HSS Summit 2026 — Program

November 10–12, 2026 · Huntsville, Alabama · Marriott / U.S. Space & Rocket Center

Tuesday, November 10 — Mill Tours

Bus transportation is provided from the Marriott. Lunch is included with both options. Select your tour option when you register.

Option	Tour	Departs hotel	Returns to hotel
Both mills (Groups A & B)	Nucor Steel Decatur (sheet mill) and Nucor Tubular Products (tube mill), with lunch at the hotel after the tours	7:00 AM	12:30 PM
Tube mill only (Group C)	Nucor Tubular Products (tube mill), with lunch at the hotel prior to departing for the tour	1:30 PM	4:45 PM

Wednesday, November 11

Time	Slot	Salon	Session	Length
7:15 AM	**Registration, Breakfast & Coffee — EXHIBIT AREA OPEN** **45 min**			
8:00 AM	**KEY**	**C/D**	**Welcome & Keynote: The Future of Work is Human: Why Connection is Becoming the Competitive Advantage** Tanya Piazza-Hughes, Cast Connex	**1 hr**
9:00 AM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 10 min**			
9:10 AM	**1**	**C/D**	**HSS Detail-Off** Ranka Radonjic-Vuksanovic, Pittsburgh Steel; Cathleen Jacinto, Steel Tube Institute	**1 hr**
10:10 AM	**Exhibit Break — EXHIBIT AREA** **30 min**			
10:40 AM	**2A**	**A/B**	**NASA's Mobile Launcher 2 (ML2): Connections Built to Launch** Suzy Rajamoney, Cast Connex	**30 min**
10:40 AM	**2B**	**E/F**	**Answering Your Customers' HSS Questions: Strength, Connections and Sourcing** Chris Marvin, Cives Engineering Corporation; Cathleen Jacinto, Steel Tube Institute	**30 min**
11:10 AM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 10 min**			
11:20 AM	**3A**	**A/B**	**Slotted Gusset Plate Connections for HSS Braces: Design, Constructability and Cost-Based Evaluation** Hana Bashady, University of Alberta; Ali Imanpour, University of Alberta; Ranka Radonjic-Vuksanovic, Pittsburgh Steel	**1 hr**
11:20 AM	**3B**	**E/F**	**A View of HSS From Across the Pond** David Brown, Steel Construction Institute	**1 hr**
12:20 PM	**Lunch + HSS Project of the Year AWARDS CEREMONY (ceremony starts at 12:40) — Salon C/D** **60 min**			

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1:20 PM	**4**	**C/D**	**HSS Project of the Year Presentations: Part 1** • Stanford Softball Stadium Minkun Chan, Hohbach-Lewin • International Center for Care and Conservation of Giraffe, Cheyenne Mountain Zoo Gregory Friesen, CSNA Architects; Julian Lineham, Studio NYL, a Lerch Bates Company; Maryann Davis, Drake-Williams Steel	**30 min**
1:50 PM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 10 min**			
2:00 PM	**5A**	**A/B**	**Standard Practice Details for HSS** Brad Fletcher, Atlas Tube	**30 min**
2:00 PM	**5B**	**E/F**	**A Look Ahead to 2027: Flatbed Logistics and Capacity Forecast for HSS Shipments** Andrew Spencer, Spencer Freight and Logistics	**30 min**
2:30 PM	**Exhibit Break — EXHIBIT AREA** **30 min**			
3:00 PM	**6**	**C/D**	**HSS Project of the Year Presentations: Part 2** • The Lakehouse Michael Olsen, KL&A • Gordie Howe International Bridge U.S. Port of Entry Canopies Erdem Karpuz, AECOM • Thomas and Vivian A. Wong Honor Tower Paul Endres, Endrestudio; Dave Campbell, Endrestudio	**45 min**
3:45 PM	**Transition — 10 min**			
3:55 PM	**7**	**C/D**	**Navigating HSS Availability: Perspectives from Across the Supply Chain** Jason McNeil, Atlas Tube; Holly Schaubert, Steel Tube Institute	**1 hr**
4:55 PM	**Sessions conclude** **Exhibit area open until 5:15 PM**			
6:00 PM	**Evening Reception — USSRC Main Exhibit Hall** **75 min**			
7:15 PM	**Dinner — Saturn V Hall** **Young Professionals and Academic Scholarship winners recognized**			
9:30 PM	**Evening concludes**			

Thursday, November 12

Time	Slot	Salon	Session	Length
7:15 AM	**Breakfast & Coffee — EXHIBIT AREA OPEN** **45 min**			
8:00 AM	**8**	**C/D**	**Sustainability Without the Buzz Words: A Roundtable for the HSS Supply Chain** Brandie Sebastian, Brandie Sebastian Consulting; Oren Jaffe, SCS Consulting Services	**1 hr**
9:00 AM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 15 min**			
9:15 AM	**9A**	**A/B**	**The Connection Starts Before the Connection Engineer: How Upstream HSS Design Decisions Shape Delegated Connection Design** Chris Marvin, Cives Engineering Corporation	**1 hr**
9:15 AM	**9B**	**E/F**	**Steel Demand at the Center of the Digital & Energy Transformation: How HSS and Other Steel Components Drive this Megatrend** Tabitha Stine, Nucor Corporation	**1 hr**
10:15 AM	**Exhibit Break — EXHIBIT AREA** **30 min**			
10:45 AM	**10A**	**A/B**	**HSS and WF on a Multistory Office Building: A Comparative Case Study** Beth Suminski, Steel Tube Institute	**1 hr**
10:45 AM	**10B**	**E/F**	**HSS in Data Centers and Prefab Modular Construction: Use Cases and Market Outlook** Jim Marsh, Zekelman Industries	**1 hr**
11:45 AM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 10 min**			
11:55 AM	**11A**	**A/B**	**Bending HSS: What Designers and Fabricators Need to Know** Al Sanders, Max Weiss Company	**30 min**
11:55 AM	**11B**	**E/F**	**Fewer Emails. Better Handoffs. Three Things You Can Do with AI Today – and One Pitfall to Avoid.** Jason Pappas, Zekelman Industries	**30 min**
12:25 PM	**Closing Remarks, Raffle Drawings & Light Lunch — EXHIBIT AREA** **65 min · tables open until adjourn**			
1:30 PM	**Adjourn**			