



Call for Presentations – 2024 Community Forum

In preparation for the 2024 Community Forum, the IJIS Institute is soliciting innovative, engaging, and informative topical areas and presentations to be reviewed for potential inclusion as part of the event agenda. These presentations should highlight relevant and educational content that supports the IJIS domains of focus which include Justice, Public Safety, Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, School Safety and Critical Infrastructure Security. IJIS Staff and select committees will review these abstracts that should be submitted by **Friday, January 26th**. Though we are deep in the agenda development phase, unique and valuable topics/speakers are encouraged and welcomed.

The second-ever IJIS Community Forum seeks thought-leaders, experts, and practitioners to submit thought-provoking, innovative presentations, and topical ideas for consideration on the crucial aspects shaping the IJIS domains of focus. This year's conference will focus on ***"The Value of Collaboration in Time of Crisis"*** – keeping in mind increased violence, substance use disorders / mental health issues, world events, the growing mistrust of public servants, homelessness, and so many other challenges that confront our communities daily. Topics including cybersecurity and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and the impacts on the communities are also welcome.

While these themes will be front and center on the Community Forum agenda, we want to ensure that our Collaboration Network members can promote the innovative concepts and programs that are so very necessary in communities nationwide to ensure the safety and health of our citizens.

Submit your abstracts by Friday, January 26th, 2024, by emailing info@ijis.org and copying Project Coordinator, Alex McAdoo at Alex.McAdoo@ijis.org.

ABSTRACTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN JANUARY 26th, 2024

Please share with others in your organization who may want to submit an abstract for consideration. All abstracts should be emailed to info@ijis.org and by copying Project Coordinator Alex McAdoo – Alex.McAdoo@ijis.org.

WHO IS IJIS?

The IJIS Institute is a nonprofit *collaboration network* that brings together innovative thinkers from the public and private sectors, national practice associations, and academic / research organizations working together to solve public sector mission, information sharing, policy and technology challenges. This event is a top educational and networking event that will convene many



communities of practice to come together to share successes, overcome challenges, and identify the path forward.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The National Symposium will provide valuable guidance, program updates, and resources covering subjects of interest to leaders representing public sector practitioners and private sector industry representatives. The event will include pre-conference committee and task force meetings, plenary sessions, and concurrent tracks of interest to both government and industry. Attendees include public sector practitioners from federal, state, local levels, as well as industry service providers, and non-profit practice entities.

ELIGIBILITY TO PRESENT

The Call for Presentations is open to speakers from industry, federal / state / local government practitioners, nonprofit organizations, and academic institutions.

PRESENTATION LENGTH

Your session may be given as an individual or as a panel discussion. Most sessions will be 30 minutes followed by a 15-minute Q&A session. Please note that IJIS Institute attendees have requested more interactive and varied sessions, so allowing for questions and discussion at the end of a full presentation session or during the session, and the use of video and interactive demonstrations are encouraged.

PRESENTATION CRITERIA

The IJIS Institute strives to maintain the highest level of credibility for the educational program. Therefore, please observe the following requirements when submitting your abstract:

- Industry submitting abstracts **MUST** include practitioners in their session / panel. Industry **MUST** be willing to cover their practitioner speaker(s) travel expenses. If you prefer, you can provide IJIS with sufficient funds to cover your practitioners' travel, and we will purchase the tickets.
- Industry may not advertise their products, solutions, or company during their presentation.
- The presentation must present the broader issue of the technical or business aspects of the topic being proposed rather than a particular solution.
- Industry **MUST** use the event's presentation template which will have a place holder for your company contact and/or logo at the end.
- Company proprietary information should not be used in presentations.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Preference will be given to candidates/teams that:



- Possess a strong knowledge of information sharing and safeguarding standards.
- Propose topics covering active initiatives.
- Feature practitioner(s) as a part of their presentation.
- Real use case and its impact on the practitioner community

TRAVEL EXPENSES

The IJIS Institute is not able to provide honoraria or travel expense reimbursement for any presentation proposed through this Call for Presentations. Speakers are responsible for their own expenses.

COMMUNITY FORUM REGISTRATION

All speakers **MUST** register online for the conference no later than **March 1st, 2024** in order to qualify for the speaker registration discount as indicated below. The discount codes will be provided to speakers directly.

Government speakers may attend the full conference at no charge.

Industry / Non-Profit / Academic panel speakers will be given a **complimentary registration for the day of their presentation**. We certainly welcome and encourage your attendance for the full Community Forum. In appreciation for your participation as a speaker, we are pleased to offer a full conference registration at a discounted rate of \$200.

SPEAKER SUPPORT

If you are selected for participation at the event, you will be assigned an IJIS Institute staff session manager who will assist you throughout the planning and preparation process. The session manager will ensure that you receive your speaker information in a timely manner and facilitate the live-session rehearsal with you and/or your fellow session presenters prior to the conference.

NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE

The news media is encouraged to attend the Community Forum. As a general policy, all conference workshops will be open to the news media. If your session is sensitive in nature, please advise the conference program manager at least two weeks in advance of the event so that signs can be posted.

VIDEO / AUDIO TAPING

The Community Forum session may be audio taped or videotaped and will be released to attendees and placed on YouTube approximately 3-4 months after the Community Forum. If you do not want your session recorded, you **MUST** advise the conference program manager at least two weeks before the event.



QUESTIONS

If you have any questions about submitting your presentation abstract, *please email info@ijis.org and by copying Project Coordinator Alex McAdoo at Alex.McAdoo@ijis.org.*

Thank you in advance for your submission.