

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 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	Missouri Ballroom
4:00 - 6:30 pm	VENDOR SOCIAL	Dakota Ballroom

WEDNESDAY

February 18

Registration 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	MISSOURI BALLROOM				
8 - 8:50	Governor's Room (General/Office) Managing and Leading Small Projects Lisa Parry	Heart Room XGS PON Drivers and Considerations / Keeping it Simple: FTTH & OTDR Fundamentals with Smart Assistance Jared McDaniel (Calix) Jeff Harmon (Viavi)	Sheyenne Room 7 Habits of Highly Effective Wi-Fi in Ubiquiti Networks Eric Weber (wifi-u)	Cannonball Room The What, How, and When of Access Control James Anderson (Core4 Technologies)	Dakota Ballroom
9 - 9:50	<i>Carla Hixson (TrainND)</i>				
10 - 10:50	<i>Likable Leadership in Everyday Work: Warmth and Competence in Action</i> Lisa Parry	<i>Introduction to Air Blown Fiber for Outside Plant Installations</i> Sean Kelly (Light Brigade)	<i>New Features in Appsuite</i> John Patterson (NISC)	<i>Power Over Ethernet (PoE)</i> James Anderson (Core4 Technologies)	
11-11:50	<i>From Burnout to Bandwidth: Protecting Your Energy at Work</i> Lisa Parry	<i>Futurepath Microduct</i> Blake Rhoads/Jake Irwin (Dura-Line)	<i>What to Expect From iVue Connect</i> Cathy Fuller (NISC)	<i>811 in North Dakota: What Excavators and Utilities Need to Know</i> Ryan Schmaltz (ND One Call)	<p>SESSIONS:</p> <p><i>A Day in the Life of Your Internet Packets: How the Internet Works by Andrew Walding of CellStream</i></p> <p><i>Hands-On Fiber Optics Stations (continues after lunch)</i></p>
12 - 1 pm	LUNCHEON				
1 - 1:50	<i>Guiding Change at Work: Finding the Human Advantage</i> Lisa Parry	<i>Fiber - What's Next?</i> Mike Lamb (Lightera)	<i>Troubleshooting Wi-Fi Network Issues - A Step-by-Step Workflow</i> Andrew Walding (Cellstream)	<i>The Math of Making AI Work</i> Dr. Terry Pilling (U of Mary)	<p><i>Hands-On Fiber Optics Stations (continued) - Sean Kelly (Light Brigade); Andrew Degidio (Sumitomo); OTDR by Steve Wolles (AFL) or Jeff Harmon (Viavi)</i></p>
2 - 2:50	<i>Effective Use of AI in the Workplace: a Practical Guide</i> Faith Harron (TrainND)	<i>Looking to the Future - Fiber to the Edge</i> Justin Foth (Clearfield)	<i>Are Speed Tests Accurate in 2025?</i> Andrew Walding (Cellstream)	<i>Utility Locating Technology Changes with Centimeter Mapping Accuracy</i> Dylan Daugherty (Ditch Witch)	<p><i>TT&S Connecting the World</i></p>
3 - 3:50	<i>Effective Use of AI in the Workplace: a Practical Guide</i> Faith Harron (TrainND)	<i>Session moved to Dakota Ballroom</i>		<i>Cybersecurity Threats: New and Lingering Threats Everyone Needs to Know</i> Kyle Emmel (NDIT)	<i>Introduction to Ribbon Fiber and Splicing Best Practices</i> Andrew Degidio (Sumitomo)
4:00 - 6:30 pm	VENDOR SOCIAL - Cornhole Tournament				

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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