

I/ITSEC Next Big Thing

2 NBT Programs at I/ITSEC 2026

- The Next Big Thing TalX
- The Technical Edge Event



What is the Next Big Thing?

- NBT is a showcase of novel and nascent technologies poised to disrupt the industry within the next 3-5 years
- Why? Raise awareness, accelerate the **maturation and adoption** of these technologies
- How? NTSA events sponsored throughout the year
- Culmination at I/ITSEC

Next: not now! 3-5 year time horizon

- if there's a demo, it's not next!

Big: disruptive, industry-changing

Thing: technology, application, event



Formats

- 20min TalX (**no slides**)
- Collaborative discussions
- Moderated panels/interviews

2026 Themes

- Autonomy and Automation
- Energy Density and Power
- Quantum Computing
- Wargaming
- Workforce Transformation



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MY EXPERIENCE

"More creative than any conference talk I've given in the past. It was unexpectedly fun, genuinely innovative, and (most importantly) far less intimidating than it sounds."

TALK HIGHLIGHTS



Resilience Over Prediction

Preparedness beats prophecy. Real incidents like Colonial Pipeline & CrowdStrike prove no model predicts what breaks next.



Human-First Response

Defense in depth, cross-trained teams, and flat decision authority are vital. Technical resilience fails without people.



Train for Chaos

Tabletop exercises *must* be messy & pressure-tested. The Kobayashi Maru mindset: don't follow the script or try to have one "right" answer. It's all adaptable.

HOW IT WORKS

01

Express Interest

Apply or contact coordinators directly

02

Submit & Get Accepted

Topic abstract + bio reviewed; Bird Dog assigned

03

Prepare

~2 hrs/wk; script, slides, optional practice runs

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Deliver

Arrive early; True "turn key" experience from start to finish.

TIME COMMITMENT

~2 hrs/week

Prep (script & slides)

~2 hrs total

Bird Dog calls

Optional

Practice runs

~30 min

Talk + Q&A

All about what's NOVEL & DISRUPTIVE

➤ Interested in speaking at I/ITSEC 2026? Contact: [Brian Stensrud - Brian.Stensrud@caemilusa.com](mailto:Brian.Stensrud@caemilusa.com)





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