

SECURE
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July 2025 MONTHLY BULLETIN

Message from our Executive Director

Dear Secure Technology Alliance Members,

July has been a busy month across the Alliance, with both forums publishing deliverables and starting conversations about new projects. Details on the new publications and projects can be found in the following pages.

Of significant note on the payments side is the kickoff of a new project addressing the complexities of the certification processes for automated fuel dispensers. With deadlines looming in the near future, the project is intended to shed light on the unique challenges for this industry segment.

On the identity and access side, the focus has shifted to building on the success of the mDL Technology Showcase that took place at the 2025 Identity & Payments Summit, and taking the time to plan for an interoperability event alongside the Technology Showcase in 2026.

On that note, planning for the 2026 Identity & Payments Summit has begun in earnest. In the coming weeks, we will be issuing the call for speakers and communicating the first details.



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IDENTITY & PAYMENTS
SUMMIT

**Frictionless Futures:
The Convergence of Payments, Identity & Trust**
March 2-4, 2026 | Houston, TX

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March 2-4, 2026
Westin Galleria, Houston, TX

Summit Themes

Real-time payments, embedded finance and open banking

Digital wallets and alternative payment methods

Stablecoins and central bank digital currencies

Regulation, compliance and oversight of financial transactions

National identity systems, mobile credentials and citizen access

Biometric and behavioral identity verification

Authentication trends

Mobile driver's license use cases and implementation strategies

Ethical identity, privacy and financial inclusion

Agentic AI and the future of consumer interaction

AI-driven fraud detection and risk management

Post-quantum cryptography and advanced data protection

Digital mobility and cross-domain trust frameworks

Data management and secure digital experience design

For more information or to complete a speaker submission, please visit: <https://www.stasummit.com/>

Good
things
are
coming

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IAF AUGUST EVENT

August 26 & 27 | Fime | Atlanta, Georgia

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There is still time to
register for the
**Identity & Access
Forum meeting.**
Take your seat at the
table.
Let's shape the future
together.

Committee & Working Group Activities

The **mDL Jumpstart Committee** participated in the Federal mDL Industry Day and was also a panelist for “mDL in Payments” podcast, [available here](#). Working on white paper “**Why Accept mDL Now**”

The **mDL Age Verification Working Group** has published its Use Case - check it out [HERE](#) and on [mDLconnection.com](#)

The **mDL Banking & Financial Working Group** has restructured its page on [mDLconnection.com](#). Check it out. Also working on its next white paper.

The **mDL Technical Integrations Working Group**, in collaboration with the **IAF Steering Committee & IAF members**, will lead the event details for the **Identity & Payments Summit**, which will host its **2nd annual mDL Showcase**, along with an **Interoperability Event** (details to follow).

July was a dynamic month for the U.S. Payments Forum, marked by the publication of our **Anti-Scam Resource**—a key tool in the fight against fraud—and the launch of our new **Petroleum AFD Certification Roadmap project** to address critical challenges facing the sector. We continued our **Summer Education Series** with two thought-provoking sessions and advanced strategic priorities by presenting three new project proposals to the Forum's Steering Committee. **Looking ahead to August**, members can expect the **release of 2–3 new publications**, the final session in our Summer Education Series, the debut of a fireside chat exploring the Petro AFD Certification Roadmap, and the kickoff of several new projects that reflect the evolving needs of the payments ecosystem.

The Summer Education Series continues to deliver valuable insights on the technologies shaping tomorrow's commerce. **This month, members explored two standout sessions:** Demystifying Tokenization: Protecting Payments in a Digital-First World and the ever-popular Merchant and Issuer Special Interest Group, known for its collaborative, real-world dialogue. **We're now looking ahead to the final session in the series—Cryptocurrency and Stablecoin—happening August 12.** Don't miss this chance to gain practical perspectives on digital currency developments and their impact on the payments landscape.

SUMMER EDUCATION SERIES

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Hot off the Press: Anti-Scam Industry Work Effort

Scam tactics may change, but the red flags remain the same. This new publication offers practical guidance for issuers, acquirers, and businesses to help detect, disrupt, and educate against scam-based fraud.



NEW PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT

The Forum has launched a new initiative to support petroleum retailers navigating upcoming EMV kernel and PCI PTS certification updates. This project will explore the certification complexities unique to AFDs and develop an industry-informed roadmap to support planning and implementation.



SHAPING THE FUTURE OF
PAYMENTS - **TOGETHER**

Save the date for the U.S. Payments Forum Fall Member Meeting, happening **November 12–13 at Best Buy headquarters in Minneapolis, MN**. This in-person gathering will bring together leaders from across the payments ecosystem for strategic discussions on technology implementation, market trends, and real-world challenges. It’s a valuable opportunity to collaborate with peers, gain insights, and help shape the direction of the industry.

Stay tuned for registration details and agenda highlights!

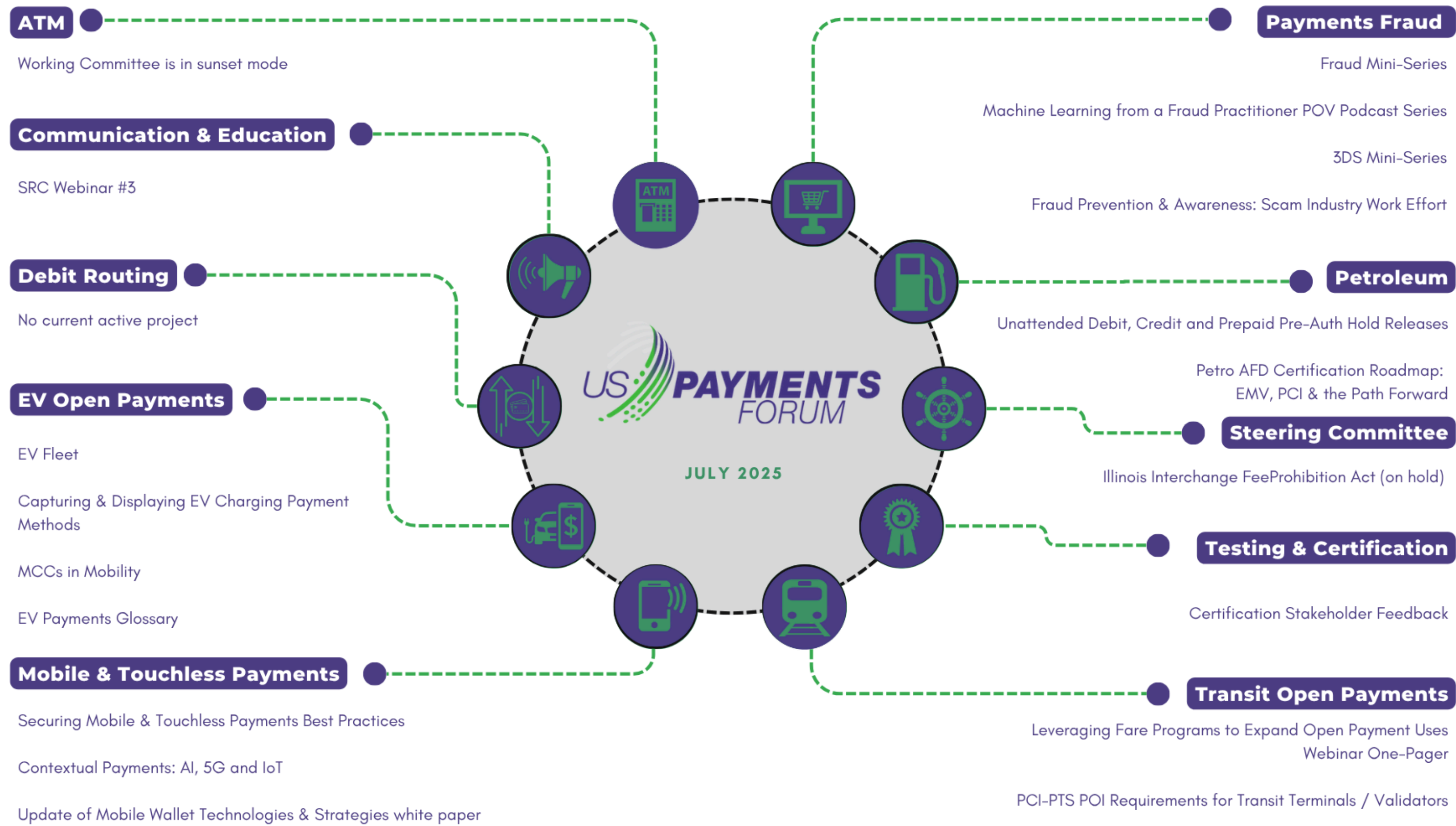


FALL CONFERENCE



November 12-13, 2025
BEST BUY HEADQUARTERS
Minneapolis, MN

FORUM WORKING COMMITTEE PROJECTS



If you would like to participate in a U.S. Payments Forum working committee, please contact [Danielle Mattison](#).

Congratulations to those that got certified this month!

Certified System Engineer ICAM PACS (CSEIP) Training and Certification

New members of the CSEIP Community - newly certified

Christopher St. John (Sandia National Laboratories)

David Montgomery (M.C. Dean)

Gene Pack (Johnson Controls Federal Systems)

Jack Walizer (ESI Systems)

James Bradley (Cal Coast Telecom)

Joshua Robielos (M.C. Dean)

CSEIP Recertification

Continuing members of the CSEIP Community

Alexander Gray (M.C. Dean)

Bob Edmonston (CertiPath)

Cesar Parada (Immigration and Customs Enforcement)

Dorian Budkoski (Integrated Security Technologies)

James Cooper (Pavion)

Jeff Brandon (Enterprise Security)

Josiah Wood (Facility Solutions Group)

Luciano Marquez (Johnson Controls)

Marco Suarez (M.C. Dean)

Marvin Rothgeb (CertiPath)

Matthew Palmer (M.C. Dean)

Ryan Perkins (Kelley Bros of Arizona)

Sam Tuttle (CertiPath)

Trent White (Identity One)

Upcoming Alliance Events

**The Alliance is looking forward to hosting our members
at the following events:**

Identity & Access Forum

Fime Offices, Atlanta, GA

August 26-27, 2025

[Register Here!](#)

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More information coming soon!

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