

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☐ Original ☐ Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Blake Nolan
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: May 25, 2026 Return: May 28, 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: May 25, 2026 **OR** ☐ None
4. Departure City: D.C. Destination: Austin Return City: D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The ITI Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Largely structured around AI & data infrastructure meetings with stakeholders in the space to discuss policy
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:
 - a. ☒ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;
 - b. ☒ the Primary Trip Sponsor Form completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the Additional Sponsor Form(s);
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; **and**
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. ☐ I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. Signify statement is true by checking the box.
b. If not, explain: As noted in the agenda, I came down with the like symptoms and missed the program on May 27, 2026

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler: Blake Nolan Date: 7/2/2026

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Vern Buchanan Date: 7/2/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: Vern Buchanan

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☐ Original ☐ Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler				
Accompanying Family Member				

6. ☐ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.
Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Ashley Berrang Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

☐ **I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Blake Nolan

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I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Congressman Vern Buchanan

Office Address: 2409 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: (202) 225 - 5015

Email Address of Contact Person: blake.nolan@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Blake Nolan
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The ITI Institute
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Austin, Texas
4. a. Date of Departure: May 26, 2026 May 25, 2026 Date of Return: May 28, 2026
b. Yes ☒ No ☐ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: May 25
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

As a member of the Ways and Means committee, it is important that we understand the complex nature of the technology industry when crafting trade and tax policy, which this trip will inform us of.

As a chief of staff, it is necessary to gather this information to bring back to the office.

9. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: Von Bush

Date: 4/24/2026

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

The ITI Institute

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): See Attachment A.

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: May 26, 2026 Date of Return: May 28, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Dulles, Virginia

b. Destination(s): Austin, Texas

c. City of return: Dulles, Virginia

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. ☒ I checked 8(a) or(b) above; **OR**
b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

See Attachment B.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☒ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted: _____

14. ☒ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**

- b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Approx. cost: 5/26: \$85;
5/27: \$80; and 5/28: \$60.

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Austin has a vibrant and rapidly expanding technology ecosystem,
which provides staffers with a unique opportunity to gain first-hand insight into how U.S. technology companies are building, scaling, and sustaining the American tech stack.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin City: Austin, TX Cost Per Night: \$173 + \$38.50 (tax + fees)

Reason(s) for Selecting: Selected due to its central location relative to the scheduled program sites and facilitates, and efficient transportation to and from the airport.

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. ☒ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$690	\$423 (incl. room rate + tax and fees) for 2 nights	\$225
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

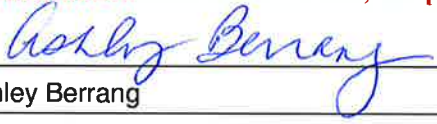
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$225 \$15	Ground transportation shuttle Ground transportation taxi
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

19. **Check only one:**

- a. ☒ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: 4/23/26
Name: Ashley Berrang Title: Executive Director
Organization: The ITI Institute
Address: 700 K Street, NW Suite 600, Washington DC 20001
Email: aberrang@institute.tech Telephone: 202-524-4397

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Post-Travel Primary Trip Sponsor Materials

The ITI Institute House Staff Educational Trip to Austin, Texas Tuesday, May 26 – Thursday, May 28, 2026 “Building the American Tech Stack: From Foundation to Application”

List of confirmed participants:

First	Last	Title	Office
Nolan	Ahern	Senior Policy Advisor	Majority Whip Emmer (MN)
Andrew ₁	Bohn	Legislative Director	Pat Fallon (TX)
(John) Marcus	Clark	Security Director	House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection
Parul	Desai	Chief Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Laura	Fullerton	Deputy Staff Director	House Foreign Affairs Committee
Matt	Furlow	Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee
Yuichiro	Kakutani	Professional Staff Member	House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the US and China
John	Lin	Senior Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Blake ₂	Nolan	Chief of Staff	Vern Buchanan (FL)
William	Smith	Chief of Staff	Nick Langworthy (NY)
Harden ₁	Spencer	Legislative Director	Valerie Foushee (NC)
Leah	Uhrig	Legislative Director	Ted Lieu (CA)

1. Bohn and Spencer were invited, accepted and approved by the Committee, but who did not attend.
2. Nolan did not participate in Wednesday’s activities.



The Institute

The ITI Institute House Staff Educational Trip to Austin, Texas

Tuesday, May 26 – Thursday, May 28, 2026

“Building the American Tech Stack: From Foundation to Application”

AGENDA – FINAL (updated post-travel)

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 26

- 11 AM Arrive Washington Dulles (IAD), group check in
- 1:10 PM Wheels up from IAD on **United Flight #2746**
Lunch provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.
- 3:47 PM Wheels down in Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS)
- 4:15 PM Shuttle bus from airport to **Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin**
- On shuttle **Introduction to The ITI Institute and Trip Overview**
En route to hotel
Welcome, intros and briefing from leadership of The ITI Institute. Staffers will get an overview of The Institute’s mission to demonstrate and educate about the tangible, everyday benefits technology and AI bring to U.S. communities and economies across the national and outline the objectives for the Austin-area site visits.
- Featured Speakers:**
- **Ashley Berrang**, Executive Director, **The ITI Institute**
- 4:45 PM Arrive **Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin** + check in
721 N Congress Ave., Austin
- 5:20 PM Group assembles in the lobby
- 5:30 PM Ground transportation from hotel to Google
- 5:45 – 7:00 PM **Google: Chips to Cloud: Google and the Future of AI**
601 West 2nd St., Austin
Visit to Google’s Austin office for a presentation focusing on AI, energy, data centers and autonomous vehicles which will provide the delegation with a comprehensive look at the American tech stack's lifecycle, ranging from semiconductor manufacturing to cloud infrastructure deployment and the application layer with YouTube and Waymo. Google's experts will demonstrate how these foundational technologies integrate with advanced data systems to power the next generation of AI model development. Ultimately, the sessions will highlight how Google’s innovations in both hardware and software drive U.S. economic leadership, strengthen supply chain resilience, and support the broader digital ecosystem.
- Featured Speakers:**
- **Katharine McAden**, Head of Public Policy and External Affairs, South, **Google**
 - **Rachel Wolbers**, External Affairs Manager, Government Affairs and Public Policy, **Google**
 - **Farish Mozley**, Government Affairs & Public Policy Manager, **Google Cloud**
 - **Chandler Ludwick**, Policy Manager Southwest, **Waymo**
- 7:05 PM Walk to dinner



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7:15 PM

Dinner Program: “What is the American Tech Stack: An Introduction” presented by The ITI Institute

Dinner location to be determined

A structured conversation with speakers representing the different layers that make up the stack: Infrastructure, Data, Model Development and Operations, Application and Cross-layer to provide baseline knowledge and help prepare staff for the program.

Dinner provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.

Featured Speakers:

- **Kimberly Storin**, Chief Marketing Officer, **Zoom**
- **Levi Patterson**, Director of Energy, Science, and AI Infrastructure Policy, **NVIDIA**
- **John Miller**, Executive Vice President of Policy & General Counsel, **ITI**

9:15 PM

Walk to hotel

9:30 PM

Arrive hotel / No further scheduled activities for Day 1

Day 2 – Wednesday, May 27

7:20 AM

Group assembles in the lobby

7:30 AM

Shuttle bus transportation from hotel to The University of Texas at Austin (UT)

8 – 8:45 AM

Breakfast Program: Tour UT’s Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC)

10100 Burnet Rd., J.J. Pickle Research Campus, Building 205

Staff will get an overview of UT’s computing resources and infrastructure, as well as the impact of advanced computing power on accelerating research and discovery. Following the brief, staff will get an inside look at one of the most powerful academic supercomputers in the U.S., including leadership-class systems used by thousands of researchers nationwide. Staff will see facilities that support high-performance computing, AI at scale, massive data storage, and advanced visualization—capabilities that few centers globally can offer in one integrated environment.

Breakfast provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.

Featured Speakers:

- **Dan Stanzione**, Associate Vice President for Research, TACC
- **Kelly Gaither**, Senior Research Scientist, TACC

8:50 AM

Ground transportation to Q2 Stadium

8:55 – 9:55 AM

Schneider Electric at Q2 Stadium: Energy Infrastructure & Grid Reliability in the AI Era

10414 Mc Kalla Pl., Austin

Visit Q2 Stadium, home to Austin FC, with Schneider Electric for a guided tour of the venue’s advanced energy management and building systems. Staff will see how integrated electrical infrastructure, digital monitoring, and automation technologies support reliability and efficiency at scale, framed within the broader national conversation on data center growth, rising electricity demand, grid reliability, and the role of digital energy management solutions in modern infrastructure planning.

This visit is limited to an educational briefing and site visit regarding energy infrastructure, grid reliability, and operational systems. It does not include attendance at a sporting event or any recreational, entertainment, or hospitality component.



Featured Speakers:

- **Melena Gonzalez Dabdoub**, VP, Customer Transformation
- **Thomas Spence**, Construction Manager, Q2 Stadium Project Lead
- **Robert Nathan**, Manager, Government Relations, Texas and Tennessee, North America Operations

10 AM

Shuttle bus transportation to Dell Technologies

10:15 –

Dell Technologies HQ Tour + Briefing: Enterprise Infrastructure and Applied AI in Practice

11:35 AM

1 Dell Way, Round Rock [Building RR3 (CSC), Building RR2 (AI Lab)]

Visit to Dell for an interactive program at the Customer Solution Center featuring demonstrations of enterprise computing and AI-enabled systems across sectors such as retail, healthcare, energy and manufacturing. The session will illustrate how computing infrastructure, servers, and enterprise systems integrate with application-layer technologies to support real-world deployment. Staff will observe how large-scale technology systems are developed, configured, and implemented across industries. Following the CSC tour, staffers will visit the AI lab where Dell is testing cutting edge AI technology in real-world applications.

Featured Speakers:

- **John Howard**, Director, Global Government Affairs
- **Miguel Liscano**, Consultant, Public Affairs
- **Robert Baird**, Program Manager, Labs and Data Center in the Americas
- **Hector Valenzuela**, Senior Solutions Architect
- **Elias Torres**, Technical Project Manager, Customer Solution Centers

11:40 AM

Shuttle bus transportation to Dell Diamond

11:55 AM – 1:15 PM

Round Rock Express Lunch and Learn: AI and Advanced Analytics in Live Sports - Data, Automation, and Real-Time Decision-Making

Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock

Congressional staff will gain a practical look at how AI is being deployed today across decision-making, analytics, and robotics. The program will highlight several cutting-edge technologies used across Major League Baseball, including the KinaTrax system; the Automated Ball-Strike (ABS) Challenge System; and the Trajekt Machine. This session will provide a unique look at how real-time data processing, sensor technologies, and machine learning applications operate in dynamic, high-stakes environments, offering broader insights into the growing role of AI and automation across industries.

Lunch provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.

This stop is limited to an educational briefing, demonstration, and site visit. It does not include attendance at a game, practice, or other recreational, entertainment.

Featured Speakers:

- **Tim Jackson**, GM, Round Rock Express Baseball Club
- **Stosh Hoover**, Director, Minor League Operations, Texas Rangers Baseball Club

1:20 PM

Shuttle bus transportation to Amazon

1:30 – 2:15 PM

Amazon AUS2 Fulfillment Center Tour + Briefing: AI, Robotics, and Modern Supply Chains

2000 E Pecan St., Pflugerville

A visit to Amazon's AUS2 warehouse will provide staff with a firsthand look at how AI and robotics are transforming large-scale logistics and supply chains. At Amazon's



fulfillment center, the delegation will see how AI systems coordinate with robots and conveyor technologies to process hundreds of thousands of packages daily, optimizing inventory management, routing, and delivery speed. The visit highlights key considerations including human-AI collaboration in the workplace, operational efficiency, worker safety, and the broader implications of automation for jobs, productivity, and supply chain resilience.

Featured Speaker:

- **Isaac Winters**, Senior Operations Manager

2:20 PM

Shuttle bus transportation to Applied Materials

2:35 – 3:55 PM

Applied Materials (AMAT): Powering the Stack: U.S. Semiconductor Manufacturing in Action

9700 US-290, Austin

Visit to Applied Materials' Austin manufacturing facility, the company's anchor U.S. production site for semiconductor equipment. Staff will tour a live cleanroom manufacturing floor to see firsthand how semiconductor equipment is assembled and learn how these materials underpin the development of next-generation chips critical to AI and the broader U.S. tech stack. The visit will also provide educational context on the complexity of the semiconductor supply chain and the role of domestic manufacturing in supporting American innovation and competitiveness.

Featured Speakers:

- **Robert Blair**, Vice President, Government Affairs and Chief Global Policy Officer
- **Cody Harlow**, Managing Director, Operations
- **Ryan Schwieterman**, Manager, Operations Management
- **Richard Skop**, Manager, Operations Management

4:00 PM

Shuttle bus transportation to UT Texas Robotics

4:15 – 4:55 PM

The University of Texas at Austin Tour + Briefing: Texas Robotics

2501 Wichita St., Austin

Tour of Texas Robotics offers a compelling look at how AI is moving theory to real-world impact by highlighting how AI research is shaping the future workforce, driving economic competitiveness, and addressing societal challenges in areas such as manufacturing, healthcare, and infrastructure. Staffers will experience hands-on demos of intelligent machines that perceive, learn, and interact with people and their environments—showcasing advances in autonomy, human-AI collaboration, and applied engineering. Demos will include autonomous robots that navigate complex environments, AI-driven robotic assistants that support healthcare and rehabilitation, and advanced manufacturing robots that adapt in real time to improve efficiency and safety. The tour also highlights work in human-robot interaction, where AI enables machines to understand speech, gestures, and intent, as well as robotics applications for infrastructure inspection, disaster response, and space and underwater exploration.

Featured Speakers:

- **Mitch Pryor**, Research Professor and Director
- **Joydeep Biswas**, Associate Director

5:00 PM

Shuttle bus transportation to Hyatt Centric

5:20 PM

Arrive at hotel

5:45 PM

Group assembles in the lobby



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- 5:50 – 6:00 PM Shuttle bus transportation to Cisco
- 6:05 – 8 PM **Dinner Program: Cisco: AI + Infrastructure Security**
600 W. 5th St., Suite 1300
Cisco will provide a comprehensive look at the foundation of the AI era. The discussion will illustrate how AI success extends far beyond hyperscale data centers, requiring robust networking and edge infrastructure to function at scale. Staff will gain insight into the holistic AI "supply chain"—from training data provenance and model integrity to the secure deployment of applications. The discussion will emphasize the importance of visibility into the AI supply chain and the role of secure infrastructure in supporting American competitiveness in the global AI landscape. This session will highlight why securing the underlying infrastructure is a national imperative for maintaining U.S. leadership in AI innovation and resilience.
Dinner provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.
Featured Speaker:
- **Lukas Krattiger**, Cisco Fellow/VP, CTO, Data Center Networking, Technical Marketing Engineering
- 8:05 PM Walk to hotel
- 8:15 PM Arrive hotel / No further scheduled activities for Day 2

Day 3 – Thursday, May 28

- 8 AM Breakfast at hotel before departure
Breakfast provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.
- 9 AM Group assembles in the lobby with luggage after hotel check out
- 9:05 – 9:25 AM Shuttle bus transport to AMD
- 9:30 – 11:40 AM **AMD (Advanced Micro Devices) Campus Visit: Powering the Tech Stack: Chips, Compute, and AI**
7171 Southwest Pkwy., Austin
Visit to AMD's Southwest Parkway campus for a tour of the Customer Engagement Center and product testing labs and receive an executive briefing. The visit will provide educational insight into the role high-performance computing and semiconductor design play in powering AI, cloud infrastructure, and the broader U.S. digital ecosystem at AMD's product testing labs. Following the tour, the delegation will receive an overview of AMD's broad technology portfolio, including data center CPUs, AI accelerators, FPGAs, gaming, and PC products, and see firsthand how advanced chips are tested and validated for consumer and enterprise use.
Featured Speakers:
- **Mark Papermaster**, Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President
 - **Nathan Pisik**, Head of Global Experience Centers and Technology Showrooms
- 12 PM Shuttle bus transportation from AMD to Samsung
- 12:20 – 2:40 PM **Samsung Austin Tour: Semiconductor Manufacturing in Practice - Advanced Fabrication and Automation**
12100 Samsung Blvd., Austin
On a tour of the Samsung Semiconductor Manufacturing Facility in Austin, staff will have a rare opportunity to view the semiconductor clean room and observe the chip manufacturing process. Specifically, staff will observe the extremely complex and highly automated process of this advanced manufacturing. Prior to the tour,



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Featured Speakers:

- **Jonathan Taylor**, Executive Vice President, Infra Technology Center of Excellence
- **Dana Harris Pate**, Director, State and Local Affairs
- **Zac Rosenbaum**, Senior Director, Infrastructure Innovation
- **Kwee Lan Teo**, Workforce Development

2:45 PM

Shuttle bus transportation to airport (AUS)

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3:15 PM

Arrive airport/Check-in

5 PM

Wheels up from AUS on United Flight #376

9:10 PM

Wheels down IAD / No further scheduled activities for Day 3 / End of programming

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May 21, 2026

Mr. Blake Nolan
Office of the Honorable Vern Buchanan
2409 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Nolan:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Austin, Texas, scheduled for May 25 to 28, 2026, sponsored by the ITI Institute. We note that this trip includes one day at your personal expense.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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The ITI Institute House Staff Educational Trip to Austin, Texas Tuesday, May 26 – Thursday, May 28, 2026 “Building the American Tech Stack: From Foundation to Application”

Attachment A: Question 4 – Names, titles, and explanation for invitations for all House invitees.

The ITI Institute is organizing this educational trip for congressional staff from both Republican and Democratic offices in the U.S. House of Representatives seeking to learn more about tangible, everyday benefits technology brings to economies and communities across the U.S. through thoughtful conversations.

The program will feature a series of briefings and site visits highlighting key issues at the intersection of tech and innovation. The staff members listed below were invited because of their work on policy issues in tech including AI, cybersecurity, export controls, semiconductors, energy, permitting reform, manufacturing and R&D. The invitees work as committee staff or for Members who serve on the House Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, Homeland Security, China Select, Science, Space, and Technology and Foreign Affairs or are staffers in House Leadership offices specifically covering tech policy. The staffers selected are professionals with tech portfolios covering the aforementioned issues and play a vital role in advancing policy and innovation in tech.

INVITEES

U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Staff

First	Last	Title	Office
Elizabeth	Adkins	Chief of Staff	Valerie Foushee (NC)
Nolan	Ahern	Senior Policy Advisor	Majority Whip Emmer (MN)
Liz	Amster	Chief of Staff	Jake Auchincloss (MA)
Jenn	Arnold	Legislative Counsel	Greg Stanton (AZ)
Cyrus	Artz	Senior Policy Adviser	Speaker of the House Johnson (LA)
Amanda	Baldwin	Chief of Staff	Nathaniel Moran (TX)
Caroline	Bender	Chief of Staff	Erin Houchin (IN)
Moira	Bergin	Subcommittee Director and Counsel (Minority)	House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection
Jeff	Bishop	Chief of Staff	Jefferson Shreve (IN)
Andrew	Bohn	Legislative Director	Pat Fallon (TX)
Anne-Marie	Boisseau	Chief of Staff	Lizzie Fletcher (TX)
Lorissa	Bounds	Chief of Staff	Jay Obernolte (CA)
Gideon	Bragin	Executive Director	Minority Leader Jeffries (NY)
Grace	Brightbill	Legislative Assistant	Don Beyer (VA)
Jackie	Burke	Member Services Director	Majority Whip Emmer (MN)
William	Burns	Senior Legislative Assistant	Jay Obernolte (CA)



John	Byers	Chief of Staff	August Pfluger (TX)
Ashley	Bykerk	Senior Counsel	Minority Whip Clark (MA)
Zach	Cafritz	Chief of Staff	Don Beyer (VA)
Jim	Cho	Chief of Staff	Sydney Kamlager-Dove (CA)
Marcus	Clark	Security Director	House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection
Becky	Cornell	Chief of Staff	Pete Aguilar (CA)
Dante	Cutrona	Chief of Staff	John Joyce (PA)
Alec	Daman	Senior Legislative Assistant	Bill Huizenga (MI)
Eric	Davis	Senior Policy Advisor	Committee on Budget
Eric	Delaney	Policy Director	Pete Aguilar (CA)
Parul	Desai	Chief Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
David	Dorfman	Deputy Staff Director /Chief Counsel (Minority)	House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the US and China
Michael	Essington	Chief Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
Kelly	Fabian	Chief Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Trade
Casey	Fitzpatrick	Counsel	Majority Leader Scalise (LA)
Roddy	Flynn	Chief of Staff	Sarah McBride (DE)
Hannah	Fraher	Chief of Staff	Mike Haridopolos (FL)
Laura	Fullerton	Deputy Staff Director	House Foreign Affairs Committee
Matt	Furlow	Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee
Anubhav	Gupta	Senior Professional Staff Member	House Foreign Affairs Committee
Ashley	Gutwein	Chief of Staff	Zach Nunn (IA)
Molly	Harris- Stevens	Deputy Chief of Staff	Jake Ellzey (TX)
Emily	Hebein	Chief of Staff	Bob Latta (OH)
Roland	Hernandez	Staff Director (Majority)	House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection
Jake	Hilkin	Director of Member Services	Majority Leader Scalise (LA)
Landon	Hoffman	Chief of Staff	Laurel Lee (FL)
Lara	Hopkins	Chief of Staff	Kathy Castor (FL)
Mary	Huang	Senior Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee
Will	Hunt	Senior Fellow	House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the US and China
Tasia	Jackson	Chief of Staff	Minority Leader Jeffries (NY)
Keighle	Joyce	Staff Director (Majority)	House Homeland Security Committee



Yuichiro	Kakutani	Professional Staff Member	House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the US and China
Megan	Kanne	Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee, Manufacturing and Trade Subcommittee
B.J.	Koohmaraie	Policy Director	House Majority Leader Scalise (LA)
Shine	Lee	Legislative Director	Young Kim (CA)
Giulia	Leganksi	Chief Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Manufacturing and Trade
John	Lin	Senior Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
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Georgia	McLean	Legislative Assistant	Rob Menendez (NJ)
Alan	McQuinn	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Pranay	Mittal	Professional Staff Member	House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
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Bo	Morris	Chief of Staff	Joe Neguse (CO)
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Hillary	Parkinson	Chief of Staff	Keith Self (TX)
Karthik	Raja	Professional Staff Member/Counsel	House Foreign Affairs Committee
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Alex	Scheuer	Policy Adviser	House Minority Leader Jeffries (NY)
Niel	Schrage	Senior Policy Advisor	Erin Houchin (IN)
Katherine	Sears	Chief of Staff	Vince Fong (CA)
Philip	Singleton	Chief of Staff	Rich McCormick (GA)
Anneliese	Slamowitz	Legislative Assistant	Nanette Barragán (CA)
Will	Smith	Chief of Staff	Nick Langworthy (NY)
Jackie	Sobol	Senior Legislative Assistant	Scott Peters (CA)
Harden	Spencer	Legislative Director	Valerie Foushee (NC)
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Johanna	Thomas	Senior Counsel	House Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology
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Tuesday, May 26 – Thursday, May 28, 2026
“Building the American Tech Stack: From Foundation to Application”**

Attachment B: Question 12 – Sponsor’s interest in the subject and role in organizing

The ITI Institute, a section 501(c)(3) organization, is the sole organizer and sponsor of this trip. The Institute’s mission is to educate about how technology affects daily life, economic growth, and innovation. Consistent with that mission, the Institute is sponsoring this three-day educational program in Austin to provide U.S. House of Representatives staff with a firsthand look at the infrastructure, manufacturing, research, and applied technologies that comprise the modern U.S. technology ecosystem.

The trip will bring together experts from leading technology companies and the public sector for site visits and discussions examining how U.S. technology companies develop, deploy, and sustain the American tech stack. The trip is intended to deepen staff’s understanding of the relationship among foundational infrastructure and hardware, data systems, model development, cybersecurity, and end-user applications, and of how those components work together to support innovation, economic competitiveness, and national resilience. Topics will include artificial intelligence, workforce development, energy, health, cybersecurity, manufacturing, research and development, and trade.

The ITI Institute is solely responsible for planning, organizing, and paying for the trip. The Institute will pay trip expenses directly, including transportation, lodging, and meals. Participating companies and other entities will provide educational briefings and site access as part of the program, but no other entity is providing funds, services, or in-kind assistance intended to finance any aspect of the trip. The itinerary is limited to educational programming and related travel between the airport, hotel, and scheduled program locations; it does not include recreational or entertainment activities.



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The ITI Institute House Staff Educational Trip to Austin, Texas

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“Building the American Tech Stack: From Foundation to Application”

AGENDA

Day 1 – Tuesday, May 26

11 AM	Arrive Washington Dulles (IAD), group check in
1:10 PM	Wheels up from IAD on United Flight #2746 <i>Lunch provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.</i>
3:37 PM	Wheels down in Austin-Bergstrom International Airport (AUS)
4:15 PM	Shuttle bus from airport to Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin
On shuttle	Introduction to The ITI Institute and Trip Overview <i>En route to hotel</i> Welcome, intros and briefing from leadership of The ITI Institute. Staffers will get an overview of The Institute’s mission to demonstrate and educate about the tangible, everyday benefits technology and AI bring to U.S. communities and economies across the national and outline the objectives for the Austin-area site visits. Featured Speakers: • Ashley Berrang, Executive Director, The ITI Institute
4:45 PM	Arrive Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin + check in 721 N Congress Ave., Austin
5:20 PM	Group assembles in the lobby
5:30 PM	Ground transportation from hotel to Google
5:45 – 7:30 PM	Google: Chips to Cloud: Google and the Future of AI 601 West 2nd St., Austin Visit to Google’s Austin office for a presentation focusing on AI, energy, data centers and autonomous vehicles which will provide the delegation with a comprehensive look at the American tech stack's lifecycle, ranging from semiconductor manufacturing to cloud infrastructure deployment and the application layer with YouTube and Waymo. Google's experts will demonstrate how these foundational technologies integrate with advanced data systems to power the next generation of AI model development. Ultimately, the sessions will highlight how Google’s innovations in both hardware and software drive U.S. economic leadership, strengthen supply chain resilience, and support the broader digital ecosystem. Featured Speakers: • Brad Simmons, Energy and Sustainability Policy Manager, Government Affairs & Public Policy • Leah Popoff, Director, Cloud Government Affairs & Public Policy

	• Aidan Ali-Sullivan, Regional Head, Waymo Public Policy • Erica Arbetter Janovitz, YouTube, Strategic Initiatives, Americas Manager
7:35 PM	Walk to dinner
7:45 PM	Dinner Program: “What is the American Tech Stack: An Introduction” presented by The ITI Institute Dinner location to be determined A structured conversation with speakers representing the different layers that make up the stack: Infrastructure, Data, Model Development and Operations, Application and Cross-layer to provide baseline knowledge and help prepare staff for the program. <i>Dinner provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.</i> Featured Speakers: • Levi Patterson, Director of Energy, Science, and AI Infrastructure Policy, NVIDIA • John Miller, General Counsel & SVP of Policy, Trust, Data, and Technology, ITI • <i>Additional speakers to be confirmed</i>
9:15 PM	Walk to hotel
9:30 PM	Arrive hotel / No further scheduled activities for Day 1

Day 2 – Wednesday, May 27

7:20 AM	Group assembles in the lobby
7:30 AM	Shuttle bus transportation from hotel to The University of Texas at Austin (UT)
8 – 8:45 AM	Breakfast Program: Tour UT’s Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) 10100 Burnet Rd., J.J. Pickle Research Campus, Building 205 Staff will get an overview of UT’s computing resources and infrastructure, as well as the impact of advanced computing power on accelerating research and discovery. Following the brief, staff will get an inside look at one of the most powerful academic supercomputers in the U.S., including leadership-class systems used by thousands of researchers nationwide. Staff will see facilities that support high-performance computing, AI at scale, massive data storage, and advanced visualization—capabilities that few centers globally can offer in one integrated environment. <i>Breakfast provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.</i> Featured Speakers: • Dan Stanzione, Associate Vice President for Research, TACC • Kelly Gaither, Senior Research Scientist, TACC
8:50 AM	Ground transportation to Q2 Stadium
8:55 – 9:55 AM	Schneider Electric at Q2 Stadium: Energy Infrastructure & Grid Reliability in the AI Era 10414 Mc Kalla Pl., Austin

	Visit Q2 Stadium, home to Austin FC, with Schneider Electric for a guided tour of the venue's advanced energy management and building systems. Staff will see how integrated electrical infrastructure, digital monitoring, and automation technologies support reliability and efficiency at scale, framed within the broader national conversation on data center growth, rising electricity demand, grid reliability, and the role of digital energy management solutions in modern infrastructure planning. <i>This visit is limited to an educational briefing and site visit regarding energy infrastructure, grid reliability, and operational systems. It does not include attendance at a sporting event or any recreational, entertainment, or hospitality component.</i> Featured Speakers: • Vandana Singh, SVP of Secure Power, North America • Jessy Han, Policy Advisor • Thomas Spence, Construction Manager, Q2 Stadium Project Lead
10 AM	Shuttle bus transportation to Dell Technologies
10:15 – 11:35 AM	Dell Technologies HQ Tour + Briefing: Enterprise Infrastructure and Applied AI in Practice 1 Dell Way, Round Rock [Building RR3 (CSC), Building RR2 (AI Lab)] Visit to Dell for an interactive program at the Customer Solution Center featuring demonstrations of enterprise computing and AI-enabled systems across sectors such as retail, healthcare, energy and manufacturing. The session will illustrate how computing infrastructure, servers, and enterprise systems integrate with application-layer technologies to support real-world deployment. Staff will observe how large-scale technology systems are developed, configured, and implemented across industries. Following the CSC tour, staffers will visit the AI lab where Dell is testing cutting edge AI technology in real-world applications. Featured Speakers: • John Howard, Director, Global Government Affairs • Miguel Liscano, Consultant, Public Affairs • Robert Baird, Program Manager, Labs and Data Center in the Americas
11:40 AM	Shuttle bus transportation to Dell Diamond
11:55 AM – 12:55 PM	Round Rock Express Lunch and Learn: AI and Advanced Analytics in Live Sports - Data, Automation, and Real-Time Decision-Making Dell Diamond, 3400 E. Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock Congressional staff will gain a practical look at how AI is being deployed today across decision-making, analytics, and robotics. The program will highlight several cutting-edge technologies used across Major League Baseball, including the KinaTrax system; the Automated Ball-Strike (ABS) Challenge System; and the Trajekt Machine. This session will provide a unique look at how real-time data processing, sensor technologies, and machine learning applications operate in dynamic, high-stakes environments, offering broader insights into the growing role of AI and automation across industries.

	<i>Lunch provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.</i> <i>This stop is limited to an educational briefing, demonstration, and site visit. It does not include attendance at a game, practice, or other recreational, entertainment.</i> Featured Speakers: • Tim Jackson, GM, Round Rock Express Baseball Club • Stosh Hoover, Director, Minor League Operations, Texas Rangers Baseball Club
1 PM	Shuttle bus transportation to Amazon
1:15 – 2 PM	Amazon AUS2 Fulfillment Center Tour + Briefing: AI, Robotics, and Modern Supply Chains 2000 E Pecan St., Pflugerville A visit to Amazon's AUS2 warehouse will provide staff with a firsthand look at how AI and robotics are transforming large-scale logistics and supply chains. At Amazon's fulfillment center, the delegation will see how AI systems coordinate with robots and conveyor technologies to process hundreds of thousands of packages daily, optimizing inventory management, routing, and delivery speed. The visit highlights key considerations including human-AI collaboration in the workplace, operational efficiency, worker safety, and the broader implications of automation for jobs, productivity, and supply chain resilience. Featured Speaker: • Lacey Tyler, General Manager
2:05 PM	Shuttle bus transportation to Applied Materials
2:20 – 3:35 PM	Applied Materials (AMAT): Powering the Stack: U.S. Semiconductor Manufacturing in Action 9700 US-290, Austin Visit to Applied Materials' Austin manufacturing facility, the company's anchor U.S. production site for semiconductor equipment. Staff will tour a live cleanroom manufacturing floor to see firsthand how semiconductor equipment is assembled and learn how these materials underpin the development of next-generation chips critical to AI and the broader U.S. tech stack. The visit will also provide educational context on the complexity of the semiconductor supply chain and the role of domestic manufacturing in supporting American innovation and competitiveness. Featured Speakers: • Stephen Gustafson, Vice President of Manufacturing and Austin Site Leader • Ryan Schwieterman, Manager, Operations Management • Richard Skop, Manager, Operations Management
3:40 PM	Shuttle bus transportation to UT Texas Robotics
3:55 – 4:35 PM	The University of Texas at Austin Tour + Briefing: Texas Robotics 2501 Wichita St., Austin

	Tour of Texas Robotics offers a compelling look at how AI is moving theory to real-world impact by highlighting how AI research is shaping the future workforce, driving economic competitiveness, and addressing societal challenges in areas such as manufacturing, healthcare, and infrastructure. Staffers will experience hands-on demos of intelligent machines that perceive, learn, and interact with people and their environments—showcasing advances in autonomy, human-AI collaboration, and applied engineering. Demos will include autonomous robots that navigate complex environments, AI-driven robotic assistants that support healthcare and rehabilitation, and advanced manufacturing robots that adapt in real time to improve efficiency and safety. The tour also highlights work in human-robot interaction, where AI enables machines to understand speech, gestures, and intent, as well as robotics applications for infrastructure inspection, disaster response, and space and underwater exploration. Featured Speakers: • Mitch Pryor, Research Professor and Director, UT Austin • Peter Stone, Department Chair, UT Austin
4:40 PM	Shuttle bus transportation to Hyatt Centric
4:55 PM	Arrive at hotel
5:30 PM	Group assembles in the lobby
5:30 – 5:45 PM	Walk to Cisco
6 – 8 PM	Dinner Program: Cisco: AI + Infrastructure Security 600 W. 5th St., Suite 1300 Cisco will provide a comprehensive look at the foundation of the AI era. The discussion will illustrate how AI success extends far beyond hyperscale data centers, requiring robust networking and edge infrastructure to function at scale. Staff will gain insight into the holistic AI "supply chain"—from training data provenance and model integrity to the secure deployment of applications. The discussion will emphasize the importance of visibility into the AI supply chain and the role of secure infrastructure in supporting American competitiveness in the global AI landscape. This session will highlight why securing the underlying infrastructure is a national imperative for maintaining U.S. leadership in AI innovation and resilience. <i>Dinner provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.</i> Featured Speaker: • Lukas Krattiger, Cisco Fellow/VP, Data Center Networking, Technical Marketing Engineering
8:05 PM	Walk to hotel
8:15 PM	Arrive hotel / No further scheduled activities for Day 2

Day 3 – Thursday, May 28

8 AM	Breakfast at hotel before departure <i>Breakfast provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.</i>
9 AM	Group assembles in the lobby with luggage after hotel check out
9:30 – 11:30 AM	AMD (Advanced Micro Devices) Campus Visit: Powering the Tech Stack: Chips, Compute, and AI 7171 Southwest Pkwy., Austin Visit to AMD’s Southwest Parkway campus for a tour of the Customer Engagement Center and product testing labs and receive an executive briefing. The visit will provide educational insight into the role high-performance computing and semiconductor design play in powering AI, cloud infrastructure, and the broader U.S. digital ecosystem at AMD’s product testing labs. Following the tour, the delegation will receive an overview of AMD’s broad technology portfolio, including data center CPUs, AI accelerators, FPGAs, gaming, and PC products, and see firsthand how advanced chips are tested and validated for consumer and enterprise use. Featured Speakers: • Mark Papermaster, Chief Technology Officer and Executive Vice President • Nathan Pisik, Head of Global Experience Centers and Technology Showrooms
11:35 AM	Shuttle bus transportation from AMD to Samsung
12:10 – 2:10 PM	Samsung Austin Tour: Semiconductor Manufacturing in Practice - Advanced Fabrication and Automation 12100 Samsung Blvd., Austin On a tour of the Samsung Semiconductor Manufacturing Facility in Austin, staff will have a rare opportunity to view the semiconductor clean room and observe the chip manufacturing process. Specifically, staff will observe the extremely complex and highly automated process of this advanced manufacturing. Prior to the tour, Samsung will guide staff through the “Semicon World” showroom that features the history of the semiconductor and the background to understand semiconductor manufacturing. <i>Lunch provided by and paid for by The ITI Institute.</i> Featured Speakers: • Martin Thierry, Senior Director, Engineering • Krista Von Arx, VP, Infra Team • Michele Glaze, Senior Director, Communications
2:15 PM	Shuttle bus transportation to airport (AUS)
2:45 PM	Arrive airport/Check-in
5 PM	Wheels up from AUS on United Flight #376
9:10 PM	Wheels down IAD / No further scheduled activities for Day 3 / End of programming