



The premier conference for soybean and grain transportation and trade issues in the Upper Midwest.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

REGISTRATION

11:30AM - 12:45PM

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SESSIONS

All sessions will be held in Regency CD located on the second floor.

1:00PM - [OPENING SESSION WITH MC RICHARD STEWART](#)

1:25PM - 2:10PM - [OPENING KEYNOTE - EAST BOUND AND DOWN](#)

Featuring Peter Hirthe, Great Lakes St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation and Bill Scriber, Port of Oswego Authority

2:15PM - 3:10PM - [REIMAGINING RAIL SERVICE IN THE MIDWEST: NEW NETWORKS AND NEW SERVICES](#)

Featuring Ken Lucht, Watco, Lindsey Douglas, UP Railroad and Herb Smith, Norfolk Southern.

Moderator: Libby Ogard, Prime Focus

3:10PM - [BREAK](#)

3:30PM - 4:00PM - [THE GREAT LAKES: NOT YOUR GRANDPA'S SHIPPING ALTERNATIVE ANYMORE](#)

Featuring Mike Steenhoek, Soy Transportation Coalition

4:05PM - 4:20PM - [A MOMENT FOR MARAD: GRANTS MOVING AHEAD THE LAKES DISTRICT](#)

Featuring Mike Sullivan, U.S. DOT Maritime Administration - Great Lakes Gateway Office

4:25PM - 5:20PM - [THINK OUTSIDE THE "BOX" - YOUR CONTAINERS ON THE GREAT LAKES](#)

Featuring David Gutheil, Port of Cleveland and Jonathan Lamb, Lake Superior Warehousing

Moderator: Bob Sinner, SB&B Foods

RECEPTION

5:30PM - 6:15PM

Reception - Vue North - Rooftop 21st Floor

[Network while enjoying drinks and appetizers with spectacular views of Milwaukee.](#)

DINNER AND EVENING SPEAKER

6:30PM

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[Join us for a evening reception and dinner featuring our evening keynote speaker, Secretary of Agriculture for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, Randy Romanski.](#)

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON DISCRETION OF CONFERENCE HOST



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FRIDAY, MARCH 4

REGISTRATION

7:00AM - 7:30AM

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BREAKFAST

7:30AM - 8:00AM

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SESSIONS

All sessions will be held in Regency CD located on the second floor.

8:00AM - 9:10AM [FIRESIDE CHAT: FINDING SOLUTIONS FROM RAIL TO SEA](#)

Featuring Robert Primus, Surface Transportation Board Member and Dan Maffei, Federal Maritime Commission Chairman

9:15AM - 9:30AM [PUBLIC SECTOR INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT AGRICULTURE TRANSPORTATION](#)

Featuring Mark Berndt, Quetica

9:35AM - 10:30AM - [FUTURE MARKET DEMAND FORECASTS](#)

Featuring Paige Stevenson, U.S. Grains Council, Steven Mercer, U.S. Wheat Associates, and Eugene Philhower, U.S. Soybean Export Council

Moderator: Eric Wenberg, Specialty Soya and Grains Alliance

10:30AM - 10:40AM - [BREAK](#)

10:45AM - 11:40AM - [INTERMODAL TRUCKING AND CONTAINER ACCESS IN THE MIDWEST](#)

Featuring Chris Winkler, Aim Transfer and Storage, Jason Hilsenbeck, Drayage.com and AJ Martin, BJRY Transload

Moderator: Libby Ogard, Prime Focus

LUNCH

11:45AM - 12:30PM

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[Join us to hear from our lunch keynote Adam Tindall-Schlicht, Port Milwaukee](#)

CLOSING

12:35PM - 1:15PM - [CLOSING KEYNOTE - BRIGHT IDEAS](#)

Featuring Jason Tutrone, Thompson Hine

1:20PM - 2:05PM - [GROUP TAKEAWAYS AND CLOSING REMARKS WITH MC RICHARD STEWART](#)