

FAQs for AI Expo for National Competitiveness and Ash Carter Exchange

Who is SCSP and What is the AI Expo for National Competitiveness?

What is the AI Expo?

Our aim is to spark a vibrant exchange of groundbreaking ideas and initiatives in the world of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies. We're creating a dynamic space to educate the public about the latest innovations and forge new avenues for collaboration. Dive into meaningful dialogues with experts and enthusiasts alike, all with a shared vision: to solidify the United States, and that of like-minded nations, position as the leader in critical, emerging technologies. The Expo is free and open to the public to attend – [register here](#) to secure your spot!

Who is SCSP?

The [Special Competitive Studies Project \(SCSP\)](#) is a non-partisan, non-profit initiative with a clear mission: to make recommendations to strengthen America's long-term competitiveness as artificial intelligence and other emerging technologies are reshaping our national security, economy, and society. We want to ensure that America is positioned and organized to win the techno-economic competition between now and 2030, the critical window for shaping the future.

How can I learn more about the event?

You can learn more about the AI Expo for National Competitiveness by visiting our [website](#). You can also follow the Special Competitive Studies Project on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#) or subscribe for regular updates from our [newsletter](#)!

Ash Carter Exchange

What is the Ash Carter Exchange?

Together with Mrs. Stephanie Carter, SCSP is honored to host the second annual Ash Carter Exchange on Innovation and National Security on May 7-8, 2024. The Carter Exchange will take place simultaneously with the AI Expo at the DC Convention Center, though as a distinct event and with its own unique programming.

Will I be able to attend both the Expo and Carter exchange?

Yes, registered attendees will have access to both events.

Is the Carter Exchange in the same location?

Yes, the two events are co-located.

Is the Carter Exchange free?

Yes

General Questions

When & Where does the Expo take place?

The Expo takes place on May 7 & 8 at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in downtown Washington D.C.

What are the hours of the event?

Doors open to the public at 8:00am, and close at 6:00pm. The last admission to the event is at 5:30pm.

How is the Expo different from a trade show?

The AI Expo for National Competitiveness is an educational event that will highlight the growing capabilities in AI & emerging technologies. The AI Expo will provide attendees with the opportunity to see live tech demonstrations, learn about a variety of technological breakthroughs from exhibiting organizations, and listen to leaders in tech, government, academia, and more, and participate in several side events all in one central location!

Can I bring food and water to the event?

No outside food or beverages are allowed inside the Convention Center. There will be food and beverages available for purchase inside the Convention Center.

Is there a lost & found?

Yes, there is a lost and found designated area and an information area.

Are pets allowed?

Service animals are welcome.

Are strollers allowed?

Yes.

Can I bring a backpack/purse?

Yes. Bags will be checked by security.

Will there be security present?

Yes.

Will there be medical emergency services available?

Yes.

Registration

How do I register for the event and can I register the day of the event?

You can register for the AI Expo for National Competitiveness by visiting [here](#). Register in advance to assure your spot at this first of its kind event! Same-day registration will be available, space permitting.

What is the cost to attend the Event?

The AI Expo for National Competitiveness is free!

Are there age restrictions?

We welcome all ages!

Transportation + Lodging

What is the transportation situation?

Multiple **parking garages** are located around the Convention Center with hourly and daily rates. Transportation will not be provided by SCSP or supporters of the event. The Convention Center is in the heart of the Nation's Capital and is easily accessible by public transportation. Visit WMATA.com or call (202) 637-7000 for maps, schedules and more information on traveling by metro (the Mt Vernon Sq, 7th St-Convention Center station enters directly into the convention center) or bus.

Are there hotels associated with the event?

These hotels have discounted rates for attendees until April 4th, 2024.

Royal Sonesta, Dupont Circle, 2121 P St NW, Washington, DC

Crowne Plaza, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202

Programming

What topics will be discussed and what can I expect to see at the Expo?

The Expo programming will look at all angles of AI and emerging technology. Topics include, but are not limited to, shaping democratic uses of technology, breakthroughs in Large Language Models (LLMs), horizon scanning, countering disinformation, international cooperation around emerging technologies, and more! You can expect to see interactive demos, world leaders, and leading technologists.

Will I be able to participate in the live demos?

The live demonstrations will be available for all attendees to watch!

Is there a general schedule for the event?

Yes. You can find the agenda [here](#). A mobile app will be available 10 days prior to the event.

Will I be able to record/take photos of the event?

Yes, photography and videography is allowed! We encourage you to snap your favorite moments and tag us on social media using our hashtag: #SCSPAIXPO2024.

Will the event be live streamed?

No, the event will not be live streamed. We hope that you will join us in person!

Who will be at the event?

Attendees of the Expo will include a network of leaders, innovators, technologists, policymakers, warfighters, students, and more.

Can I leave & come back?

Yes!

[Sponsor + Exhibitors](#)

How do I or my company apply to be a Sponsor/Exhibit?

Please fill out this quick interest [form](#) and our team will reach out.

Does my company have to sponsor in order to be eligible to speak?

No. We are offering a variety of sponsorship packages for varied needs that include opportunities to speak, but sponsorship is not required. Visit us [here](#) for more information on sponsorship opportunities, and our team will reach out to you soon.

How much will it cost to Sponsor?

Costs for sponsoring vary based on the level of sponsorship. Each sponsorship level includes exhibit space, which can be upgraded if desired at an additional cost of \$35/sq foot. Visit us [here](#) for more information on sponsorship opportunities, and our team will reach out to you soon.

How much will it cost to exhibit?

Costs for exhibiting vary based on the exhibit space size you will need. Exhibit space costs \$35/sq foot. Corner charges of \$250 will apply to each open side of an exhibit area. The minimum size for an exhibit space will be 10ftx10ft, except for select spaces in our "startup alley" which will be 5ftx10ft.

When is payment due for Exhibitors?

As soon as possible after receiving your invoice.