Public Sector Foresight Network Meeting

World Future Society Annual Conference
July 27, 2012, in Toronto

Preliminary Agenda

9:00 **Welcome & Introduction**
- **Nancy Donovan**, GAO, **Ken Hunter**, World Future Society, **Clem Bezold**, Institute for Alternative Futures

9:30 **Overview of Foresight, Across Nations**
- **Jack Smith** has held foresight positions in Canada's National Research Council, Office of National Science Advisor, and Department of Defense.

10:00 **Overview of Canadian Foresight**
- **Peter Padbury** is Director of Scanning and Foresight at Policy Horizons Canada, a foresight center in the Canadian Federal Government.

10:30 **Break**

10:50 **Overview of Foresight at GAO and other U.S. Federal Agencies**
- **Nancy Donovan**, Senior Analyst, Applied Research and Methods, US Government Accountability Office (GAO)

11:20 **Panel on Local Government Foresight**
- **Dewey Harris**, Assistant County Manager, Catawba County
- **John Jackson**, Houston Police Department and Police Futurists International
- **Leonard Matarese**, Director of Research and Public Safety Programs at International City/County Management Association (ICMA)

Noon **Lunch**
- All are on their own, with suggestions for speediest and best in the hotel or nearby

1:00 **What Does Your Foresight Need Most?**
- Facilitated, full group discussion

1:30 **Foresight in Specific Policy Areas**
- Participants can choose among: Security/defense related foresight, Environment and Resources, others to be nominated at the session

2:00   **Sustaining Foresight and the Contribution of Foresight in a Downturn**
- Facilitated, full group discussion

2:30   **Break**

2:50   **Foresight Methods and Approaches: What Do You Use?**
- Facilitated, full group discussion

3:30   **Communicating and Measuring Foresight**
- Facilitated, full group discussion

4:00   **What Do We Want – Designing PSFN's Future**
- Discussion of what participants want from PSFN, degree of participation, willingness to take part or lead discussion; communication platform, etc.?

4:50   **Concluding Thoughts**

5:00   **No-host Reception**