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SPEAKER LIST

Subject to Change

KEYNOTES

Defending the Homeland

- *Dr. Sebastian Gorka, Deputy Assistant to the President, Executive Office of the President; Senior Director for Counterterrorism, White House National Security Council*

FCC Updates

- *Chairman Brendan Carr, Federal Communications Commission*
  Moderator: Lisa Ellman, Chief Executive Officer, Commercial Drone Alliance

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Airspace Modernization

- *Deputy Administrator Chris Rocheleau, Federal Aviation Administration*

World Cup Brief Out

- *Andrew Giuliani, Executive Director, White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026*
- *Nick Forni, White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026*
- *Michelle Nordman, Director of Operations, White House Task Force on the FIFA World Cup 2026*
- *Moderator: Senator Norm Coleman, Senior Counsel at Hogan Lovells*

Promoting American Interests Abroad

- *Hiro Rodriguez, Executive Director of the Advocacy Center for Global Markets, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce*

Reindustrializing for Drone Dominance

- *James Litinsky, Chief Executive Officer, M.P. Materials*
- *Moderator: Lisa Ellman, Chief Executive Officer, CDA*

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Winning the Drone Race: From Strategy to Execution (CEO Panel)

- *Dor Abuhasira, Chief Executive Officer, Percepto*
- *Keller Cliffton, Chief Executive Officer, Zipline*
- *Jeff Cole, Chief Executive Officer, Hidden Level*
- *Adam Woodworth, Chief Executive Officer, Wing*
- *Moderator: Lisa Ellman, Chief Executive Officer, CDA*

Fireside Chat, Drone Dominance Updates

- *Senior Government Official TBA*

The Innovation Race

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FEATURED PANELS

Capitalizing on Drone Dominance: Financing the Drone Race

- *Associate Administrator Joshua Carter, Small Business Administration, Office of Investment and Innovation*
- *Eric Brock, Chief Executive Officer, Ondas Holdings*
- *Matt Cronin, Senior National Security Advisor, Andreessen Horowitz (a16z)*

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Airspace Sovereignty and C-UAS Updates

- *COL Scott McLellan, Military Deputy, Joint Inter-Agency Task Force 401*
- *Micheal Torphy, Unit Chief, Critical Incident Response Group (CIRG), Federal Bureau of Investigation*
- *Matthew Whitehead, Director for Emerging and Catastrophic Threats, Counterterrorism, White House National Security Council*
- *Moderator: Lisa Ellman, Chief Executive Officer, CDA*

Rebuilding America's Drone Supply Chain

- *Ryan Braun, Chief Operations Officer, uAvionix*
- *James Grimsley, Executive Director, Advanced Technology Initiatives at the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma*
- *Jim O'Sullivan, Head of Drone Strategy, DoorDash*
- *Moderator: Liz Forro, Policy Director, Commercial Drone Alliance*

Built in America—Small Businesses' Role in Drone Dominance

- *Will Dawson, President, Agricultural Drone Initiative*
- *Josh Olds, President and Chief Executive Officer, Unmanned Safety Institute (USI)*
- *Nils Thorjussen, Executive Chairman, Verge Aero*
- *Moderator: Gretchen West, Chief Operations Officer, Commercial Drone Alliance*

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At Long Last: Getting Ready for Part 108

- *Charlton Evans, Founder and CEO, End State Solutions*
- *Neta Gliksman, VP of Policy and Government Affairs, Percepto*
- *Heath McLemore, Senior Manager of Smart Grid and Innovation, Florida Power and Light*
- *Peter Sachs, Head of Airspace Integration, Zipline*
- *Moderator: Liz Forro, Policy Director, CDA*

The Changing Landscape of Airspace Awareness

- *Michael Healander, Chief Executive Officer, Airspace Link*
- *Grant Jordan, Chief Executive Officer, SkySafe*
- *Craig Marcinkowski, Chief Executive Officer, NUAIR*
- *Moderator: Charles Werner, Director, DRONERESPONDERS*

The Low Altitude Economy in Action

- *Jessica Jones, Executive Director, Federal Aviation Administration, Office of Advanced Aviation Technologies*
- *Dominic Mathew, Policy and Partnerships Manager at the Coalition for Reimagined Mobility*
- *Rahul Sidhu, Chief Strategy Officer, Flock Safety*
- *Will Wheeler, Principal of UAS, Southern Company*
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Dominance in Dual Use

- *Mark Brunner, Chief Revenue Officer, Merlin Labs*
- *Brendan Groves, Chief Legal Officer, Skydio*
- *Moderator TBA*