



SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

2:00 – 7:00 p.m. | REGISTRATION OPEN | *Grand Ballroom Prefunction*

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. | ★ KICK-OFF RECEPTION & DINNER | *Grand Ballroom C*

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

7:00 – 7:45 a.m. | BREAKFAST & NETWORKING W/ EXHIBITORS | *Grand Ballroom C*

7:45 – 10:40 a.m. | GENERAL SESSION #1 | *Grand Ballroom A/B*

Topic 1: Leading is a Verb: How Great Leaders Elevate Teams

- *Ted Garnett, President, Peoples Statements*

Topic 2: AI in Engineering: Innovation, Ethics, Risk & Responsibility

- *Lee Edmond, Senior Professional Liability Specialist, Brown & Brown*
- *Will Scarbrough, Vice President of Digital Transformation, VHB*
- *Regina Young, PE, LEED AP, Principal, Jordan & Skala Engineers, PELS Board*
- *Moderator: Adam Bieber, Director of Business Development, Logic Speak*

Topic 3: Think Like an Owner: How Intrapreneurship Drives Firm Growth

- *Louis Gump, Partner, TechCXO*

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. | NETWORKING W/ EXHIBITORS | *Grand Ballroom C*

11:15 – 12:05 p.m. | BREAKOUT SESSION A:

Track 1 – Engineering the Tax Code: How Engineering Firms Convert Technical Work into Cash

- *Jordan Wilson, Director, Corporate Tax Advisors*

Track 2 – Keep Your Best People: Building a Growth System That Drives Retention

- *Brian Walch, Owner, Shiftfocus Coaching and Consulting*

Track 3 – The Human Advantage: Winning & Keeping the Best Clients in The AI Era

- *Jim Rogers, President, Seller-Doer Academy*

12:10 – 1:00 p.m. | BREAKOUT SESSION B:

Track 1 – Engineering Your IT Strategy | Turning Technology into a Business Advantage

- *Jason Etheridge, President & CEO, Logic Speak*
- *Rob Jacquette, CEO, Keck & Wood*
- *Brad Robinson, Vice President & COO, Practical Design Partners*

Track 2 – HR Strategies to Recruit, Retain and Reduce Risk: Your 10-Point Roadmap for 2026

- *Cindi Filer, CEO, Innovative Outsourcing*

Track 3 – Smarter, Not Louder: Strategic Marketing & BD in a Crowded Market

- *David Clark, Director, Fulton County Public Works*
- *Gifton Passley, LEED AP BD, C, PMP, Deputy Executive Director, GSFIC*
- *Larry Prescott, Interim Chief Capitol Officer, MARTA*
- *Emily Ritzler, Southeast Regional Planning Lead, WSP USA*
- *Albert Shelby, Director of Program Delivery, GDOT*
- *Moderator: Brock Hoegh, Director of National Sales & Business Development, Burgess & Niple*

1:00 p.m. | ADJOURN

8:30 – 10:00 p.m. | ★ DESSERT RECEPTION | *Grand Ballroom C*

BREAKOUT ROOM ASSIGNMENTS:

Track 1: Coolidge

Track 2: Eisenhower

Track 3: Hoover

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5

7:15 – 8:00 a.m. | BREAKFAST W/ EXHIBITORS | *Grand Ballroom C*

8:00 – 8:50 a.m. | BREAKOUT SESSION C:

Track 1 | What Water Clients Want: Water Utility Priorities, Pressures and Opportunities

- *Tony Carnell, Deputy Manager, Henry County Water & Sewer Authority*
- *David Clark, Director, Fulton County Public Works*
- *Hollis Terry IV, Director, Athens-Clarke County Public Utilities Department*
- *Moderator: Alan Bowling, Associate Vice President & Operations Manager, Hazen and Sawyer*

Track 2 – Inside the Owner’s Mind: What Local Governments Want from Engineering Firms

- *Joe Allen, Executive Director, Gwinnett Place CID*
- *Will Johnson, Planning Director, Columbus Consolidated Government*
- *Chuck Warbington, PE, City Manager, City of Lawrenceville*

Track 3 – Transit’s Next Phase: How GPTE Is Reshaping Opportunity & Expectations for Consultants

- *Keri Lee, Engagement & Outreach Manager, MARTA*
- *Larry Prescott, Interim Chief Capitol Officer, MARTA*
- *Morgan Simmons-Gibson, AICP, Deputy Director, Cobb County DOT*
- *Patricia Smith, Transit Program Manager, GDOT*
- *Claudia Bilotto, AICP, Southeast Region Executive, Senior Vice President, WSP*

9:00 – 9:50 a.m. | BREAKOUT SESSION D:

Track 1 – Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing: Teamwork in Alternative Delivery

- *Michael Nader, Vice President – Program Management, HNTB*
- *Tim Hatton, VP – Engineering & Environmental, HNTB*
- *Amber Phillips, GDOT Office of Environmental Services*
- *Moderator: Jeff Conrad, Organizational Development Manager, Deputy Program Manager, HNTB*

Track 2 – Leadership, Decision-Making & Change: Frameworks for Uncertain Times

- *Dain Johnson, Engineer-Turned-Psychologist, Rev 0*

Track 3 - Communicate Your Way into Negotiations

- *Afsaneh (Sunny) Abree, Client Development Manager, Terracon Consultants*
- *Jay Jenkins, Operations Manager, Atlanta, VHB*
- *Melanie Ford, Senior Director of Construction, Office of the University Architects, UGA*
- *Gifton Passley, LEED AP BD, C, PMP, Deputy Executive Director, GSFIC*

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10:30 – 11:30 a.m. | GENERAL SESSION #2 | *Grand Ballroom A/B*

Topic 4 - What's Ahead: Georgia Agency Priorities for FY 2027

- *Judy Adler, PE, Director of Water Resources, GEFA*
- *Meg Pirkle, Chief Engineer, GDOT*
- *Marty Smith, State Property Officer, GSFIC*
- *Gwo-Wei Torng, Senior Managing Director for Transportation Planning, ARC*
- *Moderator: Michael "Sully" Sullivan, President & CEO, ACEC Georgia*

Topic 5 – Economic Outlook for 2026 and Beyond

- *Dr. Roger Tutterow, Henssler Endowed Chair, Professor of Economics, Kennesaw State University*

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