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## Government Quotes

"It was a good conference. It was my first governmental conference so was a great opportunity to meet people from different organizations. I think the New Energy Technologies vendors have a great product and I am hoping to get them in here to do some demo's. The scope of the conference was a little wider than what I had in mind given what my manager tasked me with, but was appropriately scoped given that it dealt with true mobility"

**~ DSB Technician, ITI, US Department of State**

"Conference was totally entertaining, and information we collected from the contractors and other government agencies were absolutely useful. Event was well organized, food, and casino night was excellent, and I have to tell you we all had a great time."

**~ DSB Technician, ITI, US Department of State**

"MobileGOV was different then other conferences in that I wasn't overloaded with vendor meetings and I got to see some great live demonstrations"

**~ Wireless Program Manager, Office of the Chief Information Officer, US Department of Treasury**

"What I saw was a lot of information exchange with other government agents and with vendors with a lot of one on one interaction that has helped me out."

**~ Department of Airforce, Security Engineer**

"SecureGOV 2006 provided me sit down sessions with vendors, and having enough time and communication to learn about products and companies experience with the government."

**~ Office of Financial Systems, Department of Veteran Affairs**

"It is a scary world that we live in and it excites me to come here and learn that there are young people and companies working to find solutions for the government to implement."

**~ CIAO, Department of Defense**

"I enjoyed the mix of presentations and one-on-one interaction between the government officials and the solution providers."

**~ Assistant Inspector in Charge, US Postal Inspection Service**

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"Most conferences have different speakers and tracks and there is a limited interaction. ArchitectureGOV 2006 allows smaller groups that are more interactive. It's a good thing!"

**-Software Architect, US Department of Commerce**

"The size of this event is #1. Others have had 500 plus attendees and ArchitectureGOV 2006 is smaller, so it's much easier to network. It's a great opportunity to take advantage of each others presence in a focused environment. Because I am familiar with most of the people here and don't have the opportunity to talk or spend time with them on a regular basis, this type of forum allows us to come together."

**- Chief Data Architect, US Department of the Interior**

"The content of this event is on par with or much better than other conferences that I have attended, and I think it's more in tune with where I believe enterprise architecture is."

"I think the variety of meetings and keeping in size with the audience allows for more focused attention and you can cover more ground. I can pick up thoughts in larger groups then set up meetings to go over things in more detail."

**- Senior Architect, Canada Border Services Agency**

"The opportunity to periodically meet with the EA Community is very important. At ArchitectureGOV, a lot of leaders within that community have that opportunity"

**- Deputy Chief Enterprise Architect, NASA**

"Basically, ArchitectureGOV 2006 has exceeded my expectations. The caliber of speakers and content overall and the networking opportunities outside of the meetings were great. I really took advantage of them"

**- Contractor to the US Department of Justice**

"The think-tank discussions were excellent. I like the fact that the vendor meetings included individuals from other agencies. I was able to learn about the different challenges faced by other agencies."

**- Acting Chief IT Strategic Planning Branch, US Environmental Protection Agency**

"The overall smaller, highly-focused group of participants, coupled with strategy meetings that were based upon personal requests created the optimal meeting experience."

**- Chief Enterprise Architect, US Department of Transportation**

"I think this year's HrGOV is a huge improvement over last year's. ConVurge is moving in the right direction with the right speakers, the right topics and the right format. "

**- Director, Human Resources, OPM**

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"Great content and surroundings in comparison to other formats. The format with the vendors [solution providers in their Private Sector Strategy Sessions] was excellent! I was interested in getting to the meetings and I liked the physical layout. I was very impressed with the great ConVurge staff and the perfect number of attendees."

**-Acting Chief Human Capital Officer, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission**

"Super! I loved the venue and every one of the ConVurge folks! I liked the content and the size of the groups, I will do it again!"

**-Director, AT&L Workforce Plans and Programs, DAU, US Department of Defense**

"Great speakers and content! You can count on us for support in the future!"

**-President, Defense Acquisition University**

"I like what these guys [solution providers] have to offer. We are looking to implement new things. We want to ID the core competencies in progression so everyone has a clear understanding and to cross over to the other careers within the organizational structure. ConVurge will continue to lead the road, they [ConVurge] are top notch!"

**-Human Resources Manager, Office of Facilities Management, US Department of Veterans Affairs**

"It's been a wonderful event and you can count on me next year! "

**-Communications Analyst, HCO Communications, IRS, US Department of the Treasury**

"I had a lot of fun figuring out what the Private Sector has to offer. I have a lot to learn as I have been in this position for four months. It's been helpful to learn about the other agencies [Government] and their ideas. I liked how you [ConVurge] brought the Private and Public sectors together as well as their service and tools that they [solution providers] provided. They [solution providers] addressed the challenges that I am facing by asking 'what challenges am I facing?' This was not a marketing hard sell, but more of an education. I learned more than I ever thought I would!"

**-Workforce Planning Supervisor, Office of Human Capital, US Environmental Protection Agency**

"I had a wonderful time! I never knew I could have so much fun talking about work! "

**-Employee/Labor Relations Branch Chief, Office of Human Resources, US Securities and Exchange Commission**

"Great event! I work with the HR Director, Senior executives and presidential appointees and will be attending the lecture on SES. This is a main area of focus at work. I like the informal conversations-they are better than the scheduled meeting sessions-they are perfect! "

**-Human Resources Specialist, Executive Resources, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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"This was my first ConVurge event and I made a lot of contacts through the numerous networking opportunities. Great speaker content! The pace was fast, and the breaks were short. I will definitely recommend the event!"

**-Senior Advisor, US Mint, US Department of the Treasury**

"Nice facility location!! I liked the service, the logistics, and the ConVurge staff was friendly and well-organized."

**-Director, Human Resources, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

"I think ConVurge's conferences are some of the most unique events that I have ever attended. I appreciate the way that it focuses on the right way to build relationships: by spending an adequate amount of face to face time which is vital to any business relationship. "

**-Ethical Hacker**

"I think what I liked about [NetworkGOV 2006] above others is the intimacy; [it's] small, you get to mingle with just about every different part of the government as well as the industry. It was important to me because at other conferences, you get lost in the crowd and become a number. I think the closeness and size was excellent. "

**-Director, Transportation Security Administration**

"The professionalism of Kelly's staff and the personalized attention that was provided to everyone of us has been superb! It was the best conference that I have been able to find in the industry."

**-Program Director, Department of Transportation**

"You are matching the vendors with the mission."

**-Chief Information Officer, North Carolina**

"I thought all the speakers were very knowledgeable in their area. I think the venue here is structured so you can get more out of it. It was more personal. That's the plus to this conference in comparison to others that I have attended. "

**-Chief Enterprise Architect, Department of Homeland Security**

"I have been going to IT conferences for nearly 30 years now and I think [NetworkGOV 2006] is the best conference I have been to so far. In a short time frame, we're able to learn what is available in the industry and government best practices. NetworkGOV 2006 was the most unique, networking event- better than any other conference!"

**-Assistant Director, Department of Justice**

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"Excellent conference! Jessica and Carlos [are] very proactive with their staff to ensure success for personnel at conference. [SecureGOV 2005] was an open and positive, intellectual environment away from distractions of DC to exchange info and think of ways to improve overall support to government IT/IA. Thank you for putting on this conference."

**-Director of Defensewide Information Assurance Program, US Department of Defense**

"It is the best networking forum I've ever attended. From interactive sessions to personal meetings with vendors to group social events."

**-Assistant Director IT Security, CIO/Ops. Services**

"I think this conference format and content was perfect. Security info and various presentations were beneficial. 45 minute presentations are equally perfect timing so we don't get overload."

**-IT Specialist, Office of Governmentwide Policy**

"I appreciated the 'Heads Up' on the SecureGOV 2005 conference. I received a lot of good info from practitioners. I also made contact with a bunch of vendors who may have products that can address some of the IT Security Compliance Review requirements I am developing for my agency."

**-Engineer/ Security Officer, Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission**

"I AM DEFINITELY EXCITED ABOUT IT! These interactive presentations have been right on target. Every time I wasn't in a business meeting, I was right there soaking up everything I could."

**-Information Management Officer, US Department of Defense**

"If people can see it and they can play with it, they'll be more interested in it. The biometrics demonstration was PERFECT."

**-Supervisory Special Agent, US Department of Justice**

"The customer service was exceptional. I'm definitely going to come back and recommend this event to my colleagues. Thank you very much for an informative and productive session. It was a pleasure to meet you and your staff. I would like to especially thank Seth and Amanda for their professionalism, business savvy, and dedication."

**-IT Program Manager, US Department of State**

"I very much enjoyed the conference. As always, you and your team did an excellent job."

**-Chief Information Officer, Virginia Worker's Compensation Commission**

"ConVurge put on one hell of a conference! I can't wait to attend another one. It was wonderful networking with the IT professionals. Again, thank you ConVurge for an enlightening experience."

**-IT Specialist, J-63, Defense Logistics Agency**

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"I will be an advocate for ConVurge, as I thought the organization pulled together a high quality and user-friendly program at HrGOV 2005. Thanks ConVurge for your personal attention."

**-Program Executive Officer, Dept. of Homeland Security**

"NetworkGOV 2004's format assisted in raising awareness of products and services available. I was provided with solutions to capability issues of Blackberries and EVDO. There is a high probability rate for future business with the companies at NetworkGOV 2004."

**-Customer Service Director, Dept. of Defense**

"ConVurge's HrGOV 2005 was an excellent, well-managed conference. HrGOV 2005 opened doors to potential solutions."

**-Chief, Classroom Operations, US Dept. of Agriculture Graduate School**

"Just comparing my attendance to ConVurgeGOV 2004 only a few months ago, to this time at NetworkGOV 2004, the quality of presentations has improved and all of the presenters are very knowledgeable. I create my strategy/budget for IT purchasing within my department, and I authorize/approve the acquisition. There is a definite probability with one vendor that I plan on {implementing} future business."

**-Chief Information Officer, Virginia Workers Compensation**

"I came away feeling better as to how I should deal with my core missions in the ever changing technology world."

**-Staff Advisor, Federal Transit Administration, Dept. of Transportation**

"I wish to express your {ConVurge's} impeccable management of this event! What you {ConVurge} are doing is very well thought out, very well executed and very useful. I hope you {ConVurge} have a mechanism to quantify the trilateral exchanges (gov-vendors, vendors-vendors and gov-gov) so that you {ConVurge} can really see what success this may have and what an impact it may also have. You {ConVurge staff} are all working very hard and in a very important area of enterprise meta-modeling that may end up having a very crucial impact (long term) on how organizations from the groups involved in NetworkGOV may evolve."

**-Senior Research Scientist, Naval Research Laboratory**

"I really enjoyed HrGOV 2005 and all of its presentations. Great Job! I will definitely pass on vendor information as well as the ConVurge conference information. I hope to attend another HrGOV in the future."

**-Program Analyst, Internal Revenue Service**

"It's a unique approach that I've never done before, and I found it very useful being able to sit down with vendors for a good period of time to talk about what we're doing at the FCC, and seeing how their solutions might really map well to our systems and our processes."

"I hoped to get some new ideas and insights into how to do things better and that aspect was very successful."

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"It was a new experience for me and a different format. At first I wasn't sure how it was going to work out, but I think NetworkGOV 2004 overall worked out very well."

**-Associate Computer Security Officer, Federal Communications Commission**

"I liked both the private and public sector networking. It really cemented good relationships and I got to meet some new friends and colleagues. The number of people involved added an intimacy you don't find at other conferences."

"I am expecting to hear from quite a few of the firms I had discussions with at ConVurgeGOV 2004."

"I enjoyed networking, meeting people, finding out about new companies, and new products I was not aware of."

"It was good bang for the buck."

**-Chief Architect, Department of Commerce/NOAA**

"I got a lot of good networking done and I made some good vendor contacts."

"It's good to have some one-on-two time and one-on-one time without the distractions in Washington, quality time, there's a huge amount of networking going on outside in the hallways and other places."

"In general, as a business process, ConVurgeGOV 2004 helped me identify new and evolving trends, techniques and technology and again it was an efficient way of doing things."

**-Chief Information Officer, Federal Aviation Administration**

"I've been able to take a look at the different vendors and what they have to offer and now I am in a position to go back to my organization and tell the different agencies in the organization which of the companies we need to contact."

"I enjoyed ConVurgeGOV 2004's enterprise architecture session because we are doing a lot with our architecture and how to integrate our federation because the army is so diverse and we are really trying to get our hands around what we have out there. Everything was so good, even the wireless panel yesterday was excellent because at DoD our thought is if you have a technology, has NSA approved it? And we all have blackberries, we all have pocket PC's, but how do you secure it? Everything was excellent! I'm very impressed."

**-Chief, Strategic Partnering Division, US Army**

"NetworkGOV 2004 was well-organized. You brought in great vendors the panels yesterday and today were excellent."

"I had a chance to meet with two or three companies with products that we hope to be able to integrate in our environment very soon."

"I would certainly do it again if given the opportunity!"

**-IT Program Director, US Military Academy**

"In one conversation with a company called Intelligent Decisions, I learned about web portals that they developed for the department of education that we may be able to use at the FAA. It's for provisioning PCs and one of my colleagues is interested in a solution just like that. So we're going to work with the vendor to try to take advantage of the software they developed for education."

"I have also met some people from other agencies, and we were able to talk about our enterprise architecture and look for opportunities to share some models and requirements across agencies."

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"I found the ConVurgeGOV 2004 one-on-one meetings to be quite useful because it was a simple low-key conversation, not a high-pressure sales pitch. We can get to know each other a little bit and the contractors and vendors know a lot about what is happening in other agencies. I learned what they were doing elsewhere that could help us at the FAA."

"Two benefits to ConVurgeGOV 2004. First, the opportunity to network with other people from other parts of the government. It's hard to find out what's going on in other agencies because they're so big. The other is talking to vendors and contractors about what they're doing, because sometimes it's easier to find about someone face-to-face than it is through a website."

**-Chief Enterprise Architect, Federal Aviation Administration**

"I wanted to say again how much I enjoyed ConVurgeGOV 2004. I received more benefit than I had anticipated. The power of networking is not to be underestimated!"

**-Chief Enterprise Architect, Bureau of Industry and Security, Dept. of Commerce**

"There is high probability of future business with the companies present at secureGOV 2004."

**-Telecommunications Manager, Dept. of Homeland Security**

"SecureGOV 2004 has provided an excellent opportunity to network with IT professionals and learn about innovative products and solutions to address such IT challenges within my agency. It's been a fun three days and I've really enjoyed the experience."

"SecureGOV 2003 proved to be an excellent opportunity to meet professionals within other government agencies."

**-Assistant Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority**

"Through SecureGOV 2004, the solution providers are able to provide a kind of 'just in time' product technology that can be implemented quickly throughout government agencies to FIX things, not just make recommendations that would take years to implement."

"What I think ConVurge has done is put together the right blend of CIO's, CISO's, government officials and the appropriate solution providers to give [the government] the necessary tools to actually fix the problem, rather than just talking about it."

"The ease and flexibility of SecureGOV 2003 was marvelous!"

"I plan on working with ConVurge on their advisory board so that we can continue to pull together government and solution providers to provide solutions to protect this country by improving the technology infrastructure of these different agencies."

**-Chief Information Officer, North Carolina State Auditor**

"I loved the small SecureGOV 2004 one-on-one business meetings; they provide opportunity to target product capabilities tuned to unique agency needs."

**-Authorization Management Division Chief, Dept. of State**

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"SecureGOV 2004's private meetings allowed education and exposure for further evaluating products and services."

**-IT Manager, Dept. of State**

"SecureGOV 2004's format assisted me in evaluating products and services through a relaxing environment, low pressure sales representatives with viable solutions."

**-CIO Assistant, VA Workers Compensation Commission**

"Every event meal, session, & meeting became a networking opportunity. Access to anyone, almost anytime, over the three days was easy and appreciated."

"SecureGOV 2004 offered a unique opportunity for focused, extended discussions with many different individuals and groups."

**-Lt. Col, National Defense University**

"I would definitely recommend ConVurge events to my peers within the public sector. There were a variety of solutions providers, but the more intimate atmosphere allowed you to know the products and people that represented them."

**-Senior Security Communications Engineer, Dept. of Defense**

"The organization and flow of SecureGOV 2003 was superb. ConVurge did an excellent job - everyone was friendly, personal and professional."

**-Senior Security Analyst, US Mint, Dept. of Treasury**

"The vendor communications at SecureGOV 2004 were done in a low impact approach. It provided the opportunity to informally explore future alliances more fully."

**-Information Risk Manager, Dept. of State**

"I was able to establish many contacts, discuss our IT issues and receive many good offers and recommendations. We plan on contacting and following up with a number of vendors we met here at SecureGOV 2003. Well Done!"

**-Chief Scientist, Dept. of State**

"What can I say? ...Wow!!"

**-Deputy Chief Information Officer, Dept. of Defense**

"The ConVurge staff was extremely attentive and the entertainment was a great opportunity for networking. The sessions were targeted for strategic planning and the meetings were unique and productive. I would definitely recommend a ConVurge event for my management."

**-Principal Deputy, Secretary of Defense**

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"I thought ConVurgeGOV 2003 this summer was excellent! The sessions were great, the accommodations were awesome, and the social events were a blast."

-Lt. Col, US Army

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