

**EMERGING TRENDS**

Longevity &amp; Aging Better

Commercialization of  
Generative AI

Extended Reality

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**OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Webinar**  
**January 11**

## Happenings

**JOB ALERT: FORESIGHT ANALYST AT GAO:** GAO is seeking a [Strategic Planning and Foresight Analyst](#) to join the Strategic Planning and External Liaison team, conducting environmental scanning and foresight program development. This is an excellent opportunity for individuals passionate about strategic foresight. See the full [job posting](#) for more information and apply by Thursday, December 7 through USA Jobs. (POC: [Sharaelle Grzesiak](#))

**AI IN STRATEGY COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WEBINARS:** The [AI Community of Interest for Strategy Professionals Webinar Series](#) is engaging professionals and organizations interested in the ever-evolving world of artificial intelligence. In the second session on Dec 7th, LTC Kevin Schieman of West Point will describe generative AI algorithms—like ChatGPT—their capabilities, limitations, and the near-term prospects for development of the technology. The presentation will pay particular attention to transformers as an architecture for language generation applications, highlighting some changes in Open AI's ChatGPT since it was released in November of 2022. Free and open to all: [Sign up here!](#)

**MASTERING STRATEGY CERTIFICATION:** Bridge the gap between strategic theory and practice with Professional Certification in Strategic Planning and Management! [Mastering Strategy program](#) is recognized by the International Association for Strategy Professionals (IASP) as an IASP exam preparation course. 10 consecutive Tuesdays, Feb 6 - April 9, 2024 on Zoom. [Register here!](#) Receive 5% Early-Bird Discount when registering prior to Jan 8, 2024. (POC [Doug Maris](#))

**FUTURE OF CITIES THINK TANK:** In 2024, [TFSX](#) will bring its Foundations in Natural Foresight® Think Tank back to an in-person format! Collaborate alongside professional futurists and global thought leaders to apply foresight tools to the future of our cities. Join us in Mexico City, Mexico on Mar 19-21 or Dallas, Texas on May 14-16. More locations to be announced soon. Register [here](#) (POC: [info@tfsx.com](#))

## Admin & Announcements

**END OF YEAR NOTE:** Thank you for a great year! As we close out 2023 with our last newsletter, we wanted to thank each member of our community, our many speakers who dedicated their own time to sharing trends and best practices, as well as all the folks behind the scenes that make FFCOI possible. The strength in our community is based on each and everyone of you. We hoped you have enjoyed the various topics and we look to bring you even more diverse trends and speakers. Stay tune for an in-person event in April 2024.

**FFCOI WEBINAR (JANUARY 2024):** There will be no meeting in December. Join us on January 11, 2024, at 11am (EST) as we host **Tim Woodard**, a Senior Solutions Architect with NVIDIA's Professional Visualization Group. Tim will be discussing Digital twins promise of being more efficient in design, manufacturing, and the operation of complex systems. While the concept is not new, the ways in which digital twins are built is rapidly evolving. Learn about the latest advancements in digital twin technologies and data standards, including OpenUSD, full-fidelity real-time visualization, Omniverse, and how they apply to the construction of digital twins. **RSVP by 1/8/2024** to [Sharaelle Grzesiak](#) to ensure you get the webinar details.

**FFCOI SPRING SUMMIT (APRIL 17-18):** Save the dates and plan to attend our in-person symposium in Alexandria, Virginia. Meet fellow futurists from across government and hear from speakers at the cutting edge of topics including space, AI, and workforce futures. More details to come stay tune for our 2024 newsletters.

**CONNECT:** Stay connected to learn more about FFCOI! Our website ([FFCoI.org](#)) is currently under construction, so follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) to get the latest news and happenings. Send us an [email](#) or a message on LinkedIn with ideas for future speakers and content. (POCs: [Sharaelle A. Grzesiak](#) & [Eric Podiel](#)).