From: Bruce Coffing <Bruce.Coffing@chicago.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 3:28 PM
To: Steve Berlin <Steve.Berlin@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: RE: Approval Requested: AWS Imagine

Steve – I did not attend the opening reception on Monday evening. I attended the conference on Tuesday and presented on the panel, both in my official capacity. I attended a dinner Tuesday evening with vendor friends / acquaintances, paying for my own tab. I did not attend the conference on Wednesday. I did not accept any food / swag worth more than $50.

Please let me know if anything additional is needed.

Thank you,

- Bruce

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From: Bruce Coffing <Bruce.Coffing@chicago.gov>
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To: Steve Berlin <Steve.Berlin@cityofchicago.org>
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Steve – my apologies for the timing on my request. I was looking back over my requests and noticed that I have not yet requested approval for a panel presentation at this week's Amazon Web Services (AWS) Imagine Education, State and Local Government conference being hosted at the Chicago Hilton and Towers.

Monica Thompson, a contact in my network and former State of North Carolina CISO, invited me to speak on the "Whole of State Approach: Strengthening Cybersecurity" panel with State of Illinois Security Operations Center (SOC) Supervisor John Nicholson, former State of Illinois CISO, Adam Ford, and former State of Colorado CISO Deb Blyth. The conference runs Tuesday and Wednesday with an opening reception Monday evening at the Art Institute. The panel is Tuesday afternoon at 2:45.

Details are in the attached: (there are two attachments, one includes the Monday reception and the second corrects the misprint of the two-day conference agenda)

Additional details can be found here: https://aws.amazon.com/government-education/imagine/

Agenda can be found here: https://pages.awscloud.com/rs/112-TZM-766/images/Imagine%20session%20sneak%20peak.pdf?version=1

Please let me know if there are any concerns with my participation.

Thank you,

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