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Georgia GMIS 2025 Fall Conference  
October 12-16, 2025  
Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge



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Technical Training Partner



Dear Members and Colleagues,

I'm excited to officially announce the upcoming **2025 Fall GA GMIS Conference**, to be held at **Lake Lanier Islands in Buford, Georgia**, from **October 12–16, 2025!**

This year's theme, "*Gone Fishing: Reeling in the Future of IT*," invites us to pause, reflect, and cast our lines toward innovation and collaboration. We're thrilled to host this event lakeside—providing not only a serene setting for learning, but also the perfect atmosphere for networking with your fellow IT leaders.

Lake Lanier Islands offers the perfect backdrop for both relaxation and inspiration. On Wednesday afternoon during the short sleeve session, the board is working on a lighthearted and interactive activity designed to help you explore the property, connect with peers, and enjoy some friendly competition. Prefer a different pace? Feel free to schedule a tee time, join a vendor-hosted outing, or take advantage of the resort's many offerings—from walking trails and lakeside views to water activities and scenic spots ideal for informal networking. More details will be available at check-in.

We're thrilled to launch a new partnership with New Horizons for this year's Geek Trak and Cert Trak! At the conference, Geek Trak will explore Microsoft Intune, packed with tips and strategies for managing user and device access like a pro. Cert Trak will guide you through ITIL 4 Foundation, the world's leading IT Service Management framework—with the opportunity to test for certification.

Additionally, this partnership allows the board to offer discounted training courses year-round, expanding learning opportunities well beyond the conference. To provide these enhanced sessions, certification options, and ongoing benefits, there will be a modest price increase for Geek and Cert Trak registrations—but the added value makes it well worth the investment.

Building on changes introduced at our Spring Conference, we will host our **Dinner and Awards Banquet on Wednesday night**, followed by entertainment to celebrate the week and your contributions. This schedule allows for **two full evenings** of networking with the outstanding vendors and sponsors who help make GAGMIS events possible.

**Registration details, hotel information, and the full agenda will be shared soon.** In the meantime, mark your calendars and start planning your trip—we can't wait to welcome you by the lake!

Warm regards,

**Jonathan Taylor**  
President, Georgia GMIS





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## Georgia GMIS 2025 Fall Conference



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Each day of the conference will provide insight into aspects of the latest trends in information technology, brought to you by experts in the field. Most importantly, you will exchange knowledge and ideas about what works and what doesn't work with your IT peers who represent shops of all sizes from nearly every region of the state.

The schedule for the GA GMIS Fall Conference October 12 – October 16:

### Sunday, October 12

- Half-day Sessions – CGCIO, **Cert Trak: ITIL® 4 Foundation**, and **Geek Trak: Microsoft Intune** 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
[Please note Cert Trak and Geek Trak registration is capped at 20 participants.]

### Monday, October 13 Professional Business Casual Attire (No jeans)

#### LGCIO Leadership Education Session – Conflict Management and Resolution

- General Session – Welcome 8:30 AM – 8:40 AM
- Full-day Sessions – CGCIO / LGCIO, Cert Trak and Geek Trak 8:45 AM – 12 Noon, and 1:00 PM – 4:15 PM
- The Good, The Bad and The Ugly Session 4:15 PM – 5:45 PM

### Tuesday, October 14 Professional Business Casual Attire (No jeans)

#### LGCIO Technical Education Sessions – Unlocking the Power of Microsoft 365 Copilot, Locking Down the Future: What CJIS Changes Mean for Local Government IT, and Bridging IT and OT: Securing Municipal Infrastructure Together

- General Session – Announcements 8:30 AM – 8:40 AM
- Full-day Sessions – CGCIO / LGCIO, Cert Trak, and Geek Trak 8:45 AM – 12 Noon, and 1:00 PM – 4:45 PM

### Wednesday, October 15

#### Enrichment Session – 5 Levels of Leadership

- Half-day Session – CGCIO 8:45 AM – 11:30 AM
- Half-day Session – Cert Trak 8:45 AM – 11:30 AM
- Half-day Session – Geek Trak 8:45 AM – 11:30 AM
- Half-day session – Enrichment 8:45 AM – 11:30 AM
- Sponsor Giveaways 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
- Shirtsleeve Session – On Your Own 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM
- Dinner Banquet & GA GMIS Awards *Professional Business Attire*

### Thursday, October 16

- Business Meeting 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

#### Early Bird Conference Fee Will Run From September 4 - September 19, 2025

LGCIO Conference Registration Fee (Includes One Banquet Ticket).....	<b>\$400.00</b>
Cert Trak Conference Registration Fee (Includes One Banquet Ticket).....	<b>\$700.00</b>
Geek Trak Conference Registration Fee (Includes One Banquet Ticket).....	<b>\$700.00</b>

#### Regular Conference Fee Will Run From September 20 - October 3, 2025

LGCIO Conference Registration Fee (Includes One Banquet Ticket).....	<b>\$500.00</b>
Cert Trak Conference Registration Fee (Includes One Banquet Ticket).....	<b>\$800.00</b>
Geek Trak Conference Registration Fee (Includes One Banquet Ticket).....	<b>\$800.00</b>
Wednesday Banquet Guest.....	<b>\$90.00*</b>

\*Anyone bringing a guest or spouse must request and pay for a banquet ticket prior to their arrival at the conference.

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### To Register online and pay by credit card (preferred):

- [Click here to register online](#)
- Step 1:
  - Create new user profile. *\*\*\*When creating a new user profile you may receive a message that a user name already exists in the new system which was migrated from the old system. If you receive this message you will have an opportunity to request a new password.\*\*\**
  - Important for creating a new user profile:
    - Please **DO NOT** create a new user profile if you have previously attended CVIOG or other UGA Public Service and Outreach events.
    - *\*\*\*Please note GA GMIS will share participant names and contact information with all conference exhibitors.\*\*\**
    - Each registered participant must have a unique email address. The same email address cannot be used for multiple registrants.
    - In the Address and Telephone section, be sure to select the correct 'Type' (e.g. 'Office') from the drop down selections.
    - In the Employment Information section, enter at minimum your Employer and Job Title.
    - Optionally enter demographic information.
    - Select your preferred Marketing Opt in and Privacy options, and click the boxes to indicate that you have read and understand the privacy policies.
- Step 2:
  - Once you are logged in, select 'Cert Trak', 'Geek Trak' or 'LGCIO'. You can preview the session schedule for each track by clicking 'Session selection information' under each option.
  - Let us know if you're a first-time attendee and fill in any specific accommodation requests.
  - Confirm cart and click 'Pay and Register'.
  - Enter credit card information.
  - Your conference sessions will be automatically selected based on the track you chose (either Geek Trak or LGCIO). *\*\*\*Your sessions are not confirmed until after you have entered your credit card information.\*\*\**

### To Register by mail and pay by check:

Complete the attached fillable form, email a copy to [tiffanysmith@uga.edu](mailto:tiffanysmith@uga.edu), print and mail a copy with the check payment to the address listed on the form.

### After Registering:

You will receive several emails which will be directed to the email address you provided when registering/setting up your user profile. The sender name on the emails will be [no-reply-outreach@uga.edu](mailto:no-reply-outreach@uga.edu).

1. **(Applicable to new users only) New Account notification; password action required** (*Subject line: Vice President for Public Service and Outreach New Account*) - This email is being sent because you set up a new user account in the registration system. The email will include a link that you must click on in order to choose a password for future access. Please take immediate action upon receipt of this notice.
2. **Enrollment confirmation** (*Subject line: Carl Vinson Institute of Government Enrollment Notification for 'Your Name'*) - This email provides verification that your enrollment has been received and processed.
3. **Confirmation** (*Subject line: Carl Vinson Institute of Government Confirmation*) - This email provides details of the course you enrolled in, including the cancellation policy.







## Hotel Information



### Lanier Islands Legacy Lodge

7000 Lanier Islands Parkway  
Buford, GA 30518  
770-945-8787

When making your reservation, please provide the group code 251011GMIS and that you are with the Georgia Government Management Information Sciences (Georgia GMIS) conference to get the special rate of \$199 (plus \$5 state hotel/motel fee and applicable taxes) per night.

All reservations can be made online at:

<https://be.synxis.com/?Hotel=45779&Chain=32791&arrive=2025-10-11&depart=2025-10-16&adult=1&child=0&group=251011GMIS>

**Check-in: 4:00 PM**

**Check-out: 11:00 AM**

A block of rooms will be held at the hotel until September 25, 2025, or until all rooms have been reserved, whichever comes first. After this date, the hotel will make reservations at the prevailing room rate based on availability.

## HOTEL PARKING

Self-parking is complimentary for overnight and transient / day guests. Please let the gate attendant know you are there attending the GA GMIS 2025 Fall Conference.

**Please remember to bring your tax-exempt forms!**

