



Welcome

to the Seattle Tech Conference and Expo

May 1, 2026, 8 am

Speaker Line up

7:30 am Exhibit Halls open/All American Breakfast Buffet
8:00 am Introduction of all speakers
8:05 am Mayor kickoff conference --- Photo op
8:10 am Caelen Ball, MSRE, PMP, PE, Award-Winning Program Manager, City of Seattle
8:40 am Christopher Hills, Sr Program Manager, North America Security and Safety Systems
9:10 am Mikal Afewerki, Finance System Integration Analytics & Business Analyst
9:40 am Tyler Folsom, University of Washington Professor
10:10 am Karl Weaver, Satellite ecosystem Asian Mobile Industry Biz Dev Rainmaker, Newport Technologies
10:40 am Keith McCall, CEO - Omniris, Pollen Systems, Everyvine CEO
11:10 Priyasha Bagaria, Founder & CEO Loopr AI
11:55 am Exhibit Halls open
12:00 pm Northwestern Style Lunch Buffet
12:30 pm Christopher Spanton, Sr. Manager, Cybersecurity Strategy & Engineering T-Mobile
1:00 pm Tony Logan, Director in the Luxury Travel Space, Virtuoso
1:40 pm John Radick, Design, Develop, Deploy Global, Data Center Construction, McGough Construction
2:10 pm Michael Shilow, Strategic Construction Leader, R-2 Energy
2:40 pm Bill Kleyman, CEO and Co-Founder, Apolo.us
3:05 pm Matt Overvold, Customer Relations Manager at CyrusOne
3:45 pm Yeshil Bangerla, Analytics, The General, A Sentry Insurance Company
3:55 pm Ben Walterscheild, Vice President, Power Products, Group CBS
4:05 pm Brianna Healing, Senior Recruiter, BlueWave
4:15 pm Dr. Ishu Sharma, Professor at Multimedia University
4:35 pm Nathaniel Grimm, MBA, believer, husband, father, and professional
4:55 pm Salute to the Speakers/Special guest
5:00 pm Happy Hour sponsored by

8:10 am Caelen Ball, MSRE, PMP, PE, Award-Winning Program Manager, City of Seattle



Caelen Ball

Award-winning program manager who transformed Seattle's \$4B/yr construction permit system into a cloud-based digital platform to speed permit approvals. Achieved groundbreaking efficiency improvements recognized with Bluebeam's 2022 National Business Transformation Award: - 25% increase in monthly permit approvals - 39% faster fire reviews (148 days reduction) - 32% faster land use reviews (120 days reduction) - 27% faster structural reviews (90 days reduction) Fourth-generation Seattle native whose passion for real estate began while maintaining family properties in Ballard and Greenwood. This early exposure evolved into expertise spanning structural engineering, construction technology, and urban development. Mr. Ball just completed a Master of Science in Real Estate (UW '25) while serving as Electronic Plan Review Product Manager at Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections. Licensed Professional Engineer (WA, CA), PMP, with

track record of leading cross-functional teams through complex digital transformations. Career highlights: - Led implementation of custom .NET API adapter supporting all Seattle construction permits - Trained 250+ personnel across multiple departments on digital plan review - Managed aspects of \$3.29B SR-99 Tunnel Project - Reviewed 4,000+ diverse projects from single-family to high-rise developments - Co-founded Structural Engineering Students for Humanity Areas of expertise: Construction Technology • Digital Transformation • Real Estate Development • Cloud Solutions • Structural Engineering • Value Engineering • Building Code Compliance • Project Management Looking to connect with professionals passionate about advancing construction technology and real estate development in the Pacific Northwest. "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them." - Henry David Thoreau

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Christopher Hills

Chris Hills is a seasoned leader in the Architecture, Consulting, and Engineering (ACE) community within the security industry. His career spans decades of A&E program leadership, security strategy development, and risk-informed infrastructure design. Chris brings deep expertise in data center security architecture, integrating physical, logical, and operational security layers into cohesive and resilient strategies for mission-critical environments. He holds the Data Center Infrastructure Specialist (DCIS) certification, providing a comprehensive understanding of the modern data center ecosystem, from site selection and civil design to redundancy planning, mechanical systems, logical infrastructure, and sustainability. This

perspective enables Chris to bridge engineering, operational, and security disciplines, helping architects, engineers, and consultants design secure, resilient infrastructure from the earliest stages of development. Chris is also the author of *Data Center Security: The Blueprint for Resilient Infrastructure*, where he explores the evolving threat landscape facing hyperscale data centers and critical infrastructure. Through both his writing and industry engagement, he advocates for integrating security as a foundational design consideration rather than an afterthought in complex infrastructure projects. A veteran of the U.S. Army's 7th Infantry Division and later the 7th Military Police, Chris brings a disciplined and mission-focused approach to every engagement. He holds an MBA along with certifications in cybersecurity, physical security, and enterprise risk management, complementing hands-on experience delivering security strategies for global manufacturers, mission-critical facilities, and hyperscale data center environments. Chris's leadership extends beyond his professional roles through active involvement with ASIS International, where he served as a Regional Vice President and contributes to the Security Architecture and Engineering Council (SAEC). His commitment to advancing the industry is further reflected in his book, *The ACE Alliance: Navigating the Art of Selling to Architects, Consultants, and Engineers*, where he shares practical insights on building credibility, influence, and long-term partnerships within the AEC ecosystem.

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Mikal Afewerki

The Data Reality Check

Bridging Theory and Infrastructure Abstract: Innovation isn't just about the newest AI model; it's about making sure the data we have is reliable enough to use. Data Analyst working at the intersection of large-scale engineering and business strategy. Using examples from enterprise tools like Blue Prism for automation and Palantir for data integration, exploring the real-world challenges of data reconciliation. On my I will focus on taking messy information from physical systems ranging from aerospace infrastructure to Smart City sensors and turning it into something a decision-maker can actually trust. Whether you're managing a building or a complex data pipeline, the goal is the same: moving past the hype to find the 'ground truth.

Mikal is a Data Analyst and Strategist focused on the practical side of technical infrastructure. With experience handling data systems in both large-scale aerospace and private industry, she specializes in building the "bridge" between raw technical data and actionable business insights. Mikal's approach is grounded in reality, focusing on data integrity, automated pipelines, and the human element of engineering. She is passionate about stripping away technical noise to ensure that innovation serves a clear, strategic purpose for stakeholders and building owners alike.

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9:40 am Tyler Folsom, University of Washington professor



Tyler Folsom

Reinventing urban transportation through automated micro-mobility. In the near future, self-driving micro-taxis may be everyone's favorite urban vehicles. Thanks to Amazon for providing funding for 2016-7.

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Satellite ecosystem

Karl Weaver

Karl J. Weaver is the founder of Newport Technologies, created in Puget Sound in 1999 to evangelize the design-in of cutting-edge mobile/wireless technologies for the APAC ICT manufacturing supply chain. Karl is a bilingual Mandarin Chinese speaking US Citizen, career Asian mobile device & wireless industry GTM Biz Dev Veteran with decades of global expertise/experiences, having worked for Zetron (Redmond 1993-1999) in the Land Mobile Radio Communications Control/signaling equipment world, for Freescale Semiconductor in Tempe, AZ (2004-05) for wireless chips, with Gemalto (Thales) & TruStone in the smartcard ecosystem working for NFC mobile payments and TEE embedded mobile device security in Beijing, China (2008-2013), at ARM promoting eSIM/iSIM (2016-2018), and for Aitos.io pitching design-in of IoT + Blockchain SDK integration into cellular IoT modules to build a Green energy data infra network in Singapore (2020-2024). Karl's career is in wireless technology and global markets, and he worked as an expatriate for 18+ years in Taiwan, the Netherlands, Mainland China, and Singapore. Karl possesses a BS Degree in Business Management from Salve Regina University, was awarded a scholarship, and is certified in Mandarin Chinese language, customs, and culture from National Taiwan Normal University, and is certified in Broadband Wireless Communications from the University of Washington (Seattle). In 2026, Karl jumped into the Satellite ecosystem and delivered many video podcast presentations, including "Global Satellite IoT Ecosystem & Multi-Orbit D2D/D2C Services." In 2026, there is a revolution ongoing for Satellite D2D & D2C communications on Smartphones and Smart IoT Devices. Cell Towers in the Skies are coming!

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Keith McCall

Mr. McCall is a leading Torenthal Enterprises Corporation investing in, building and running small businesses that rely on software analytics and big data. As part of that effort, he is the founder and CEO of Pollen Systems, CEO of Omniris Group, Inc and CEO of Everyvine. The last 15 years Keith has built products for Lotus, IBM, and Microsoft, then founded and sold Azaleos (acq Nov 2012 by Avanade) as one of the first hybrid SaaS e-mail management companies and founded and sold Enroute Systems Corporation (acq Jan 2016 by Pitney Bowes). He has helped retailers (including Zulily, Zumiez, lululemon athletica, Nordstrom, Brooks Sports, CVS and Tiffany) optimize omnichannel shipping. As a software architect, business manager, and technologist for over 25 years.

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11:10 Priyansha Bagaria, Founder & CEO Loopr AI



Priyansha Bagaria

Ms. Bagaria is building an AI visual inspection solution to help manufacturing companies reduce quality inspection costs and address workforce challenges. Learning entrepreneurship on the job every day!

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11:55 pm Prize Pack giveaway

12 pm Northwestern style Lunch Buffet 12 pm

12:pm Exhibit floor open



Christopher Spanton

Mr. Spanton is a senior manager, cybersecurity strategy and engineering for T-Mobile. What do the U.S. Intelligence Community, the Linux Foundation, the Washington State Legislature, and T-Mobile's C-Suite all have in common? They've all relied on my strategic technology expertise. Ask me why!

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1:40 pm John Radick, Design, Develop, Deploy Global, Data Center Construction, McGough Construction



John Radick

Mr. Radick provides program management and project oversight for Data Center construction across the US, ensuring owner project requirements are achieved through collaboration and coordination with general contractors, designers and trade partner.

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Michael Shilow

Mr. Shilow delivers complex construction projects in the most challenging urban environments, backed by a career-long track record of technical excellence and operational leadership. As a senior construction executive, he offers proven expertise managing multi-billion-dollar portfolios across the East Coast, specializing in multifamily, commercial, mixed-use, and renewable energy developments. Michael's background includes direct oversight of individual projects ranging from \$10 M to \$980M, with a total delivered value exceeding \$3B+. This spans ground-up high-rise residential, affordable housing, life sciences facilities, and critical infrastructure, with depth in the NYC tri-state region. Additionally, he provides strategic consulting for utility-scale solar and BESS deployments ranging from 25MW to 2.9GW.

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Bill Kleyman

Mr. Kleyman is an executive, industry analyst, board member, blogger, writer, and speaker, and the proud recipient of the 2021 I Masons Education Champion Award. He gets ahead of himself. He loves technology. Not just the shiny, new gadgets (though those are great, too), he loves how tech empowers people, transforms businesses, and redefines what's possible. He has built his career around that mission: turning complex innovation into real-world impact. Bill is the CEO and Co-Founder of Apolo.us, a next-gen AI infrastructure platform built for data centers, telcos, and enterprises. Mr. Kleyman and his group are building the GPU hub, and orchestration layer, that powers efficient, secure, multi-tenant AI development at scale.

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Andres Ortiz

Mr. Ortiz is an award-winning videographer, part 107 certified drone pilot, and postproduction manager and motion graphics.

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3:05 pm Matt Overvold, Customer Relations Manager at CyrusOne



Matt Overvold

Matt is a customer relations manager at CyrusOne.

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Yeshil Bangera

As a Business Intelligence Engineer, Yeshil leverages his data science and analysis skills to design and implement data-driven solutions that drive business growth and performance. He uses R, SQL, Python, Cloud Platforms and Power BI to extract, transform, analyze, and visualize data from various sources and generate actionable insights for stakeholders. Yeshil has a strong background in data science, analytics, and business intelligence, with 5 years of experience in different domains and industries. He holds a master's degree in business Analytics from University of New Haven, where he also served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant and guided students on data mining, predictive modeling, and business forecasting. He is passionate about using data to solve complex problems and create positive impact, and always eager to learn new technologies and techniques.

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Ben Walterscheid

Operations leader with proven success across electronic manufacturing, heavy-duty transportation, and food service industries. Skilled in driving operational excellence, enhancing customer satisfaction, and leading cross-functional projects from concept to completion. Experienced in quality analysis and management, with a strong track record of improving processes and team performance. Holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology at Texas Tech University's College of Human Sciences.

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Brianna Healing

Ms. Healing is passionate and adaptable customer service professional with 5+ years as a Recruiter including digital marketing, IT, and federal services. Quick learner who avidly enjoys working in a team setting. Attained 9+ years in consultant/ customer service as a Leader and Front of House Manager. Solid team player and individual contributor in fast-paced environments. My proficient communication and problem-solving abilities help me visualize and achieve my goals.

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Dr. Ishu Sharma

Dr. Sharma is an experienced associate professor with a demonstrated history of working in the education management industry. She is skilled in research, blockchain, cybersecurity and artificial Intelligence domains. Ishu has strong education professional with a doctorate degree focused in computer science and engineering from Chitkara University.

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4:35 pm Nathaniel Grimm, MBA, believer, husband, father, and professional.



Nathaniel Grimm, MBA

Construction Program Management Professional with experience in contract administration, subcontractor management, supervision of structures and civil construction work as an engineer and superintendent in the field and from the office. Also project estimating, implementing new software programs and training on those programs and new technologies to streamline construction processes, and executing many project engineering processes onsite. I have gained experience in supervising commercial and tenant improvement construction as an assistant project manager. I have also gained experience as a project manager and a senior project manager supporting large infrastructure projects and related management tasks. Most recently, I have served as a construction program manager for projects related to electric charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure.

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We will see you at the

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