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NEBRASKA RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

58th Annual NREA Engineering Seminar
Holiday Inn Conference Center – Kearney, Nebraska
November 4-5, 2026
Agenda

Wednesday, November 4

8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	Registration – Coffee and Rolls (Included with your registration) ABC Registration Area
8:50 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome: JT&S Staff Stateroom C
9:00 – 9:45 a.m.	"Wildfire Mitigation Solutions" Josh Stern, Area Sales & Marketing Manager Hitachi Energy
9:45 – 10:30 a.m.	"Grid Hardening & Resilience Solutions for Utilities Davoud Zamani, Ph.D. Co-Founder GridWrap Inc.
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Visit with vendors/break
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	"Connectors Review" Bill Amelse, Account Mgr. Primus Marketing
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Group Lunch (Included with your registration) Stateroom D/E
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	"Cable Construction & Installation Variations & Their Corresponding Effects on Ampacities" Dan Payton, District Manager The Okonite Company
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	"Your AMI Data: Beyond Billing " Eric Holt, Team Lead Member Sales National Information Solutions Cooperative
3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Visit with vendors/break
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	"VVO with Capacitor Banks" Kevin Corcoran, Product Management Senior Director Hubbel Power Systems
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn for the Day

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Wednesday, November 4, (continued)

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Hospitality Hour Stateroom D/E Sponsored by NREA Suppliers Group
6:00 p.m.	Dinner **(Included with your registration)** Stateroom D/E

Thursday, November 5

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	"From Outages to Insights: Using Operational Data to Improve Reliability" Thomas McCollum, Director, Smart Grid Advisory & Engineering National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Visit with vendors/break
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.	"Wildfire Mitigation in Nebraska Distribution Systems" Dakota Peterson, Technical Application Engineer Border States
11:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Evaluation & Adjourn