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Safely Leveraging Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace

BOISE, ID – [The Idaho Office of Emergency Management](#) (IOEM) invites you to the first of two fall sessions of the global 2024 Public-Private Partnership Security and Resilience Seminar Series, titled “Safely Leveraging Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace,” on Thursday, September 12, at 10 a.m. MT. This event is open to participants from around the world.

This session will be split into two-parts. The first will focus on the positive way Artificial Intelligence (AI) is transforming workplaces globally, offering opportunities for efficiencies in such areas as, regulatory compliance, supply chain management and market awareness that leads to informed decision-making. The second installment, scheduled for Thursday, October 10, will explore the challenges, hidden dangers, and managerial risks associated with integrating AI, emphasizing the importance of ethical, secure, and effective implementation.

These 90-minute sessions will feature insights from experts in government and the private sector to help seminar attendees explore strategies and considerations for harnessing AI's power responsibly within organizational settings.

Featured Speakers:

- **Joe Larkin** — With over 22 years at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Larkin currently serves as the Section Chief of the Emergency Services Section within the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). He

leads national efforts to reduce risk and enhance resiliency in the Emergency Services Sector (ESS), which includes Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management, and Public Works. Larkin also chairs the ESS Government Coordination Council and contributes to the Government Services and Facilities Sector and Healthcare and Public Health Sector councils. Previously, he was the Branch Manager of Training and Exercises for the Transportation Security Administration, overseeing national training and exercise programs for surface operations.

- **Ashley Shields** — A Lead Professional at Idaho National Laboratory (INL), Shields specializes in digital twin development for nuclear energy and artificial intelligence applications. She leads the Digital Twin Analytics group within the Energy and Environmental Science and Technology Division, where her team focuses on data analysis and visual communication using AI, machine learning, and extended reality technologies. A graduate of Idaho State University's MS in Geographic Information Science program, Shields continued her studies in Geosciences through 2021.
- **Josh Webster** — The SWAT Assistant Team Leader at the Story County Sheriff's Office, Webster has served the community for over 18 years. He has held key roles, including Detention Supervisor and Administrator, where he managed staff scheduling, budgeting, and training. Currently, he leads high-stakes missions in collaboration with federal agencies and neighboring communities, ensuring preparedness and high performance. A veteran of the U.S. Army's 82nd Airborne Division, Webster also brings military expertise in rapid response and tactical operations.

About the Series:

Sponsored by IOEM, this series is a collaborative effort with [the Oregon Department of Emergency Management](#) (OEM), [the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency](#) (CISA), and [Albertsons Companies](#). It involves volunteer speakers with firsthand experience in key business and industry security and resilience topics.

Upcoming Sessions:

- Session 3: September 12 – Safely Leveraging Artificial Intelligence in the Workplace
- Session 4: October 10 – Emerging Cybersecurity Threats: Preparing for the Malicious Use of Artificial Intelligence

Each course can be taken individually and counts towards continuing education with CEU credits.

To register for the series, please [click here](#). For questions or more information, contact training@ghinternational.com. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your organization's preparedness and resilience.

For a recording of Session 1 and 2 of the 2024 Public-Private Partnership Security and Resilience Seminar Series, please [click here](#). For recordings of the 2023 PSPRS Seminar Series sessions, please [click here](#).

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