

2025 TT&S ANNUAL CONFERENCE & VENDOR SHOWCASE SCHEDULE

TUESDAY February 18	Registration 12:00 - 4:00 pm	1:45 - 2:15 pm	PRODUCT SHOWCASE - Participating Vendors	Missouri Ballroom
		2:30 pm	KEYNOTE: William Aderholdt, PhD; Co-Founder & Executive Director, Grand Farm	Missouri Ballroom
		3:30 - 6:00 4:00	VENDOR SOCIAL - Tech Wars	Dakota Ballroom

WEDNESDAY February 19	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	Working With Excel	XGS PON Drivers and Considerations / Keeping it Simple: FTTH & OTDR Fundamentals with Smart Assistance	DC Power, Battery Maintenance, and Testing	Lithium Batteries in CO Data Centers and Your Everyday Devices	
		9 - 9:50	Shaylyn Martin (TrainND)	Mark Vreeland (Calix) Jeff Harmon (Viavi)	Vance Bachmann (Bachmann Industries)	Matt Kauter (Precision Group)	
		10 - 10:50	Little Effort, Big Impact (Customer Service) Dot Frank (TrainND)	Fiber Troubleshooting Sean Kelly (Light Brigade)	CO Batteries Vance Bachmann (Bachmann Industries)	AI in the Workplace Blake Griffin & Connor Dymerski, CNE	SESSIONS: A Day in the Life of Your Internet Packets: How the Internet Works by Andrew Walding of CellStream Careers in Telecom with member HR managers &
		11-11:50	Leading Yourself Kristi Pfleger-Keller (TrainND)	Intro to Ribbon Splicing Steve Wolles (AFL)	Beyond the Map: Unlocking the Power of GIS in Fiber and Telecom Projects Brian Udell (Finley)	Small Business and the Smart Farm Mark Vreeland (Calix)	
		12 - 1 pm	LUNCHEON			Courtyard	
		1 - 1:50	Master Mindsets, Moves, and Messages Lisa Parry	XGS PON Drivers and Considerations Mark Vreeland (Calix)	Mapping and Staking 101 Cathy Fuller (NISC)	Advanced Locating Kyle Hauck (Locators & Supplies, Inc.)	Hands-On Fiber Optics Stations by Sean Kelly (Light Brigade) & Andrew Degidio (Sumitomo); OTDR by Steve Wolles (AFL); Closures by Mike Lamb (OFS) (Afterwards, to DCN for tour) VENDOR SHOWCASE for Students (1-3 pm) TT&S Connecting the World Introduction to Careers in Broadband Services
		2 - 2:50	Customer Service: Connecting Warmth & Competence to Meet Customers' Needs Lisa Parry	FuturePath MicroDuct Jake Irwin (Dura-Line)	New Features in Appsuite John Patterson (NISC)	Troubleshooting Wi-Fi Andrew Walding (CellStream)	
3 - 3:50	Digital Writing: Communicating in an Age of Technology Lisa Parry	Keeping it Simple: FTTH & OTDR Fundamentals with Smart Assistance Jeff Harmon (Viavi)	What to Expect from Broadband IVUE Connect Cathy Fuller (NISC)	QUIC Andrew Walding (CellStream)			
		3:30 - 6:00 4:00	VENDOR SOCIAL - Cornhole Tournament	Dakota Ballroom			

THURSDAY February 20	7:30 - 9:00 am	BREAKFAST	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
	9:00 am	Drug of Abuse; Special Agent Luke Kapella, ND Bureau of Criminal Investigation	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
	10:00 am	Thriving in our Journey to Retirement: How Employer Support Paves the Way for a Fulfilling Future, Jane Wigen, NTCALamborn (Dakota Ballroom)	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)
	12 pm	Closing Remarks	Lamborn (Dakota Ballroom)

Schedule subject to changes up to the start of the conference.