

2026 TT&S ANNUAL CONFERENCE & VENDOR SHOWCASE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

February 17

Registration 12:00 - 4:00 pm	3:00 pm	INTRODUCTION: Seth Amdorfer, 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			
		Governor's Room (General/Office)	Heart Room	Sheyenne Room	Cannonball Room	Dakota Ballroom
	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)	Mark Vreeland (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)	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 Topic (TrainND)	
	4:00 - 6:30 pm	VENDOR SOCIAL - Cornhole Tournament				Dakota Ballroom

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Introduction to Careers in Broadband Services

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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