

# Speaker Presentation Profile

## 1. PRESENTER'S INFORMATION

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## 2. PRESENTER'S BACKGROUND

John Weathersby is the founder and executive director of the Open Source Software Institute, a US-based non-profit organisation whose mission is to promote adoption of open source software solutions within government IT environments. Weathersby currently serves as an adviser on open source issues to a number of Federal government entities including the Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology Directorate, the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Defense Information Systems Agency, and the Department of the Navy. He also serves as an adviser for technology to The University of Southern Mississippi's Office of Technology and Economic Development.

## 3. TITLE/TOPIC OF YOUR PRESENTATION

**The Real Value of Open Source within Government IT Systems**

## 4. PRESENTATION SYNOPSIS/ABSTRACT

### *Brief summary of content and focus of the presentation:*

Open Source Software plays a significant role within the US Federal Government. However, to many within the Government, OSS is still considered "experimental." This presentation will highlight the critical adoption points within the US Federal Government and point to future adoption strategies within Federal, state and local government agencies. Key points for discussion include acquisition and adoption policies within US Govt; the Politics and Struggles of OSS Adoption within Govt; and short and long-term OSS Strategies within Federal, State and Local Government Agencies.

### *Key points for discussion include:*

- 1) Brief history of OSS adoption within US Government;
- 2) Key Acquisition and Adoption Policies within US Govt;
- 3) the Politics and Struggles of OSS Adoption within Govt;
- 4) Short and Long-term OSS Strategies within Federal, State and Local Government Agencies