2027 TT&S Annual Conference & Vendor Showcase Schedule

TUESDAY — February 16

Registration 12:00 - 4:00 pm

3:00 pm	KEYNOTE: Beyond the Task: Understanding the Bigger Picture Behind Workplace Decisions by Robert Martin, Ph.D.; Elevate Business Solutions	Missouri Ballroom
4:00 - 6:30 pm	VENDOR SOCIAL	Dakota Ballroom

WEDNESDAY — February 17

Registration 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

		MISSOURI BALLROOM			
	Governor's Room (General/Office)	Heart Room	Sheyenne Room	Cannonball Room	Dakota Ballroom
8 - 8:50	Think Like an Employee: Leading From the Other Side of the Desk *Robert Martin, PhD (EBS)*	Fiber Troubleshooting *Sean Kelly (Light Brigade)*	The AI-Powered Tech: Practical Applications for Broadband Operations *Calix*	PBX/HBPX *Toly*	
9 - 9:50	See the Bigger Picture: Building Leadership Perspective Before the Title *Robert Martin, PhD (EBS)*	Data Centers *Sean Kelly (Light Brigade)*	EXA to AXOS: A Practical Guide to Network Modernization *Calix*	811 in North Dakota: What Excavators and Utilities Need to Know *Ryan Schmaltz (ND One Call)*	
10 - 10:50	Crucial Conversations	TBD *Doug Peterson (Optical Xperts)*	Appsuite Tips and Tricks *NISC*	The What, How, and When of Access Control	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	*Kristi Pfliger Keller (TrainND)*	Fiber Connector Cleaning and Inspection *(Clearfield)*	IVC - Ticket Management System Enhancements *NISC*	*James Anderson (Core4 Technologies)*	
12 - 1 pm	LUNCHEON			Courtyard	
1 - 1:50	Building Quality AI Prompts *TrainND*	Futurepath Microduct *Blake Rhoads (Dura-Line)*	Are Speed Tests Accurate? *Andrew Walding (Cellstream)*	Power Over Ethernet (PoE) *James Anderson (Core4 Technologies)*	Hands-On Fiber Optics Stations (continued) - Sean Kelly (Light Brigade); OTDR by Steve Wolles (AFL)
2 - 2:50	Selling Without Selling: Sales Skills for Telecom Pros Wait... I'm not in sales! *Dot Frank (TrainND)*	Tracer Wire *Trevor Schoedl (Copperhead)*	Adaptive Bitrate Streaming: Why Video Quality Changes, Buffers, and Blames the Network *Andrew Walding (Cellstream)*	Security Cameras *James Anderson (Core4 Technologies)*	(Afterwards, to DCN for tour)
3 - 3:50	Business/Office Etiquette "Navigating the Workplace" *TrainND*	Fiber topic *Steve Wolles (AFL)*		Cybersecurity *Jeremy (ReadiTech)*	TT&S Connecting the World Introduction to Careers in Broadband Services for Students
4:00 - 6:30 pm	VENDOR SOCIAL - Cornhole Tournament			Dakota Ballroom	

THURSDAY — February 18

7:30 - 9:00 am	BREAKFAST	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
9:00 am	"If Only" by Dawn Chisholm	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
10:00 am	Planning for Retirement; Jane Wigen, NTCA	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
12:00 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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