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Speakers**

Keynote Speakers: Leaders in Their Fields



J. Chris Mihm, Managing Director for Strategic Issues, GAO

Chris Mihm is the Managing Director for Strategic Issues at the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO). He leads GAO's work on governance and government-wide management reforms to support the transition to a more results-oriented and accountable federal government. Strategic Issues addresses such topics as strategic planning and performance management, budgeting and the nation's long-term fiscal outlook, human capital management and civil service reform, intergovernmental issues, federal tax policy and administration, and the census. Chris has appeared as a witness before congressional committees on numerous occasions and has been actively involved in working with committees across Congress to show them how strengthened public management can improve the performance and accountability of the federal government. Mr. Mihm is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and a member of the Board of Directors.



Invited

Dr. Yasushi Horikawa, Executive Director, JAXA

Dr. Yasushi Horikawa is an executive director of Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), Tokyo, Japan. He worked for many years in the field of spacecraft design, and he participated in Japanese space development activities. He contributed to the successful implementation of Japanese meteorological satellite programs and the Earth observation programs as well as the laying down of the space station program. Currently, Dr. Horikawa is directing the activities of the development, operation, and utilization of the Japanese Application Satellite programs, including Earth observation satellites and communication and broadcasting satellites. Dr. Horikawa is the author of many publications.



Mike Lewis, Senior Project Manager, Bechtel

During his 31 years as an engineer and construction manager at Bechtel, Mike Lewis has led a broad range of large-scale, complex, innovative engineering, procurement, and construction projects. Currently, he is the Manager of Construction at the Hanford Waste Treatment Plant in Washington State, a \$12.8-billion, US, radioactive waste disposal facility that is equivalent in size and complexity to building two nuclear power plants. Previously, he was Bechtel's Project Director for chemical weapons demilitarization programs at the Pueblo Chemical Depot in Colorado and in Anniston, AL, where he earned a commendation from the US Army customer. He has led construction of research facilities at DOE's Nevada Test Site and has managed the installation of hardened, secure weapons storage facilities in eight countries for NATO. Mr. Lewis also served as the Operations Manager for all of Bechtel's defense and space projects for a variety of government customers including US Department of State, Boeing, NASA, US Army, US Air Force, US Army Corps of Engineers, and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA). His commercial experience includes various mining processing facilities and two hydroelectric plants where he served as Station Manager. Mike graduated from North Carolina State University and pursues continuous learning at Texas A&M University and Duke University. He was elected as a Principal Vice President of the Bechtel in 2003.