

Kathleen Cowles has more than 30 years of experience in the IT industry, mainly focused on serving the U.S. government. Cowles has been a part of the IAC community for several years, participating in the Partner Program in 2007 and on the ELC Planning committee for the past three years.

Cowles is currently the Director of Corporate and Government Affairs for LGS Innovations, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alcatel-Lucent dedicated to the U.S. Government. Her affiliation with LGS and legacy companies (Lucent Technologies, AT&T Network Systems, AT&T International, and Western Electric) spans thirty years. While accompanying her husband, a Foreign Service Officer, on three international assignments, Kathleen worked for the Department of Commerce (Commercial Officer) in Kenya, USAID (Public Affairs Officer) in Egypt, and launched Digital Equipment in Hungary (Marketing Director). She also supported the Safety Program Office in FHWA (DOT) as owner of Taussig-Tomb, a small business started by her father Robert Tomb and Capt. Joseph Taussig.

With a deep spirit of volunteerism, Cowles has supported such organizations as Wounded Warrior, Junior Achievement International (President in Hungary) American International School of Budapest (Board Chairman and founding member) and was honored to receive the U.S. State Department Volunteer of the Year Award. Kathleen is currently a member of the AFCEA International Board of Directors and AFFIRM Board of Directors, where she serves as Industry Treasurer.

Cowles has a Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Maryland. She has three grown children and resides in Maryland with her husband David.