

Date	Time	Session Title/Event	Speaker Name, Title/Event Details
Wed, Jan 3, 2024	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Exhibitor Move-In	Exhibitor Move-In
Wed, Jan 3, 2024	8:00 AM - 7:30 PM	Registration	Registration
Wed, Jan 3, 2024	4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	NRC-REMSA Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall	NRC-REMSA Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	6:30 AM - 7:00 PM	Registration	Registration
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	7:00 AM - 7:10 AM	Conference Welcome	Ashley Wieland, President, NRC and NRC Chairman Steve Bolte, Vice President Business Development North America, Danella
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	7:10 AM - 7:35 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Russell Rohlfs, VP of Engineering, Union Pacific Railroad
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	7:35 AM - 8:00 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Tom Holmes, Vice President – Purchasing & Materials, Watco Companies and Paul Leonards, Vice President of Project Management, Watco Companies
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	8:00 AM - 8:20 AM	NRC 2022 Safe Contractor of the Year Awards	Michael McGonagle, Senior VP Operations, NRC
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	8:20 AM - 8:45 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Ed Boyle, VP of Engineer, Norfolk Southern
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	8:45 AM - 10:15 AM	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall	Breakfast in Exhibit Hall
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	10:15 AM – 10:40 AM	Overview of the Final Rule to CFR Part 243	Cory Johnson, Specialist, Railroad Safety Partnerships, FRA
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	10:40 AM – 11:05 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Janice R. Thomas, Dep Executive Director External Affairs/Chief of Staff, Metra
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	11:05 AM – 12:05 AM	Fireside Chat	Alan Shaw, CEO, Norfolk Southern; NRC Chair Steve Bolte and NRC Vice Chair Joe Daloisio
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Photo Op: NRC 2023 Safe Contractor of the Year Award Winners	Photo Op: NRC 2023 Safe Contractor of the Year Award Winners
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Breakout Meeting: FRA Update: Deep Dive into Periodic Oversight as required by § 243.205. The discussion will focus around a railroad contractor's duty to perform periodic oversight and the related Job Aid FRA published earlier this year. The session will also cover training and qualification records (§ 243.203) requirements	Rob Castiglione, Staff Director, Railroad Safety Partnerships, FRA; Cory Johnson, Specialist, Railroad Safety Partnerships, FRA; Lance Hawkins, Specialist, Railroad Safety Partnerships, FRA;

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Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Breakout Meeting: Genesee & Wyoming/Contractor Speed Networking (separate registration required)	Bill Grove, Director – Engineering, Genesee & Wyoming; Mark Koenig, Manager – Engineering Services, Genesee & Wyoming; Kristine Storm, VP of Purchasing, Genesee & Wyoming Inc.
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Breakout Meeting: Norfolk Southern/Contractor Speed Networking (separate registration required)	Corey Bauer, Group Manager Purchasing, Norfolk Southern; Corey Plunkett, Director Of Purchasing, Norfolk Southern
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Breakout Meeting: Union Pacific Railroad/Contractor Speed Networking (separate registration required)	Kaylee Erlbacher, Strategic Sourcing Category Manager, UP; Mark Allen, Director Track Construction, UP; John Jerome, General Director Track Programs and Construction, UP
Thurs, Jan 4, 2024	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Reception in Exhibit Hall	Reception in Exhibit Hall
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	7:00 PM - 12:00 PM	Registration	Registration
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	7:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Exhibitor Tear Down	Exhibitor Tear Down
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	7:00 AM - 7:10 AM	AREMA update	AREMA President Raymond G. Verrelle, Jr., PE, VP Engineering Services, Amtrak
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	7:10 AM – 7:35 AM	2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Craig Rasmussen, AVP Engineering Services & Structures, BNSF Railway
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	7:35 AM - 8:00 AM	Federal Railroad Administration Update	Jennifer Mitchell, Deputy Administrator, FRA
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	8:00 AM – 8:50 AM	Rail Sustainability Panel	Moderated by: Brett Urquhart Martinus North America. Panelists: Francois Belanger, Senior Director Sustainability, CN; Wendy Whelan, VP Supply Chain, Union Pacific Railroad; Kayden Howard, VP Health, Safety & Environmental, Kansas City Southern; Laura McNichol, SVP, Chief Sustainability Officer, Watco Companies
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	8:50 AM - 9:15 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Kristine Storm, VP of Purchasing, Genesee & Wyoming Inc.
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	9:15 AM - 10:05 AM	Signal & Communications Panel	Moderated by: Carl Walker, VP of Engineering, CSX. Panelists: Jerad Fritz, AVP Signals, BNSF Railway; Jay McAndrew, General Director Signal, Union Pacific Railroad; Tom Hilliard, Chief S&C, Canadian National Railway; Steven Vant, Assistant Chief Engineer – Signal Maintenance and Construction, Conrail
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	10:05 AM - 10:30 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Brent Laing, VP Engineering, Canadian National Railway
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	10:30 AM - 10:55 AM	Role of Equity Companies in the Rail Contracting Market	Tony Hatch, Senior Transportation Analyst, ABH Consulting
Fri, Jan 5, 2024	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Golf (pre-registration required)	Golf (pre-registration required)

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Fri, Jan 5, 2024	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Clay Shooting (pre-registration required)	Clay Shooting (pre-registration required)
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	7:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Registration	Registration
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	7:05 AM - 7:30 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Ed Sparks, Chief Engineer - Bridges, Design & Construction, CSX
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	7:30 AM - 7:55 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Zac Vallos, VIP Engineering, OmniTRAX
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	7:55 AM - 8:20 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	VRPA
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Sat, Jan 6, 2024	8:20 AM - 9:00 AM	Congressional Staff and Railroad Government Affairs Panel on Current and Future Transportation Legislation and Policy Priorities	Moderated by: Matt Ginsberg, President, TGA AMS, LLC. Panelists: Michael Curto, Legislative Director, Rep. Nehls Office; Drew Feeley, Staff Director, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials Subcommittee; Mike Clarke, Clerk, Minority, Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee; Michael Ciamarra, Professional Staff Member, Minority, Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee; Dabney Hegg, Professional Staff Member, Majority, Senate Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee; Michael Davisson, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight and Ports Subcommittee; Katherine Ambrose, Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight and Ports Subcommittee; Arielle Giordano, Managing Director US Gov't Affairs, Canadian Pacific Railway; Laura McNichol, SVP, Chief Sustainability Officer, Watco Companies; Melissa Connolly, Assistant Vice President, Government Affairs, Association of American Railroads; David Woodruff, AVP, Head U.S. Public & Government Affairs, Canadian National Railway
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	9:00 AM - 9:25 AM	NRC Special Awards and LRW's Woman of the Year	Ashley Wieland, President, NRC
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	9:25 AM - 9:50 AM	2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Matt Foot, AVP Procurement Strategic Procurement & Supply (SP&S), CPKC
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	9:50 AM - 10:00 AM	NRC Safety Video Preview	Erika Bruhnke, NRC Safety Committee Chair VP Training Services, RailPros

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Sat, Jan 6, 2024	10:00 AM - 10:40 AM	Industrial Development Panel	Moderated by: Alanna Strohecker, Senior Vice President - Global Market Sector Leader, Goods Movement, AECOM; Panelists: Bart Chevreaux, Engineering Services Manager – Southwest, Vulcan Materials; Shelly Huckfeldt, Regional Manager Economic and Industrial Development, Union Pacific; Ean Johnson, Vice President, Economic Development, OmniTRAX, Daniel Stout, VP, STX Railroad Construction
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	10:40 AM - 11:05 AM	MxV Rail's Future State and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Kari Gonzales, President & CEO, MxV Rail
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	11:05 AM - 11:30 AM	Patriot Rail update and 2023 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers	Tim Rich, Regional VP of Engineering – West Region
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	11:30 AM - 11:40 AM	Conference Wrap-Up	Ashley Wieland, President, NRC; NRC Chair Steve Bolte and NRC Vice Chair Joe Daloisio
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Finale Reception	Finale Reception
Sat, Jan 6, 2024	7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	L.B. Foster Sports Watching Party	L.B. Foster Sports Watching Party

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