



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, Critical Infrastructure Technologies

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, Stone Solutions & Research Collective; Thad Thome, U.S. Army; Matthew Fetrow, Space Rapid Capabilities Office; Alex Rodriguez, FreeFall 5G
- Flightline (AAM): *"Mapping Arizona to the Global AAM Movement"*
Michelle Duquette, Future Flight Global; Scott Shtofman, 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; Col. Raj Agrawal, US Space Force

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, Regulus Industries; Adrian Verduzco, 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, City of Phoenix Aviation Department
- Orbitline (Space): *"Scaling Space Capacity: From Components and Systems to Reliable Mission Delivery"*
Shawn Linam, Qwaltec; Christopher Edwards, NAU's Radiant Center for Remote Sensing; Adrian Radocea, Varda Space Industries; Alex Duran, Viasat; Vincent Pribble, 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; Greg Wilson, Pima Community College

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, Boeing; 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 Stakkestad, Intuitive Machines; Skip Williams, Rocket Lab Optical Systems

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; Lt Col Hans Jagow, U.S. Air Force Defense Innovation Unit; Maj Eric Jones, U.S. Air Force ARCWERX; Frank Oliver, Airtronics; Eric Lam, Air Force Research Lab
- Flightline (AAM): *"Arizona's role in Preparing for the Low Altitude Airspace Economy"*
Nick Langolf, FlyUSI; Mike Canada, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; Devin Patterson, SWMAC; Shane Conley, Zipline
- 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; Gabe Sherman, Oklahoma Aerospace Commission Advisor & The Artemis Group

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

Convergence Panel - *"Arizona's Aerospace Future: From Insight to Action"*

John C. Otto, Raytheon; Michelle Duquette, Future Flight Global, Laurie Leshin, ASU; Sandra Watson, Arizona Commerce Authority

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Closing Remarks

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Reception & Exhibitor Showcase

(Subject to Change)

