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Technology Conference



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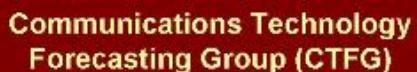
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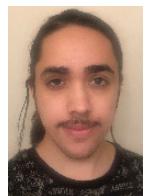


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Schedule



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

6:15–7:15 pm Pre-Conference Meet & Greet – Hyatt Place Austin Downtown, Lobby Cafe

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 - Conference Day 1 – Hyatt Place Austin Downtown, Meeting Place 2&3.
(*Online networking before and after the first day.*)

9:00 am **Introductions and Welcome** • Lawrence K. Vanston, Ph.D., President, TFI

9:15 am **Broadband Keynote: Predictions for 2026 and Beyond** Daniel Grossman, Principal, NetAccess Futures

10:10 am Break

10:15 am **Wireless Keynote: Low Earth Orbit (LEO) Communications in 6G** • Todd E. Humphreys, Ph.D., Ernest Dashiell Cockrell II Chair in Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin

11:15 am Break

11:30 am **Feature Presentation: Valuations of Data Centers and the AI Impact** • Ruben Miranda, Managing Director, Property Tax, **Kroll**

12:15 pm **Lunch Break** – Attendees are on their own for lunch

1:30 pm **Policy Keynote: Investment-Specific-Risk in Discount Rates** • Roger Grabowski, Fellow Accredited Senior Appraiser (ASA), Managing Director (ret.), Valuation Services, **Kroll**

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm **Broadband and Wireless Industry Panel** • Jason Butterworth (Moderator) Principal, Property Tax – Complex Properties, **Ryan** • Gary Hunter, AVP Tax, **AT&T** • John Reed, Sr. Director, Property Tax, **Charter** • Brandt Palmer, Sr. Manager, Property Tax, **T-Mobile**

3:45 pm Break

4:00 pm **Feature Presentation: From Spreadsheets to Agents: Real-World AI for Valuation & Property Tax** • Carl Hoemke, GM, Property Tax, **Avalara** & Vsu Subramanian, SVP, Engineering, **Avalara**

5:00 pm Day End

5:30 pm **Conference Reception** (Hyatt Place Austin Downtown, Gallery)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23 – Conference Day 2 – Hyatt Place Austin Downtown Meeting Place 2&3

9:00 am **Communications Technology Update** • August (Augie) Grant, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, School of Journalism and Mass Communications, **University of South Carolina**; Co-Editor, *Communications Technology Update and Fundamentals*

10:00 am Break

10:15 am **U.S. Economic Outlook** • Michael Brandl, Ph.D., Retired Professor of Instruction, Economics, **University of Texas at Austin**; Principal, Brandl the Economist; Author *Money, Banking, Financial Markets & Institutions 3rd ed*, Cengage Learning.

11:15 am Break

11:30 am **TFI Industry Forecast Overview** • Lawrence Vanston, President, TFI • Ray Hodges, Senior Consultant, TFI

12:15 pm **The Last Word**

12:30 pm Conference Ends
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