

**EMERGING TRENDS**

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**January 12, 2021**

## Happenings and Requests

**FUTURE OF GOVERNMENT IN 2030:** What will the [Future of Government in 2030](#) look like 24 futurists were interviewed about how the world might look in 2030. To get a sense of what the coming decade might mean for state and local governments, they asked futurists, including thought leaders, public officials, academics, and tech experts for their ideas on the trends that will have the greatest impact on the public sector over the next 10 years. Their responses, condensed and in this article, provide a glimpse into what may happen in the years ahead. (POC: [Maria Bothwell](#))

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF FUTURE TRENDS (SIFT):** The rapidly changing global security environment requires leaders and institutions to anticipate, adapt to, and prepare for a range of potential futures. In 2019, a small team from Sandia National Laboratories and the Rhode Island School of Design developed and facilitated SIFT, an exercise for thinking creatively and collectively about the strategic implications of emerging global dynamics. On December 9, 1-2:30 PM (PT), join the discussion on the development, evolution, and impact of the SIFT exercise and work through interactive discussions using the exercise prompts. [Be sure to register](#). (POC: [Elizabeth Kistin Keller](#))

**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON VIRTUAL - FORESIGHT BOOT CAMP:** The January version of the Houston Foresight's popular week-long boot camp is going virtual. It is an abridged version of the "Introduction to Foresight" for those who need the basics. It will meet once a week for five weeks with homework and feedback in between. The classes are scheduled for Jan 13 - Feb 10, Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM CST. [Space is limited so be sure to register](#). (POC: [Andy Hines](#))

**THE FORESIGHT SANDBOX:** Join the Prescient Foresight Sandbox two-day course for mid-to-senior-level professionals who are responsible for making decisions within their organizations. Participants gain a future-focused mindset that boosts their ability to support their organization in changing conditions through a professional learning experience that combines training with hands-on planning. To learn more and register visit the [Prescient website](#). (POC: [Amy Zalman](#))

## Admin & Announcements

**YEAR END NOTE:** Wow, what a year 2020 has been - a year where we were faced with a global pandemic halting life as we know it. We were caught by surprise and had to quickly rethink every sector including school, work, and healthcare. However, 2020 also challenged humans to be innovative, creative, and even hopeful.

As we close another year, we want to thank our community for staying resilient in these difficult and unprecedented times. Your participation in one more virtual meeting is what keeps our community strong and allows us to bring together great speakers to grow our foresight toolkit. As a community, let us be proud of the network we continue to expand year after year, as well as the new and coming partnerships. Rest assured the Council continues to work diligently to continue to transform and grow FFCOI.

Lastly, in 2020, we bid farewell and best wishes to those retiring. A big shout out to [Joseph Moore](#), former chair of FFCOI. Thank you, Joe, for your dedication in helping establish FFCOI. We wish you all the best in your retirement.

Best wishes to all. As always, please don't hesitate to contact [FFCOI](#) leadership if you have any questions or want to suggest speakers. Send us an [email](#) or a message on [LinkedIn](#). (POCs: [Sharaelle A. Grzesiak](#), [Robin Champ](#), [Eric Popiel](#), and [Joe Greenblott](#)).