Speaker Bios:

Jon Brown

With over 25 years of industry experience, Jon Brown is a seasoned technology leader and frequent speaker, known for his compelling insights into AI's transformative impact. As Manager of Pre-Sales Engineering and Solutions Architect at ePlus, Mr. Brown combines technical expertise with a commitment to advancing AI adoption. A key contributor to the ePlus AI Ignite initiative, he plays a vital role in helping organizations unlock the power of AI to drive innovation. His presentations provide practical knowledge and real-world examples, equipping audiences to leverage AI effectively in their own environments.

Tony Porterfield

In 1995 while working as a firefighter with the Montgomery Fire Department during his downtime Tony became Microsoft Certified and added other technical certifications to his resume. A few years later he transferred to the City of Montgomery's IT Department as a Distributed System technician to assist with getting the City's computers Y2K Compliant..

His career then led him to a company headquartered in San Jose California where he was hired to relocate their data center operations from San Jose, CA to Montgomery, AL. After completing this contract he was then invited back to the City of Montgomery as its Network Manager during which

time he and his team began an effort to network all the City's remote location i.e. Police Department and its remote sites, Fire Department HQ and stations, the Landfill, 911 Center etc.

In December 2006 he began working as a government contractor where he served as an IT Project Manager/Program Manager that included projects such as Akamai for edge computing, NETCENTS for contract acquisitions and ITCC for computer acquisitions. He later transitioned back into private industry as a IT Project Manager.

In March of 2023 his career completed the full cycle as he was hired a third time by the City of Montgomery as its Chief Technology Officer.

Josh Lambert

Josh Lambert is a longtime software engineer and the President of Alabama Lightwave Inc, a regional broadband provider serving Bibb, Chilton, and Choctaw counties. Based in Centreville, Alabama, Josh works from an office on the town's historic square, where he continues to build software and mobile applications alongside operating network infrastructure. His background includes over a decade of developing and scaling technology platforms, which now extends into the ISP space through projects like *Rapid5GS*, an orchestration layer for Open5GS that simplifies private 4G/5G deployments. Josh also plays an active role in fostering collaboration at MGMIX (Montgomery Internet Exchange), helping strengthen peering and connectivity across the state.