



# 2026 Conference Agenda

## 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Registration, Continental Breakfast & Exhibitor Showcase

## 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks - Master of Ceremonies: Dan Geraci

## 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Opening Keynote – Jim Bridenstine, CEO of Quantum Space, former NASA Administrator, Member of Congress and U.S. Navy Pilot

## 9:35 AM – 10:20 AM

Session 1 – Concurrent Sessions - *"Demand Signal: Where Missions and Funding are Going"*

- Frontline (Defense): *"Wartime Demand & the New Defense Budget"*  
Rick Stone, ARCWERX; Thad Thome, US Army; Matthew Fetrow, Space Rapid Capabilities Office; Alex Rodriguez, FreeFall 5G
- Flightline (AAM): *"Mapping Arizona to the Global AAM Movement"*  
Michelle Duquette, 3 MAD Air; Michael Robbins, AUVSI
- Orbitline (Space): *"Orbital and Cislunar Demand Surge: What Missions Need and Who Can Deliver?"*  
Kelli Kedis Ogborn, Commercial Space Federation; Adrian Mangiuca, Rational Futures (formerly NASA, SpaceX & Voyager Space)

## 10:20 AM – 10:50 AM

Networking Break & Exhibitor Showcase

## 10:50 AM – 11:35 AM

Session 2 – Concurrent Sessions - *"Reindustrialization: From Demand to Capacity, Building the Industrial Base"*

- Frontline (Defense): *"Reindustrialization at Speed: Arizona as a National Production Node"*  
Drew Trojanowski, SWMAC; Russell Varone, UNION; Cade Bradley, Raytheon; Todd Tuthill, Rincon Aerospace
- Flightline (AAM): *"Preparing for the Future: Airports, Communities and Ecosystems"*  
Toni Drummond, Future Flight Global; Clint Harper, Future Flight Global; Bruce Goetz, Tucson Airport Authority; Sarah Demory, Phoenix Sky Harbour
- Orbitline (Space): *"Scaling Space Capacity: From Sensors and Systems to Human Performance"*  
Shawn Linam, Qwaltec; Christopher Edwards, NAU's Radiant Center for Remote Sensing; Adrian Radocea, Varda; TBA-Mercury Systems

## 11:35 AM – 12:50 PM

Lunch, Networking Break & Exhibitor Showcase



## 12:50 PM – 1:35 PM

### Session 3 – Convergence Panel - *"Technology Convergence: From Earth to Orbit and Across Domains"*

Gen. Robin Rand, Kyl Institute of National Security; Kevin Suits, Honeywell; Timothy Gallaudet, PhD, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret) and Former Acting Administrator of NOAA

## 1:40 PM – 2:25 PM

### Session 4 – Concurrent Sessions - *"Build the Platform: Testbeds, Ranges & Cross-Border Infrastructure"*

- Frontline (Defense): *"Test Ranges, Training & Multi-Domain Environments"*  
Dustin Blanchard, FreeFall Aerospace; Col. David Taylor, U.S. Army Fort Huachuca; Timothy Jobe, Tiberius Aerospace; Col. Charles Seaberry, U.S. Army Yuma Proving Ground
- Flightline (AAM): *"The Next Flight Revolution: Autonomous, Sustainable and Connected Aviation Technologies"*  
Marisa Walker, Arizona Commerce Authority; Mark Gaspers, WISK; Phil Robinson, Honeywell; Jason Lindauer, SyberJet; Karan Singh, Future Flight Global
- Orbitline (Space): *"Planetary Proving Grounds: What Arizona Must Enable to Help Companies Build, Test & Operate"*  
Eric Miller, PADT; Lisa Morris, Solestial; Jonny Wilson, Sceye; Kjell Starsgardt, Intuitive Machines; Skip Williams, Rocket Lab

## 2:25 PM – 2:55 PM

Networking Break & Exhibitor Showcase

## 2:55 PM – 3:40 PM

### Session 5 – Concurrent Sessions - *"State-Level Competition: Turning Demand, Capability and Platform into Industrial Scale"*

- Frontline (Defense): *"Scaling Through DoW: OTAs, Programs & Industrial Policy"*  
Tom Kunkel, Kyl Institute for National Security; LTC Hans Jagow, Defense Innovation Unit; Eric Jones, Tiberius Aerospace
- Flightline (AAM): *"Arizona's role in Preparing for the Low Altitude Airspace Economy"*  
Nick Langolf, FlyUSI; Shane Conley, Zipline; Mike Canada, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Devin Patterson, SWMAC
- Orbitline (Space): *"Building the Space Industrial Base: How States Can Compete, Scale and Lead National Momentum"*  
Kelli Kedis Ogborn, Commercial Space Federation; Brett Mecum, AZ Space Commission; Gwen Griffin, Texas Space Commission

## 3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

### Convergence Panel - *"Closing Reflections: Key Insights and Next Steps"*

John Otto, Raytheon; Laurie Leshin, ASU; Michael Robbins, AUVSI

## 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

## 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Reception & Exhibitor Showcase

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