



# TECNA DC FLY-IN 2025

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**Potomac Full at Hyatt House**  
Washington DC/The Wharf  
725 Wharf Street SW  
Washington, DC 20024

**Business Roundtable Offices**  
1000 Maine Avenue SW, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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**Kirwan's on the Wharf**  
749 Wharf Street SW  
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## MONDAY, APRIL 28

**5:00-7:00PM • WELCOME RECEPTION • POTOMAC FULL at HYATT HOUSE WASHINGTON DC/THE WHARF**  
Includes drinks and appetizers.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 29

**8:00AM-12:00PM • TECNA DC FLY-IN • BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE OFFICES**

**8:00AM • CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

**8:45AM • OPENING REMARKS**

**9:00-10:00AM • POWERING THE FUTURE OF AI - DATA CENTERS, ENERGY, AND POLICY AT SCALE**  
MODERATOR: DOUG KELLY, CEO, AMERICAN EDGE PROJECT.  
PANELISTS: SARAH A. W. FITTS, PARTNER, ENERGY & CLEANTECH INDUSTRY GROUP CO-LEADER AND JAPAN DESK LEADER, ROB ATKINSON PRESIDENT, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOUNDATION, SHANNON KELLOGG, VICE PRESIDENT - PUBLIC POLICY, AMERICAS, AMAZON WEB SERVICES.

Description: As generative AI accelerates across sectors, the infrastructure powering it—cloud computing, and data centers—is under immense pressure. From hyperscaler energy demands to federal permitting hurdles, AI growth is reshaping America's digital and physical infrastructure. This panel will examine the intersection of AI, data center expansion, and energy policy—highlighting how government, industry, and advocacy must work together to ensure resilient, sustainable, and innovative ecosystems.

**10:15-11:00AM • TREASURY'S TECH AGENDA - A FIRESIDE CHAT ON TAX, TRADE & ECONOMIC POLICY**  
MODERATOR: NICOLE KAEDING, SENIOR MANAGER, PUBLIC POLICY, AMAZON.

FEATURING: DEREK THEURER, COUNSELOR TO THE SECRETARY

Description: From Section 174 R&D amortization to broader tech-focused tax and trade policy, this fireside chat offers insight into the Trump Administration's economic agenda. Derek Theurer, a former senior Hill tax staffer now leading Treasury's tax efforts, will share updates and perspective on Treasury's evolving role in promoting growth and innovation.

**11:00AM-12:00PM • MODERNIZING NORTH AMERICAN TRADE: USMCA, TARIFFS, AND GLOBAL COMPETITIVENESS**  
INTRODUCTION: CONGRESSMAN PHIL ENGLISH (AFS)  
FEATURING: REP. ADRIAN SMITH (R-NE), CHAIR, HOUSE WAYS & MEANS TRADE SUBCOMMITTEE

Description: As the U.S. looks toward the renegotiation of USMCA and responds to evolving global trade dynamics, this panel will explore the policies needed to



protect North American innovation, maintain resilient supply chains, and support small- and mid-sized businesses.

Rep. Smith will provide an overview of the Ways & Means Committee's trade and economic priorities.

**12:00PM • BOXED LUNCHES**

**1:00 - 5:00PM • OPTIONAL CAPITOL HILL VISITS**

**5:00-7:00PM • CLOSING RECEPTION • KIRWAN'S ON THE WHARF**

Recap your hill visits at Happy Hour sponsored by TECNA's Talent Partner Robert Half.

## SPEAKER BIOS

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**ROBERT D. ATKINSON** - As founder and president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), recognized as the world's top think tank for science and technology policy, Robert D. Atkinson leads a prolific team of policy analysts and fellows that is successfully shaping the debate and setting the agenda on a host of critical issues at the intersection of technological innovation and public policy. He is an internationally recognized scholar and a widely published author whom *The New Republic* has named one of the "three most important thinkers about innovation."

**SARA A. W. FITTS** - Sarah is a Partner at ArentFox Schiff and co-leads the Energy & Cleantech Industry Group and heads the firm's Japan Desk. She is a nationally recognized authority in energy infrastructure and sustainability. She has advised on major transactions across the power sector and has worked with clients ranging from utility-scale developers to clean tech innovators and global energy investors. Her experience spans data center financing, ESG advisory, and international project development. With deep transactional and regulatory insight, Sarah is a trusted legal and strategic voice for companies navigating the energy transition.

**SHANNON KELLOGG** - Shannon Kellogg is Vice President of Public Policy at Amazon, where he leads the company's public policy efforts in support of the Amazon Web Services (AWS) business in the Americas. In this role, he manages public policy and government affairs professionals in the US (at both the federal and state/local levels), Canada, Mexico, South America, Central America and the Caribbean. Kellogg and his team focus on issues such as cloud computing, cybersecurity, data protection, procurement policy, trade and export control policy, tax policy, machine learning, education, workforce development, healthcare, financial services, telecommunications, and energy sector issues.

**DEREK THEURER** - Derek has been nominated to serve as a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, bringing deep experience in tax law, economic policy, and legislative strategy to the department's senior ranks. Recently appointed as Counselor to the Secretary at the U.S. Department of the Treasury by Secretary Scott Bessent, Theurer currently advises Secretary Bessent on both domestic and international tax policy. Theurer's professional background includes key positions across government and the private sector. He spent the past four years working in the House of Representatives, where he served as Senior Policy Advisor in the Office of Speaker Mike Johnson, handling all matters relating to tax, trade, and financial services, and as Chief Tax Counsel for the House Committee on Ways and Means. Additionally, Theurer was Senior Tax Counsel in the U.S. Senate from 2017 to 2018 and played a key role in crafting the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017.

**REP ADRIAN SMITH** - Prior to his election to Congress in 2006, Adrian worked as an educator, real estate agent, and served his hometown as a member of the city council. He then represented Nebraska's District 48 for eight years in the Unicameral. In his work on Capitol Hill he has demonstrated steady leadership, a commitment to hard work, and dedication to Nebraska commonsense. Adrian has tackled issues ranging from international market access for Nebraska goods to advocating for rural America and opportunities to help feed the world.

