2026 TT&S Annual Conference & Vendor Showcase Schedule

TUESDAY — February 17

Registration 12:00 - 4:00 pm

3:00 pm — INTRODUCTION: Seth Arndorfer, DCN CEO — **Missouri Ballroom**

KEYNOTE: ND State Broadband Office, Partnering with North Dakota's Carriers on Delivering Last-Mile Broadband to 100% of all North Dakotans
Brian D. Newby, Broadband Program Director of NDIT
Accompanied by Brian Nybakken, Broadband Program Manager of NDIT

4:00 - 6:30 pm — VENDOR SOCIAL — **Dakota Ballroom**

WEDNESDAY — February 18

Registration 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

7 - 8:30 am — BREAKFAST — **Courtyard**

MISSOURI BALLROOM

Time	Governor's Room (General/Office)	Heart Room	Sheyenne Room	Cannonball Room	Dakota Ballroom
8 - 8:50 / 9 - 9:50	**Managing and Leading Small Projects** *Carla Hixson (TrainND)*	**XGS PON Drivers and Considerations / Keeping it Simple: FTTH & OTDR Fundamentals with Smart Assistance** *Jared McDaniel (Calix)* *Jeff Harmon (Viavi)*	**7 Habits of Highly Effective Wi-Fi in Ubiquiti Networks** *Eric Weber (wifi-u)*	**The What, How, and When of Access Control** *James Anderson (Core4 Technologies)*	
10 - 10:50	**Likable Leadership in Everyday Work: Warmth and Competence in Action** *Lisa Parry*	**Introduction to Air Blown Fiber for Outside Plant Installations** *Sean Kelly (Light Brigade)*	**New Features in Appsuite** *John Patterson (NISC)*	**Power Over Ethernet (PoE)** *James Anderson (Core4 Technologies)*	**SESSIONS:** **A Day in the Life of Your Internet Packets: How the Internet Works** by Andrew Walding of CellStream **Hands-On Fiber Optics Stations** (continues after lunch)
11-11:50	**From Burnout to Bandwidth: Protecting Your Energy at Work** *Lisa Parry*	**Futurepath Microduct** *Blake Rhoads/Jake Irwin (Dura-Line)*	**What to Expect From iVue Connect** *Cathy Fuller (NISC)*	**811 in North Dakota: What Excavators and Utilities Need to Know** *Ryan Schmaltz (ND One Call)*	
12 - 1 pm	LUNCHEON				**Courtyard**
1 - 1:50	**Guiding Change at Work: Finding the Human Advantage** *Lisa Parry*	**Fiber - What's Next?** *Mike Lamb (Lightera)*	**Troubleshooting Wi-Fi Network Issues - A Step-by-Step Workflow** *Andrew Walding (Cellstream)*	**The Math of Making AI Work** *Dr. Terry Pilling (U of Mary)*	**Hands-On Fiber Optics Stations** (continued) - Sean Kelly (Light Brigade); Andrew Degidio (Sumitomo); OTDR by Steve Wolles (AFL) or Jeff Harmon (Viavi)
2 - 2:50	**Effective Use of AI in the Workplace: a Practical Guide** *Faith Harron (TrainND)*	**Looking to the Future – Fiber to the Edge** *Justin Foth (Clearfield)*	**Are Speed Tests Accurate in 2025?** *Andrew Walding (Cellstream)*	**Utility Locating Technology Changes with Centimeter Mapping Accuracy** *Dylan Daugherty (Ditch Witch)*	
3 - 3:50	**Effective Use of AI in the Workplace: a Practical Guide** *Faith Harron (TrainND)*	**Introduction to Ribbon Fiber and Splicing Best Practices** *Andrew Degidio (Sumitomo)*		**Cybersecurity Threats: New and Lingering Threats Everyone Needs to Know** *Kyle Emmel (NDIT)*	

(Right margin vertical text: TT&S Connecting the World — Introduction to Careers in Broadband Services)

4:00 - 6:30 pm — VENDOR SOCIAL - Cornhole Tournament — **Dakota Ballroom**

THURSDAY — February 19

Time	Event	Location
7:30 - 9:00 am	BREAKFAST	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
9:00 am	Roadway Safety, NDHP	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
10:00 am	"If Only" from Dawn Chisholm	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
11 pm	Closing Remarks	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)

Schedule subject to changes up to the start of the conference.
A final schedule will be available at the start of the conference.

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