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Career Connect Event
December 2, 2025
Milan Room, Delta Hotel, 5-9 pm
Free Student/Employer Reception
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Infrastructure Summit & Trade Show

AGENDA

Please note: the agenda may be subject to changes

December 3-4, 2025

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

All group events except Breakout Sessions and the After-Hours Business Networking Mixer take place in the General Sessions Room (Tuscany/Trentino)

		Room/Location
7:00-8:00am	Registration and Breakfast	Tuscany/Trentino
8:00-8:10	Opening and Introductions: Minister David Marit, Ministry of Highways	Tuscany/Trentino
8:15-9:30	Keynote Message: Managing Tensions & Building Relationships – Lauren Sergy, Collaborative Communication	Tuscany/Trentino
9:30-10:00	Break – Tradeshow Viewing	Lombardy
10:00-11:00	Morning Technical Sessions (Choose one):	Room/Location
	Al and Site Safety – Brandon Papas, Sitech	Campania AB - Convention Floor
	Tips and Tricks of Working with Polymer Modified Asphalt Binders – Darren Anweiler, Cenovus	Tuscany/Trentino
	Recycling Asphalt - Microsurfacing Pilot Project – Nichole Andre & Gord Haines, Ministry of Highways	Verdi – Main Floor
11:15-12:15	Morning Technical Sessions (Choose one):	Room/Location
	Infrared Heat Paving Technology – Barry McFadyen, Heat Design Equipment	Campania AB - Convention Floor
	Empowered Resilience: Introduction to Mindful Living – Trina Markusson	Tuscany/Trentino
	Smart Compact Pro - Real-Time Density Scanning – Frank Miller & Sven Mayer, Wirtgen Group	Verdi – Main Floor
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch – Tradeshow Viewing	Tuscany/Trentino
1:30-2:30	Women in Heavy Construction – Building the Future	Tuscany/Trentino
2:45 - 3:45	Afternoon Technical Sessions (Choose one):	Room/Location
	The Importance of Quality Operator Training for the Future – Nathan Duncan, Finning	Campania AB - Convention Floor
	High Performance and Self-Healing Pavements – Mike Aurillo	Tuscany/Trentino
	Highway 2 Construction - Lessons Learned – Vanessa Toy & Hartley Walton, Prairie Road Solutions	Verdi – Main floor
4:00 - 5:00	Afternoon Technical Sessions (Choose one)	Room/Location
	Hydrant and Valve Maintenance – Kurtis Robson, Deblo Industries Ltd.	Campania AB - Convention Floor
	3D Milling: From Pilots to a Standard – Vitek Obr and Antonio Bauce, Exact Street	Tuscany/Trentino
5:00 - 9:00	Evening Reception & Networking	Convention Floor

Thursday, December 4, 2025

All group events except Breakout Sessions and the After-Hours Business Networking Mixer take place in the General Sessions Room (Tuscany/Trentino)

		Room/Location
7:00-8:00am	Registration and Breakfast	Tuscany/Trentino
8:00-8:10	Opening and Introductions: Carla Beck, Leader of the Opposition	Tuscany/Trentino
8:15-9:30	Keynote Message: Lessons from the Old Boys Club – A Woman's Guide to Building a Better Business – Colleen Munro, CEO Munro Construction	Tuscany/Trentino
9:30-10:00	Break – Tradeshow Viewing	
10:00-11:00	Morning Technical Sessions (Choose one):	Room/Location
	Basics of Pavement Design for Sask Ministry of Highways – Sylvia Marshall and Scott Loyns, Ministry of Highways	Campania AB - Convention Floor
	Lessons from the Construction of the Golden Gate Bridge – Jonathan Sherman, Birch Bark Safety	Tuscany/Trentino
	High Performance and Self Healing Pavements – Mike Aurilio	Verdi – Main Floor
11:15-12:15	Morning Technical Sessions (Choose one):	Room/Location
	Highway 16 Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersection – Geoffrey Meinert, Ministry of Highways	Campania AB - Convention Floor
	Micro-Milling & Thin Preservation Treatments – Joel Ulring, Minnesota Department of Transportation	Tuscany/Trentino
	Management, Stewardship and Reclamation of Gravel Pits – Joseph Sarvajc, Ministry of Highways	Verdi – Main Floor
12:15-1:15pm	Lunch / Tradeshow Viewing	1:00 pm-Tradeshow move out
1:15-2:00	The Cost of Connection: Tariffs, Trade, and Canada's Infrastructure Agenda – Canadian Construction Association, Louis Philippe Champagne, Public Affairs & Industry Practices	Tuscany/Trentino
2:15-3:15	Afternoon Technical Sessions (Choose one):	Room/Location
_	Asphalt Binder Selection for Pavement Design – Kelly Pederson, Ministry of Highways	Campania AB - Convention Floor
	Innovation in Asphalt Pavements – Jeff Janssens & Anne Guider, McAsphalt	Tuscany/Trentino
3:15	Afternoon Technical Sessions Conclude – Personal Time	
5:30-9:00	2025 Industry Awards & Banquet and Charity Auction, Proceeds going to the Ronald McDonald House	Tuscany/Trentino
9:00-11:00	Redhead After-Party Featuring Ceasar Cocktail Bar	Tuscany/Trentino

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Technical Session Details

December 3

10:00-11:00

Morning Technical Sessions (Choose one):

Al and Site Safety - Brandon Papas, Sitech

Campania AB -Convention Floor This presentation provides a high level, practical look at how artificial intelligence is being applied across the civil construction industry today. It begins by explaining what AI is in simpler terms—pattern recognition, prediction, and automation—and breaks it into five accessible categories: machine learning, computer vision, predictive analytics, optimization, and generative AI. It then explores real field applications, including drone-based surveying, machine control, equipment health monitoring, and computer-vision-driven safety systems for equipment. Throughout the presentation, there will be an emphasis on the impacts of technology regarding site safety.

Tips and Tricks of Working with Polymer Modified Asphalt Binders - Darren Anweiler, Cenovus

Tuscany/Trentino

Tips and tricks of working with polymer modified asphalt binders will be discussed through first providing background on asphalt modification and the raw materials and production of PMA from a supplier's perspective. With this background, various aspects of managing polymer modified asphalt as it is transported, handling, stored, mixed and compacted will be discussed. Some final thoughts, or tips and tricks, for working with PMA from a contractor's perspective will be provided.

Verdi – Main Floor

Recycling Asphalt - Microsurfacing Pilot Project - Nichole Andre & Gord Haines, Ministry of Highways

Overview of Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways Recycled Asphalt Pavement Management Plan and a look at a 100% RAP aggregate microsurfacing trial completed in July 2025.

11:15-12:15

Morning Technical Sessions (Choose one):

Campania AB -Convention Floor

Infrared Heat Paving Technology - Barry McFadyen, Heat Design Equipment

Empowered Resilience: Introduction to Mindful Living – Trina Markusson

Are you caught in the "busy-ness" of everyday? Do you spend time thinking about the past or worrying about the future? Where does our stress really come from and what can we do to empower ourselves to live with more ease? In this presentation, participants will learn simple, practical tools to reduce stress, increase focus and mental clarity, cultivate work/life balance and maintain peak performance in their professional and personal lives. We will even learn how to help our loved ones when they are struggling with stressful thoughts and challenging emotions. Learn how mindful living can help you be in the present moment and begin to live a healthier, less stressful life.

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Bio: Trina Markusson has been studying and practising resilience strategies for over 20 years. She has introduced mindfulness to thousands of people keynoting conferences, professional development sessions, Mindfulness retreats, private sessions and school visits. She has worked with many sports teams and athletes to help them find their peak performance. Trina is the author of the family mindfulness book "Good Morning, Sunshine!" and is the creator of the Release App to promote mental wellness. Trina's passion is sharing these tools with both adults and students so they may live a calmer, more present and happier life.

Smart Compact Pro - Real-Time Density Scanning - Frank Miller & Sven Mayer, Wirtgen Group

In this session, we will introduce Smart Comact Pro, an advanced compaction system that boosts consistency, quality, and accuracy by making automatic adjustments on the roller with minimal input from the operator. We will highlight the capabilities, the operation, and the applications along with practical benefits it brings to modern paving operations.

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Bio: Frank Miller is a heavy equipment professional dedicated to helping contractors optimize productivity and achieve successful project outcomes. At The Wirtgen Group, he applies his technical expertise in milling, paving, and compaction solutions to deliver practical, results-driven support. Embodying the company's "Close to our Customers" philosophy, Frank focuses on building lasting relationships, providing tailored solutions, and ensuring every project benefits from the highest standards of service and innovation.

2:45 - 3:45

Afternoon Technical Sessions (Choose one):

The Importance of Quality Operator Training for the Future – Nathan Duncan, Finning

Campania AB -Convention Floor

A look at the benefits that professional operator training can provide in safety, maintenance, and productivity. Exploring the differences between internal training and hiring an external operator trainer. Best practices for building a successful operator training program.

Bio: Experienced in equipment, construction technologies and machine sales with a demonstrated history of working in the construction industry. Skilled in Negotiation, Customer Service, Sales, Solution based sales, and value selling. Strong sales professional with a Redseal Heavy duty equipment mechanic trade certification. Antique Caterpillar enthusiast and collector.

Tuscany/Trentino High Performance and Self-Healing Pavements - Mike Aurillo

Highway 2 Construction - Lessons Learned - Vanessa Toy & Hartley Walton, Prairie Road Solutions

Bios: Hartley Walton is a Project Manager at Prairie Road Solutions, where he leads design and construction projects across Saskatchewan. A 2009 civil engineering graduate from the University of Saskatchewan, Hartley has 17 years of experience that began with municipal infrastructure and land development work in Alberta before moving into transportation surveying, design, and construction management. He has delivered projects in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories for clients including the Ministry of Highways, Parks Canada, numerous Rural Municipalities, and various Industrial Clients, Before helping cofound PRS in 2020, Hartley spent 10 years with WSP working on a wide range of transportation projects. Verdi – Main floor Hartley is married with three children and enjoys golfing, snowboarding, and spending time at the lake.

Vanessa Toy is a Senior Project Manager for Prairie Road Solutions with over 28 years of experience in the transportation industry. She has experience in the areas of surveying, materials testing, design and project management for highway, airport, and culvert projects. Prior to joining PRS in 2023, Vanessa worked for Ministry of Highways in the Construction Branch for 26 years starting as a field technician and eventually working her way up to a Senior Project Manager. She graduated from SaskPolytech with a diploma in Water Resources Engineering Technology in 1997 and a degree in Construction Management in 2020. Vanessa is married with one daughter and spends most of her free time driving her to the dance studio or travelling across North America with her to dance competitions.

4:00 - 5:00

Afternoon Technical Sessions (Choose one)

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Hydrant and Valve Maintenance - Kurtis Robson, Deblo Industries Ltd.

Discussing some of the specifications & standards associated with hydrants & valves, the benefits of a maintenance program, ordering & purchasing, hydrant differences, installation issues, inspections and general maintenance.

3D Milling: From Pilots to a Standard - Vitek Obr and Antonio Bauce, Exact Street

Presenting the processes and technologies associated with 3D Milling, providing a global overview of the maturity of the legislative environment to allow for 3D Milling on public Tenders (including significant developments in Canada), reviewing benefits of 3D Milling on infrastructure management and longevity and case studies of projects, as well as providing forward looking suggestions for Government and Industry to further adopt 3D Milling in their practices.

4:00 - 5:00Tuscany/Trentino Bios: Dr. Vítězslav Obr, Ing. (M.Sc.), Ph.D., Technical Director of Exact Street and Control System CA, more than 25 years of experience in the field of high precision surveying, more than 10 years of experience in the development and implementation of 3D road repair technologies, head of the R&D department engaged in the development of 3D milling technologies in cooperation with a number of scientific organizations, such as the European Space Agency, author of several patents in the field of 3D road repair.

Antonio Bauce, Business Development Director for Exact Street and Control System CA, focuses on acting as a bridge of commerce and communication between North America and Europe, promoting the exchange of ideas between Governments and Industry, particularly for Infrastructure and Technical Innovations. Antonio has 10 years of experience in International Trade and Trans-Atlantic Business Consulting and has served four different Governments in several countries including Taiwan (R.O.C). Czechia, the United States of America (USA) and Canada, Antonio manages the Canadian and American business development operations of Exact Street and has been instrumental in proliferating specifications for 3D Milling across North America.

December 4

10:00-11:00

Morning Technical Sessions (Choose one):

Basics of Pavement Design for Sask Ministry of Highways – Sylvia Marshall/Scott Loyns, Ministry of Highways

Bios: Scott Loyns, P.Eng, is the Surfacing Project Manager for the Ministry of Highways and is currently on a term as the Senior Surfacing Engineer. In his role, he provides technical support on surfacing standards and specifications. Scott joined the Ministry 2 years ago, bringing with him more than 7 years of experience in municipal government, where he delivered capital infrastructure projects and managed the maintenance and operations of roadways, sidewalks, and water and sewer networks, including the distribution, collection, and treatment. In 2018, Scott also gained experience on the contractor side, working on the construction of the Boychuk and the McOrmond overpasses in Saskatoon.

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Sylvia Marshall, P.Eng, is a Senior Project Manager with over 13 years of experience in government and more than 7 years delivering infrastructure projects. Her expertise includes managing surfacing designs, airport projects, culverts, and functional designs across Saskatchewan. Sylvia has led major initiatives such as the Saskatoon Freeway and has experience preparing federally funded applications and negotiating agreements. She has overseen project scope, consultant contracts, and stakeholder engagement to ensure successful outcomes. Outside of work, Sylvia is a proud mom of two daughters and loves spending time with them doing crafts, baking Christmas cookies, and exploring local parks. She enjoys traveling and occasionally rolls the dice for fun, bringing a sense of adventure and balance to her life.

Lessons from the Construction of the Golden Gate Bridge - Jonathan Sherman, Birch Bark Safety

In this presentation we will learn about the various health and safety innovations utilized during the construction of the Golden Gate Bridge (GGB) during the 1930s including the first modern recorded use of hard hats, individual fall protection, face cream to protect workers from high winds during construction, and of course the famous safety net, credited with saving 19 workers through the course of the build. The story does not end there, as the bridge quickly became the most deadly in North America, despite its revolutionary construction safety performance.

Tuscany/Trentino

Bio: Jonathan Sherman has worked in occupational health and safety for over 16 years in various industries including construction, mining, manufacturing, post-secondary and government. He most recently held the position of Director, Prevention at the Saskatchewan Workers' Compensation Board before starting his consulting service in May of 2025. Jonathan is a Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP) and holds a BSc and MA from the University of Saskatchewan. He lives and works out of Saskaton Saskatchewan.

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High Performance and Self Healing Pavements – Mike Aurilio

11:15-12:15

Morning Technical Sessions (Choose one):

Highway 16 Restricted Crossing U-Turn Intersection – Geoffrey Meinert, Ministry of Highways

This presentation highlights Saskatchewan's first Reduced Collision U-Turn (RCUT) intersection on Hwy 16, a groundbreaking project that improves safety and traffic flow at a major intersection near Saskatoon. As the first of its kind in the province—and likely in Canada—the RCUT demonstrates innovative design and traffic flow to improve safety along Hwy 16. The project has earned multiple awards for excellence in transportation engineering and innovation, showcasing its success as a model for future infrastructure improvements.

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Bio: Geoff is a Civil Engineer with over 20 years at the Ministry of Highways. His career spans multiple branches in the Ministry including Bridges, Construction, Operations, Major Projects, Design, and is currently the Director of Fleet Programs within Provincial Operational Services. Geoff has been involved with countless projects across Saskatchewan in all phases of work, working with municipalities, First Nations, businesses, landowners and contractors. He has contributed to several Ministry firsts, including Environmental Impact Assessments, Duty to Consult, alternative procurements, and the province's first Reduced Collision U-Turn (RCUT) intersection on Hwy

Micro-Milling & Thin Preservation Treatments – Joel Ulring, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Minnesota has been preforming micromilling on pavement preservation projects since 2012. Micromilling was introduced to improve pavement smoothness when applying thin pavement preservation surface treatments to bituminous pavements. This presentation reveals the history of research and results of performing micromilling prior to placing thin surface treatments on Minnesota's roadways.

Tuscany/Trentino

Bio: Joel grew up and has lived in Minnesota most of his life. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from South Dakota State University. He has been the MnDOT Pavement Preservation Engineer since January of 2020. He joined MnDOT in 2013 as the State Aid Pavement Engineer where he assisted local agencies in Minnesota. Joel considers himself very fortunate to have a long and very enjoyable career in transportation, geotechnical and materials engineering. He has over 12 years with MnDOT, 17 years serving three Minnesota Counties and 11 years private consulting in geotechnical engineering and materials testing which included 4 years with Golder Associates in Anchorage, Alaska. He has worked in the upper Midwest (South Dakota, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota), Alaska, Canada and Western Australia.

Management, Stewardship and Reclamation of Gravel Pits - Joseph Sarvajc, Ministry of Highways

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This presentation will be covering the Ministry's current Aggregate Management team, the roles and responsibilities of the team, the stewardship the ministry expects when operating within the gravel pits (along with any restrictions), and the reclamation of the sites after work is completed.

Bio: Joseph Sarvajc, G.I.T, is the acting Senior Project Manager with over 6 years of experience in government with the Ministry of Highways, and another 4 years in various positions within exploration geology. Using his geological exploration background, he focuses on managing the exploration and development of aggregate resources across Saskatchewan. He also has some brief project management experience with the Design group. Outside of work, Joey enjoys an active lifestyle of hockey, golf, and travel.

2:15-3:15

Afternoon Technical Sessions (Choose one):

Asphalt Binder Selection For Pavement Design - Kelly Pederson, Ministry of Highways

A brief review of asphalt binder selection for asphalt mixtures. This will also include discussing the use of Polymer Modified Asphalt (PMA) and recent changes to the Guidelines for Selection of Asphalt Cement Grade for Surfacing Designs for Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways projects.

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Bio: Kelly Pederson is the Senior Materials Standards Engineer for the Saskatchewan Ministry of Highways. He first joined the Ministry in the spring of 2009 after graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan. Kelly's roles with the Ministry have included roles as a Construction Project Manager, Logistics Program Manager, Regional Materials Engineer, Senior Materials Engineer, and most recently Senior Materials Standards Engineer. In this role Kelly is involved in development and updates to roadway materials standards, testing procedures and is also involved in the assessment of Ministry materials test sections. Kelly resides in Saskatoon and is married with five and seven year old daughters to keep him busy outside of work.

Innovation in Asphalt Pavements - Jeff Janssens & Anne Guider, McAsphalt

Innovation is critical for addressing infrastructure demands, sustainability goals, and cost efficiency in paving solutions. Key advancements include warm and cold mix processes that lower energy use, recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) for resource efficiency, and thinner applications to conserve materials

Bios: Jeff Janssens, B.Sc.M.E., P.Eng is a dynamic and results-driven professional with a diverse background spanning sales, marketing, engineering, and risk management. A licensed Professional Engineer (P.Eng) with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, Jeff brings over two decades of cross-industry experience to the table, including leadership roles in construction materials, insurance, and event management. Currently serving as a Sales and Marketing Representative at McAsphalt, Jeff manages key accounts, coordinates logistics, and drives business development across multiple markets. His technical acumen, complements his strategic mindset and customer-focused approach. Jeff consistently delivers excellence through innovation, integrity, and a passion for building lasting relationships.

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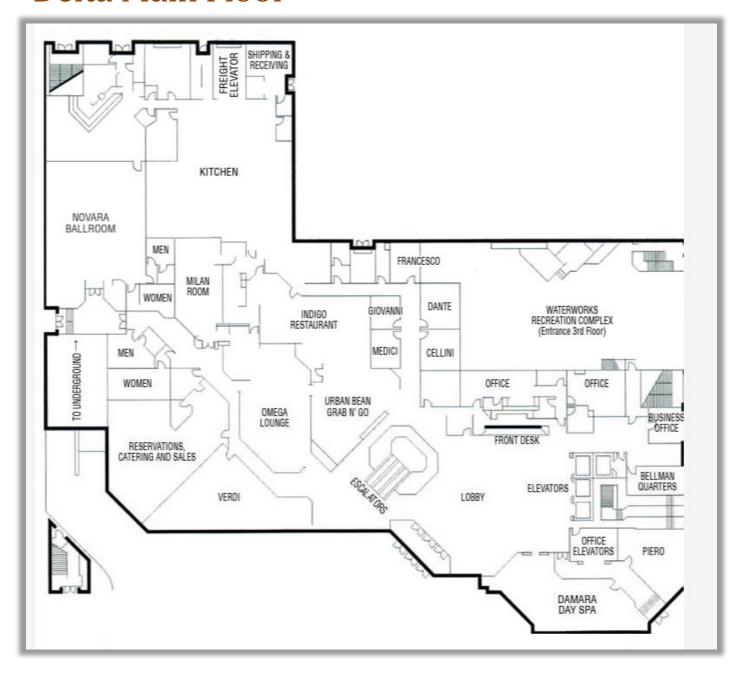
Ann Guider is an environmental scientist with a passion for sustainable solutions and innovative research. She earned her Master of Applied Science in Environmental Engineering from the University of Regina, where her thesis on chemical-free arsenic removal led to a proprietary NSF-certified media approved for drinking water treatment. With a strong foundation in environmental science from Royal Roads University and additional training in business and nutrition, Ann has built a diverse career spanning water treatment, research leadership, and asphalt technology. For the past 15 years she has served as the Cold Processes Engineering Services Manager at McAsphalt Industries Regina Laboratory where she oversees mix design including cold mix, cold patch, sealcoating and microsurfacing without sacrificing durability. Emerging technologies such as bio-based additives and self-healing pavements further enhance performance and reduce reliance on non-renewable resources. Successful implementation requires strategic planning, innovative procurement, and collaboration among industry, government, and academia to overcome technical and regulatory challenges.

Conference Maps

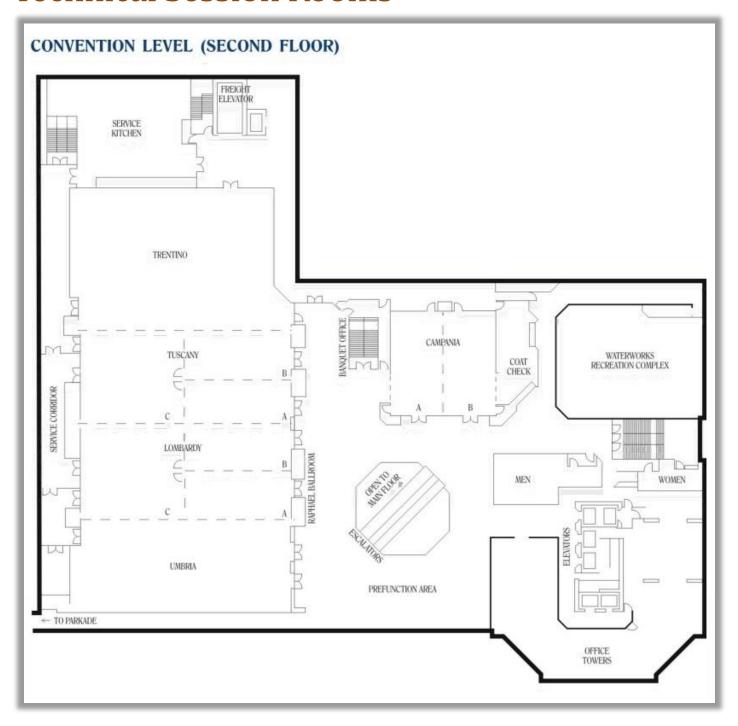
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Delta Main Floor



Technical Session Rooms



Trade Show Exhibitors and Booths

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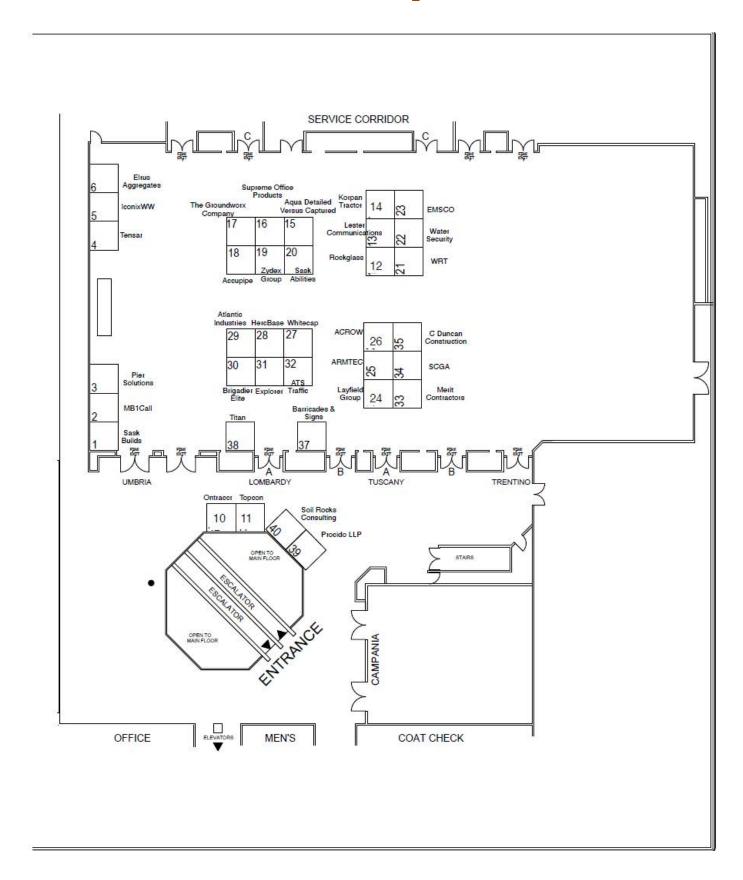








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