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To distance learning professionals in the Federal Government and contractors supporting their efforts:

We are excited to once again announce our plans to host the annual Government Learning Technologies Symposium, in conjunction with the [Government Video Expo 2017](#), November 29-30, 2017 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in Washington, DC.

Last year's inaugural GLTS was a rousing success, bringing together our growing community of distance learning professionals in the Federal Government. Attendees came from all parts of the military and civilian agencies, corporate partners and many affiliated organizations. Our partnership with the Government Video Expo also provides a chance to attend this exciting event, focused on the latest in media technologies for government users.

Once again, this year, we are asking for your input and suggestions (whether you can attend or not), take a moment to fill out the [GLTS Summit Planning Questionnaire](#).

And, if you are also interested in sharing your expertise, please submit our [Call for Speaking Proposals](#) form by **June 30, 2017**. Whether you want to share your success, best practice, or some hard-learned lessons, think about offering to present your story to your colleagues.

Also, we are known for our awards program, which recognizes notable achievements by individuals and organizations in the field of distance learning. The call for nominations for our FGDLA Awards will be posted to our [homepage](#) within the next few weeks, but until then, you can review the [FGDLA Awards webpage](#) for award categories.

So, why is GLTS an excellent opportunity for your professional development and for you to enhance your organization's DL mission?

Three excellent reasons:

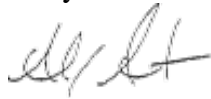
1. GLTS offers multiple opportunities to network and confer with colleagues, senior professionals from government (federal & state civil service and military), industry, and academia, and with service suppliers face-to-face—opportunities not available any other way!
 - We provide structured opportunities at select user-group (Government only) roundtables: Meet with other Government users to share best practices, find solutions, look for opportunities to collaborate and create strategic partnerships—continue collaboration throughout the year

through FGDLA's Special Interest Groups. These roundtables will be conducted as part of our scheduled sessions and will be moderated by Government practitioners. Special interest areas will include media selection, Web conferencing, instructional design, interactive video applications, and the like.

- Take advantage of unstructured networking and conferring opportunities: interact with both users and service providers during visits to the exhibit hall, in between our sessions, breaks during the day, and at our reception and award luncheon.
- 2. Our more than twenty breakout sessions will cover a wide range of topics on distance learning such as instructional design, media selection, online Advanced Distributed Learning, interactive TV, videoconferencing, streaming, Webinar formats, learning management systems, and more. We will cover the "tried-and-true" as well as the latest developments in the field of instructional technologies. Last year, many of our sessions drew standing-room-only crowds.
- 3. GV Expo offers an extensive audio visual exhibit area provided by NewBay Media, publishers of Government Video Magazine. There you can confer with solution providers and examine the latest products and technologies in the field. Last year, GV Expo had 112 exhibitors and registered attendance was over 4,600.

So please mark your calendars! We will soon be sending out our updated website as we develop our content and hear back from YOU!

See you at GLTS!



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