IT Corporate Roundtable
“Leave your logo at the door.”

We work in a unique environment of commercial and political neutrality to provide a productive context for IT corporations and The NYS Forum’s state, city and local government membership. We work to interact with and identify key priorities to leverage knowledge transfer aligned with achieving greater efficiency, enhanced transparency, and improved services for all of New York’s constituents.

Mutual Benefits
• Corporate / public sector relationships are established.
• Public sector IT leadership and staff learn what the future holds as corporate R&D members provide “windows into the future of IT.”
• Public sector IT leadership and staff learn about industry concerns, hurdles and opportunities.
• IT corporate representatives learn of state, city and local IT needs and how they can best work together to fulfill them.
• Business partners share information and collaborate on critical issues.
• Content-rich programs are delivered that address priority topics and provide the context in New York State for ensuring an informed and educated workforce.

Mission
The NYS Forum, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance New York’s public sector information technology (IT) practices through collaboration and knowledge transfer with the New York IT business and government communities. The NYS Forum strives to be the first choice for IT practitioners, managers and customers to collaborate and share knowledge to improve the delivery of services to New Yorkers.

Nationally recognized as a unique collaborative of private and public sector leaders and IT professionals, The NYS Forum fulfills a significant and valued role promoting the effective use and management of IT as a core component of government operations in New York State.

Who Are We?
The NYS Forum, Inc. is a unique mechanism that supports the ongoing exchange of professional and managerial knowledge and experiences, and coordinates efforts in support of New York government technology program priorities. Since its inception in 1987, The NYS Forum’s voluntary membership has grown to over 100 government and corporate organizations. We are:
• Public Officials concerned with information management, policy and efficient operations of state, city and local government organizations.
• Corporate Representatives dedicated to productive knowledge transfer in support of government priorities.

Purpose
• Foster better understanding and use of IT and practices by governmental officials in New York State;
• Assist New York governmental entities and others in the development and utilization of policies, practices and technologies for effective, equitable and secure use and management of IT; and,
• Provide meaningful opportunities for the advancement and exchange of knowledge, practices, and solutions of government officials and others through meetings, conferences, and other means.

Governance & Operations
The Executive Director leads through the strategic design, development and implementation of programs while overseeing committees, workgroups and general day-to-day operations, for the continued growth of the organization. The Board of Directors governs the general management of activities and affairs to facilitate the business of The NYS Forum and to promote its best interests.

Value
The NYS Forum is strengthened by core values that are the foundation of the corporation. As a member-driven organization, The NYS Forum promotes an open and collaborative environment. Members, leadership, staff and partners are professional and ethical and ensure that the organization is progressive and innovative. Initiatives, programs and activities of The NYS Forum are objective, vendor-neutral & independent.

www.nysforum.org
Volunteers from government and corporate organizations lead the Workgroups that focus on specific topics and are the core strength of The NYS Forum. Get Involved – Stay Connected!

Visit Workgroup web pages to Learn More, Meet the Co-Chairs and Join the Listservs at: www.nysforum.org

The New York State and Local and New York City operating Workgroups form the nucleus of the NYS Forum's high-quality program design and efficient execution. Comprised of productive teams of New York state, city, local government and IT corporate leaders, Workgroups are able to respond quickly and qualitatively to the education, policy, and research needs of New York's IT community.

State and Local Workgroups
- Application Architecture
- Business Analysis / Architecture
- Business Continuity
- Business Innovation & Emerging Technologies
- Information Security
- IT Procurement
- Project Management
- Web & Accessibility

New York City Workgroups
- Application Architecture
- Business Analysis / Architecture
- Business Innovation & Emerging Technologies
- Data Analytics & Open Data
- GIS
- Information Security
- IT Procurement
- Project Management

Application Architecture
The NYC Application Architecture Workgroup will explore best practices in terms of Application Architectural Practice and what it means from an agency perspective, as well as the benefits and what steps are needed to implement a standard architectural design.

Business Innovation and Emerging Technologies
The objective of the Business Innovation and Emerging Technologies Workgroup is to provide an avenue for government and commercial organizations to exchange information related to new technologies and facilitate the introduction, evaluation and sponsorship of topics relating to new and emerging technologies for consideration by The NYS Forum members.

Business Analysis / Architecture
The Business Analysis / Business Architecture Workgroup focuses on improving the necessary skills to enable change in organizations by examining current and future states, identifying opportunities, conducting feasibility and cost/benefit analysis, defining needs and recommending solutions that deliver value to stakeholders.

Data Analytics and Open Data
The NYC Data Analytics and Open Data Workgroup brings together the managers, technologists and analysts to determine how effectively NYC agencies employ data analytics and data sets to improve the services they provide to their citizens. By bringing together the various practitioners, they are supporting the development of a culture of using data to drive results.

Business Continuity
The objective of the Business Continuity Workgroup is to develop education and training opportunities, tools and awareness programs that address the continuity of operation planning needs of New York's state and local government entities.

Information Security
The objective of the Information Security Workgroup is to work in collaboration with state and local agencies to develop education and training opportunities and tools to address cyber security issues.

IT Procurement
The IT Procurement Workgroup was created to review and suggest enhancements to the IT procurement process and to provide timely education and training.

Project Management
The Workgroup on Project Management was created to support government entities and government project managers as they implement project management standards and practices, Project Management Offices (PMOs), and project portfolio management (PPM) within their organizations.

Web and Accessibility
The Web and Accessibility Workgroup was created to provide a means for those individuals within state and local government that have responsibilities for their agencies websites to share ideas, issues, problems, solutions and to suggest / or develop education opportunities to benefit web development professionals.

GIS
The NYC GIS Workgroup explores how the GIS technology can be shared both within NYC government, as well as among other municipalities and at the state and federal levels to enable citizen-focused applications.