

2026 TT&S ANNUAL CONFERENCE & VENDOR SHOWCASE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

February 17

Registration 12:00 - 4:00 pm	<p>3:00 pm INTRODUCTION: Seth Amdorfer, DCN CEO</p> <p>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</p>	Missouri Ballroom
	4:00 - 6:30 pm VENDOR SOCIAL	Dakota Ballroom

WEDNESDAY

February 18

Registration 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	7 - 8:30 am BREAKFAST	Courttyard			
		MISSOURI BALLROOM			
		Governor's Room (General/Office)	Heart Room	Sheyenne Room	Cannonball Room
8 - 8:50	Managing and Leading Small Projects		XGS PON Drivers and Considerations / Keeping it Simple: FTTH & OTDR Fundamentals with Smart Assistance	7 Habits of Highly Effective Wi-Fi in Ubiquiti Networks	The What, How, and When of Access Control
9 - 9:50	Carla Hixson (TrainND)		Jared McDaniel (Calix) Jeff Harmon (Viavi)	Eric Weber (wifi-u)	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)
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	Courttyard			
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)
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)		Session moved to Dakota Ballroom	Cybersecurity Threats: New and Lingering Threats Everyone Needs to Know Kyle Emmel (NDIT)	Introduction to Ribbon Fiber and Splicing Best Practices Andrew Degidio (Sumitomo)
	4:00 - 6:30 pm VENDOR SOCIAL - Cornhole Tournament	Dakota Ballroom			

THURSDAY

February 19

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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