

DRAFT AGENDA

U.S. Data Centers Standards Roundtable

September 17, 2026 | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST
Le Méridien Arlington: 1121 19th St N, Arlington, VA 22209

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TIME	TOPIC AND SPEAKER
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Networking Lunch
1:00 – 1:20 pm	Welcome – <i>Patrick Hughes (NEMA) & Fran Schrotter (ANSI)</i>
1:20 – 1:40 pm	Session Objectives – <i>Christine Bernat (ANSI)</i>
1:40 – 2:20 pm	Standards Lightening Round – <i>Various</i> A facilitated around-the-room discussion in which participating SDOs will briefly share their current activities, including a short overview of ongoing work, emerging areas of focus, inter-SDO coordination, and key challenges or opportunities they are observing. The objective is to build a shared understanding of the current standards landscape, increase visibility across organizations, and identify potential opportunities for coordination, alignment, and stakeholder engagement.
2:20 – 2:35 pm	Break
Roundtable Discussion	Challenges, Opportunities, and Standards Priorities– All Open discussions to explore emerging challenges and opportunities and the role that standards can play. Each 40-minute pillar discussion will be guided by the following: - Industry trends & challenges: What technology, market, policy, or operational trends are creating the most significant challenges or opportunities for the data center ecosystem today? - Standards implementation: Where are standards currently providing value, and where are stakeholders encountering barriers, gaps, overlaps, or implementation challenges? - Standards gaps & future needs: How well are existing standards keeping pace with evolving technologies and practices, and where may additional guidance, standards, or coordination be needed? - Collaboration opportunities: What opportunities exist for collaboration among industry, government, academia, standards organizations, and other stakeholders to address shared challenges and advance common goals?

Pillar 1: Facility & Environmental Infrastructure

- 2:35 – 3:15 pm
- **Pillar Scope:** Planning, siting, design, construction, building systems, physical infrastructure, power and energy systems, cooling and environmental systems, water management, operations and maintenance, reliability, resilience, safety, and sustainability of data center facilities.
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Pillar 2: Digital Infrastructure & Security

- 3:15 – 3:55 pm
- **Pillar Scope:** Networks, telecommunications, connectivity, cloud and distributed computing infrastructure, cybersecurity, interoperability, data management, digital operations, and resilient information systems supporting data center services.
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Pillar 3: Technology & Supply Chain

- 3:55 – 4:35 pm
- **Pillar Scope:** AI infrastructure, advanced computing systems, semiconductors, hardware platforms, manufacturing, modular and prefabricated solutions, supply chain resilience, automation, emerging technologies, and future data center architectures.
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- 4:35 – 5:00 pm
- Next Steps & Closing – Christine Bernat (ANSI)**
- What should be the highest-priority focus areas for the standards community over the next several years?
 - What other areas not highlighted in the workshop that would benefit from similar discussions?
 - What follow-on standards coordination activities would you like to see ANSI undertake for this area?
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