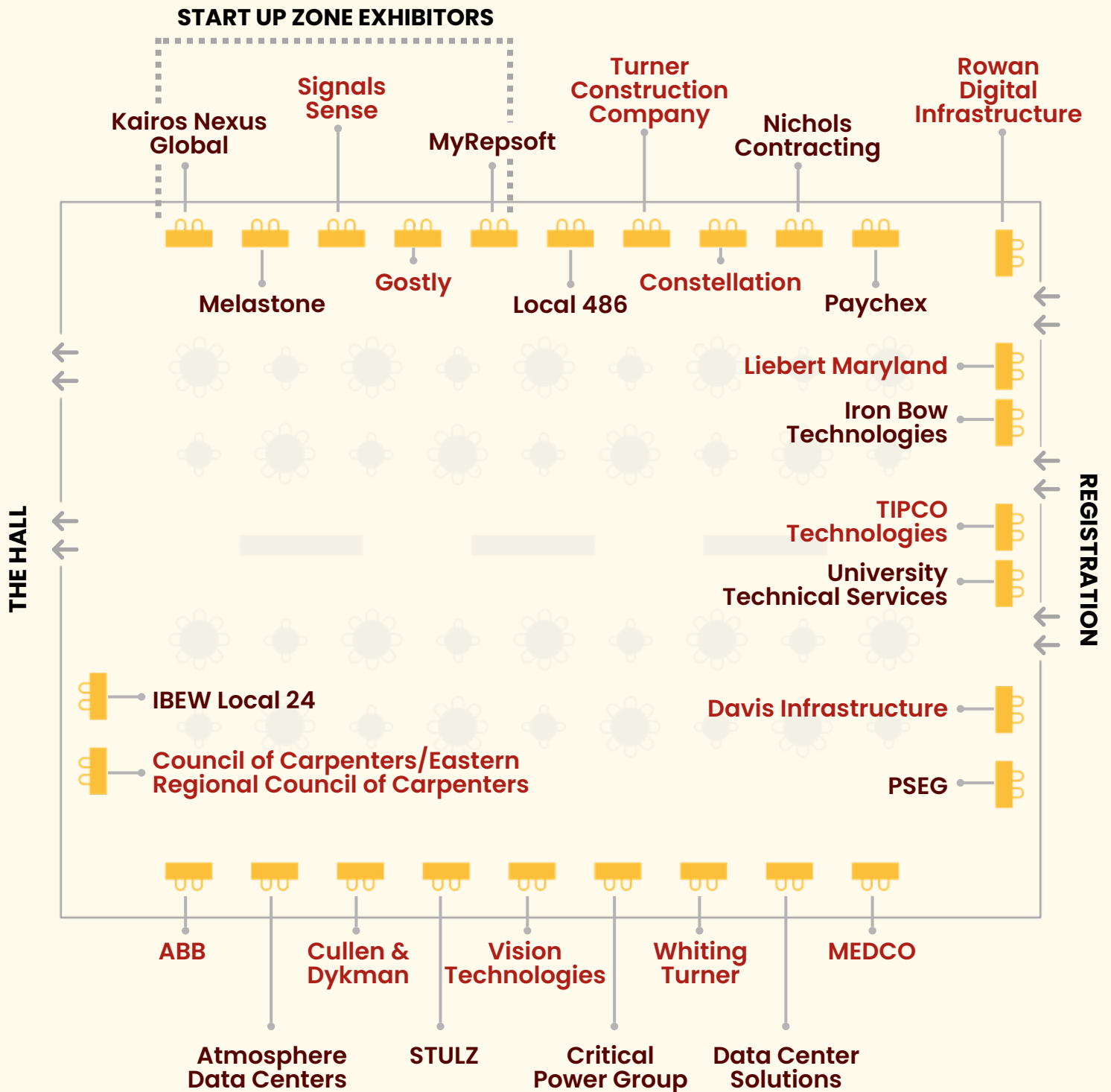


William Yull
Executive Director of the
Maryland Chapter of National
Electrical Contractors
Association (NECA)

William Yull is the Executive Director of the Maryland Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA). He joined NECA in 2017 and was appointed Executive Director in 2018. In this role, William represents management interests in legislative and regulatory advocacy, collective bargaining, and labor relations. He also serves as a management trustee on several multi-employer benefit funds, representing union electrical contractors throughout Maryland.

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Rowan Digital Infrastructure partners with communities to develop sustainable data center campuses that power the technology we all rely on. Founded in November 2020, Rowan invests in local partnerships, environmental stewardship, and long-term benefits.



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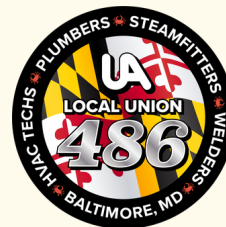
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Public Service Enterprise Group is a diversified energy company. For 120 years and counting, we have rolled up our sleeves to tackle any challenge. We work hard to keep the lights on, homes warm, and businesses bright so our customers can live and work safely and comfortably. PSEG has a vision of a future where people use less energy, and it's cleaner, safer and delivered more reliably than ever. PSEG has a successful history of completing large, cost-effective transmission projects that provide reliable electricity. PSEG is now bringing its expertise and experience to Maryland with MPRP.

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Vision Technologies (Vision) is a leading Information Technology (IT) solutions & services provider for commercial, critical infrastructure, healthcare, higher education, and government clients. Specializing in Building Solutions for Smart Spaces, Vision's team of skilled solution architects, engineers, project managers, and installers delivers expert-level IT services spanning a full scope of technologies. With a proven track record of success, Vision empowers its clients to achieve their business goals in a connected and intelligent world.



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Formed in 1984 by the Maryland General Assembly, the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) provides financing and development support for projects that drive economic vitality, attract investment, revitalize communities, and create jobs across the state. MEDCO partners with commercial enterprises, non-profits, higher education institutions, and government agencies to advance business activity, workforce development, and community growth.

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Gostly
Start Up Zone Exhibitor

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Kairos Nexus Global Start Up Zone Exhibitor

Kairos Nexus Global helps startups and growing businesses access pre-vetted talent across Africa, reducing hiring costs by up to 70% while making it faster and easier to find trusted professionals who can help them scale.



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Melastone Energy Partners builds the control layer for distributed energy. We develop, own and operate behind-the-meter battery storage, DC fast charging and solar across PJM and adjacent ISO markets. Dispatch is executed locally, on open standards, and control of the asset stays with the site owner.



MyRepsoft Start Up Zone Exhibitor

MyRepsoft advocates for: A world where document-heavy operations run on trusted data, shared clarity, and confident decisions.



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Since 1991, Nichols has strived to be a highly sought after design build contractor in commercial, institutional, and government sectors in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeastern regions. Utilizing the Master Builder Approach, the Nichols team demonstrates knowledge, professionalism, experience, and commitment, taking full accountability for all aspects of our work.



Signals Sense
Start Up Zone Exhibitor

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TIPCO Technologies
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TIPCO Technologies is a nationwide distributor and fabricator of engineered hose, liquid cooling assemblies, and sealing solutions for hyperscale, enterprise, and mission critical environments. With certified facilities, strict quality controls, and deep partnerships with leading manufacturers, TIPCO delivers consistent, compliant, and traceable assemblies from prototype through full multisite deployment.



University Technical Services
Exhibitor

University Technical Services (UTS) specializes in building secure, high-performance environments through advanced technology integration. As a Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB), UTS designs and installs SCIF-compliant IT, telecommunication, and audiovisual systems to meet the standards for classified and sensitive operations. With over 30 years of combined experience, our TS-SCI cleared technicians collaborate closely with construction teams to streamline costs and deliver fully accredited SCIF solutions for both government and commercial clients.

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