



Better Government through Testing and Learning

November 7, 2018 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
1800 F ST NW, Washington DC 20405 | GSA Conference Center Room 1461

9:30 am **Coffee and Networking**

10:00 am **Welcome**

Jessica Salmoiraghi - Associate Administrator, Office of Government-wide Policy, GSA
Emily Murphy - Administrator, GSA

10:20 am **Better Government through Rapid Cycle Testing**

How repeat tests can help address federal priorities such as overprescription, energy cost savings, and effective government communications

Katherine Bent - Office of Research, Demonstration and Employment Support, SSA
Elana Safran - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
Calvin Johnson - Office of Research, Evaluation and Monitoring, HUD
Michael Hand - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
Jackson Le - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS
Mary Steffel - Northeastern University and Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
Anahita Reilly - Office of Customer Experience, GSA
Amira Boland - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA

10:50 am **Better Government through a Portfolio of Evidence**

How low-cost and scalable program changes can help improve vaccination rates

Pompa Debroy - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
Roula Sweis - National Vaccine Program Office, HHS
Lula Chen - University of Illinois and Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
Troy Knighton - National Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, VA
Lois Katz - New York Harbor Healthcare System, VA
Russ Burnett - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
David Yokum - Brown University
Gretchen Chapman - Carnegie Mellon University

11:25 am **Better Government through Transparent Evaluation**

How transparency in evaluation strengthens policy, program design, and government accountability

Russ Burnett - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA
Emily Schmitt - Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, HHS

11:55 am **Closing**

Kelly Bidwell - Office of Evaluation Sciences, GSA

OES 2018 Portfolio of Projects

Department of Commerce

[Increasing AHS Response Rates](#)

Department of Education

[Identifying Students for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program](#)

Department of Labor

[Improving Employment Services for UI Claimants in Oregon](#)

General Services Administration

[Increasing Enrollment in Flexible Spending Accounts](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

[Reducing Overprescribing of Quetiapine in Medicare Part D](#)

[Increasing Pre and Post-Natal Care Uptake Among Medicaid-Eligible Mothers](#)

[Increasing Vaccine Uptake Among Seniors](#)

[Increasing Flu Shot Uptake Among Pregnant Women](#)

[Increasing Immunization Compliance in Schools](#)

[Encouraging Flu Vaccine Uptake among Medicare Beneficiaries](#)

[Testing Variations of Maternal Immunization Messages](#)

Department of Housing and Urban Development

[Decreasing Energy Costs in Federally Assisted Housing](#)

Social Security Administration

[Increasing SSI Uptake Among Newly-Eligible Population](#)

U.S. Agency for International Development

[Preventing Malaria During Pregnancy](#)

[Increasing ART Adherence and Retention in Care for HIV Positive Women in Ethiopia](#)

[Integrating Health Care Services in Nigeria](#)

Department of Veterans Affairs

[Increasing Flu Shot Uptake Among St. Cloud Veterans](#)

[Increasing Flu Shot Uptake Among New York Harbor Veterans](#)