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DOT CIO Richard McKinney and Acting DoD CIO Terry Halvorsen to Headline Federal Forum 2014

Government and Industry Leaders Gather to Discuss Strategies to Unleash the Value of IT in New Network Architectures

SAN JOSE, CA -- (Marketwired) -- 07/30/14 -- MeriTalk and [Brocade](#) (NASDAQ: BRCD) will co-host the 3rd Annual Federal Forum on August 13, 2014 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The one-day forum will feature 13 agency speakers and bring together hundreds of government and industry executives, thought leaders, and subject matter experts to examine new approaches to building a 21st century network architecture.

Press attendees must RSVP by Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. PT to kbromley@brocade.com.

Keynotes:

- **Richard McKinney**, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation
- **Terry Halvorsen**, Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Defense

Speakers include:

- **Kirit Amin**, Deputy Chief Information Officer and Chief Technology Officer, Department of Commerce
- **Ron Bewtra**, Chief Technology Officer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- **Teresa Carlson**, Vice President, Worldwide Public Sector, Amazon Web Services
- **Cheryl Cook**, Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- **John Edgar**, Vice President of IT, United States Postal Service
- **LTG Robert Ferrell**, Chief Information Officer, Department of the Army
- **Xavier Hughes**, Chief Innovation Officer, Department of Labor (DoL)
- **Dr. Alissa Johnson**, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Executive Office of the President
- **Frank Konieczny**, Chief Technology Officer, Office of Information Dominance and Chief Information Officer, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Air Force
- **Susan Lake**, Deputy Director, Infrastructure and Operations, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- **Tarrazia Martin**, Director, Future IT Environment, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
- **John P. Skudlarek**, Deputy Chief Information Officer, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- **Keith Trippie**, CEO, The Trippie Group LLC, Former Director, Enterprise System Development, Office of the Chief Information Office, Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

What: Key highlights of the 2014 Federal Forum include:

Plenary Session on Achieving a 21st Century Government Network - This plenary panel of government and industry experts, including USDA, U.S. Army and Amazon Web Services will discuss how federal networks can propel the modernization of government operations.

Innovative Transformation Sessions - In these breakout sessions, government leaders will come together to share how they embrace transformation and make budgets work for innovation. Agencies including U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Air Force, FCC and DoL will discuss best practices and lessons learned on driving organizational change and optimizing the network through flexible acquisition models to achieve mission results.

Technology-Focused Tracks - Attendees will hear from government agencies including NOAA and FAA on the critical need to establish and revolutionize the network to support dynamically changing architecture requirements. The speakers will present the vast benefits of Software-Defined Networks (SDN) and other new trends to improve federal IT processes and modernize networking architecture.

View the [full agenda](#) for details on the 2014 Federal Forum.

When: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 (8:15 am - 2:45 pm ET)

Where: Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20004

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