2026 TT&S Annual Conference & Vendor Showcase Schedule

TUESDAY — February 17

Registration 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Time	Session	Location
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

Time	BREAKFAST	Courtyard
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 *(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 & Ariel Jablonow (NDIT)*	Introduction to Ribbon Fiber and Splicing Best Practices *Andrew Degidio (Sumitomo)*

TT&S Connecting the World — Introduction to Careers in Broadband Services

Time	Session	Location
4:00 - 6:30 pm	VENDOR SOCIAL - Cornhole Tournament	Dakota Ballroom

THURSDAY — February 19

Time	Session	Location
7:30 - 9:00 am	BREAKFAST	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
9:00 am	Roadway Safety by Lt Jenna Clawson Huibregtse, 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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