



# frequently asked questions

## Who is the host of the AI Expo and the Ash Carter Exchange?

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.

SCSP can't wait to welcome you to our inaugural event!

## 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 7:00am for the Ash Carter Exchange. The Expo Floor opens at 8:00am. The doors close at 6:00pm, and the last admission to the event is at 5:30pm.

### Getting here by public transit?

The Convention Center sits atop the Mt. Vernon Square/7th Street-Convention Center station served by Metro's Green and Yellow lines. Alternatively, take the Red Line to the Gallery Place-Chinatown Metro station which is a 5 minute walk from the Convention Center. Visit [WMATA.com](http://WMATA.com) or call (202) 637-7000 for maps, schedules and more information on traveling by metro or bus.

### Getting here by car & parking?

Whether you're driving yourself or using a rideshare service, Google Maps can help get you here. Multiple parking garages are located around the Convention Center with hourly and daily rates.

**I'm registered and attending. What next?**

Upon arrival, you will go through a security screening and then pick up your badge at the Registration area. We recommend building your own personal agenda on the app for ease of navigating the event.

**Can I bring a backpack/purse?**

Yes. All bags will be checked by security.

**Will there be security present?**

Yes, there will be security present.

**Are there any off-limit items at the Convention Center?**

Yes! Prohibited items include: aerosols, ammunition, balloons, bicycles, coolers, drones and other unmanned aircraft systems, explosives, firearms, flammable liquids, glass, thermal, or metal containers, public address systems, laser pointers, recreational motorized mobility devices, large signs and placards, toy guns, weapons of any kind, and any other items determined to be potential safety hazards.

**Are pets allowed?**

Only service animals are permitted at the Convention Center.

**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.

**Will there be medical emergency services available?**

Yes.

**Can I leave & come back?**

Yes!

**Programming Questions**

**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!

**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 on our mobile app and website. We recommend building your own personal schedule based on your interests in the app.

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

Yes, photography and videography is allowed! We encourage you to capture your favorite moments and tag us on social media using our hashtag #SCSPAExpo2024.

**Will the event be live streamed?**

No, the event will not be live streamed. We hope that you will join us in person! All sessions taking place on one of our five stages will be recorded and shared after the event on our SCSP YouTube Channel.

**Who will be at the event?**

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