HSS Summit 2026 — Tentative Program

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

Mill Tours — Tuesday, November 10

Meet in the hotel lobby 10 minutes before your bus departs. Groups A and B tour both mills; Group C tours Nucor Tubular Products only.

Group	Bus departs hotel	Morning	Lunch	Afternoon	Back at hotel
Group A	7:00 AM	Nucor Steel Decatur tour, then Nucor Tubular Products tour	12:00 PM at Nucor Tubular Products	Depart 1:00 PM	1:30 PM
Group B	7:00 AM	Nucor Tubular Products tour, then Nucor Steel Decatur tour	12:00 PM at Nucor Tubular Products	Depart 1:00 PM	1:30 PM
Group C	11:15 AM		12:00 PM at Nucor Tubular Products	Nucor Tubular Products tour, 1:00 PM	3:30 PM

Day 1 — Wednesday, November 11

Time	Slot	Session Title	Length	Shepherd	Speaker
7:30 AM	**Registration, Breakfast & Coffee — EXHIBIT AREA OPEN 45 min**				
8:15 AM	**KEY**	Welcome & Keynote	**1 hr**	Holly Schaubert	
9:15 AM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 10 min**				
9:25 AM	**1A**	Slotted Gusset Plate Connections for HSS Braces: Design, Constructability and Cost-Based Evaluation	**1 hr**	Holly Schaubert	Hana Bashady, University of Alberta; Ali Imanpour, University of Alberta; Ranka Radonjic-Vuksanovic, Pittsburgh Steel
9:25 AM	**1B**	Automation in the HSS Shop: Keeping Up with AI Infrastructure Demand	**1 hr**	Ross Harrison	Brandon Bell, Next Level Steel; Casey Janes, JPS International
10:25 AM	**Exhibit Break — EXHIBIT AREA 30 min**				
10:55 AM	**2A**	NASA Mobile Launcher 2: HSS in the Artemis Launch Structure	**30 min**	Cathleen Jacinto	Suzy Rajamoney, Cast Connex
10:55 AM	**2B**	Answering Your Customers' HSS Questions: Strength, Connections and Sourcing	**30 min**	Michael Collins & Cathleen Jacinto	Chris Marvin, Cives Engineering Corporation; Cathleen Jacinto, Steel Tube Institute
11:25 AM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 10 min**				
11:35 AM	**FULL**	HSS Detail-Off	**1 hr**	Cathleen Jacinto	Ranka Radonjic-Vuksanovic, Pittsburgh Steel; Cathleen Jacinto, Steel Tube Institute

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12:35 PM	**Lunch + HSS Project of the Year AWARDS CEREMONY — MAIN ROOM 60 min**				
1:35 PM	**3A**	Standard Practice Details for HSS	**30 min**	Brad Fletcher	Brad Fletcher, Atlas Tube
1:35 PM	**3B**	Flatbed and Rail into 2027: Capacity Forecast for HSS Shipments	**30 min**	Ross Harrison	
2:05 PM	**Exhibit Break — EXHIBIT AREA 30 min**				
2:35 PM	**FULL**	HSS Project of the Year Case Studies: Design and Fabrication of the Winning Projects	**1 hr**	Holly Schaubert / Patty Alt	Award winners
3:35 PM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 10 min**				
3:45 PM	**FULL**	Navigating HSS Availability: A Roundtable with HSS Producer, Service Center, Fabricator and Engineer Perspectives	**1 hr**	Richard Morales	Greg Goad, Steward Machine Fabricators (facilitator)
4:45 PM	**Day 1 concludes — exhibit tables open until 5:00**				
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**				
9:00 PM	**Evening concludes**				

Day 2 — Thursday, November 12

Time	Slot	Session Title	Length	Shepherd	Speaker
7:30 AM	**Breakfast & Coffee — EXHIBIT AREA OPEN 30 min**				
8:00 AM	**SPON**	Sponsor Presentation	**15 min**	Holly Schaubert	
8:15 AM	**FULL**	Sustainability Across the Structural Steel Supply Chain: A Roundtable	**1 hr**	Holly Schaubert	Brandie Sebastian, Brandie Sebastian Consulting; Oren Jaffe, SCS Consulting Services
9:15 AM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 15 min**				
9:30 AM	**4A**	The Connection Starts Before the Connection Engineer: How Upstream HSS Design Decisions Shape Delegated Connection Design	**1 hr**	Cathleen Jacinto	Chris Marvin, Cives Engineering Corporation
9:30 AM	**4B**	Steel Market Outlook: Coil and Its Impact on the HSS Market	**1 hr**	Kenzie Moore & Josh Tarlton	Nucor
10:30 AM	**Exhibit Break — EXHIBIT AREA 30 min**				

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11:00 AM	**5A**	HSS and WF on a Multistory Office Building: A Comparative Case Study	**1 hr**	Paul Brasileiro	Beth Suminski, Steel Tube Institute; co-presenter to be confirmed
11:00 AM	**5B**	HSS in Data Centers and Prefab Modular Construction: Use Cases and Market Outlook	**1 hr**	Jason McNeil	Jim Marsh, Zekelman Industries
12:00 PM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 10 min**				
12:10 PM	**6A**	Bending HSS: What Designers and Fabricators Need to Know	**30 min**	Brad Fletcher	Al Sanders, Max Weiss Company
12:10 PM	**6B**	Leveraging AI in the HSS Industry: How Engineers, Manufacturers, Fabricators and Distributors Are Using It Today	**30 min**	Jason McNeil	Jason Pappas, Zekelman Industries
12:40 PM	**Transition via Exhibit Area — 10 min**				
12:50 PM	**Closing Remarks, Raffle Drawings & Light Lunch — EXHIBIT AREA 40 min · tables open until adjourn**				
1:30 PM	**Adjourn**				