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7:30 a.m.	Registration and Networking/Vendor Fair			
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Opening Panel Discussion			
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	Break/Vendor Fair			
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Break Out Session #1 Remain at Work: The New Standard for Safer, Smarter, and More Productive Injury Management Dr. John Webb, OccMedMD	Break Out Session #2 What to Expect During an OSHA Inspection Hap Hileman, Illinois DOL	Break Out Session #3 Fall Protection Bo Solari, The Shur Group	Break Out Session #4 “The Power of Gratitude & Building Hope Through Action” Brandon Anderson, AGC Missouri
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Break/Vendor Fair			
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Break Out Session #5 NFPA 70E-Establishing Electrically Safe Working Conditions Alan Bond, Panduit	Break Out Session #6 What to Expect During an OSHA Inspection Hap Hileman, Illinois DOL	Break Out Session #7 Confined Space Rescue Chris Shay, Teksovl	Break Out Session #8 The Science of Safer Jobsites: How to Design Incentives That Drive Real Change Chris Dornfeld, One10
12:00 Noon - 1:00 p.m.	Lunch/Vendor Fair			
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Break Out Session #9 Trench Safety Kurt Harris, United Rentals	Break Out Session #10 What to Expect During an OSHA Inspection Hap Hileman, Illinois DOL	Break Out Session #11 Work Zone Safety Juan Pava, Illinois DOT	Break Out Session #12 Narcan Training Marianne Drainer, Chestnut Health Systems
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Vendor Fair			

OPENING PANEL

Moderator Bio-Joe Shryock, icon Mechanical: Joe Shryock brings over 20 years of experience in environmental health and safety compliance, industrial hygiene, and process improvement. As the Corporate Safety Director for icon Mechanical, he leads a team of 22 Safety Professionals supporting safety operations across major projects nationwide. Joe began his career as a union tradesman with Local 527 Cement Masons, spending more than a decade in the field. This hands-on experience shaped his practical, worker-focused approach to safety and remains the foundation of his leadership style.

Panelist Bio-Everett Kelly, Poettker Construction: Everett Kelly brings over 25 years of experience in the construction industry, backed by a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Health and Safety and a Construction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) certification. As Corporate Safety Director, Everett has championed proactive safety strategies, risk-based assessments, and field-driven engagement. He has implemented structured safety observation systems and streamlined reporting workflows to enhance compliance and performance. Everett’s leadership continues to foster a culture of accountability and continuous improvement, driving measurable safety outcomes across complex construction environments.

Panelist Bio-Jason Wernex, Utilitra: Jason Wernex is a certified safety professional and Utilitra’s Director of Safety. His experience encompasses more than thirty years in the safety arena, including the utility, construction, nuclear, transportation, and manufacturing business sectors.

Panelist Bio-Zach Maggio, Keeley & Sons: Zach Maggio is the Safety Director for Keeley & Sons, Inc., bringing over a decade of hands-on experience in heavy-highway and bridge construction safety. Beginning his career as an instructor and training coordinator, Zach advanced into leadership roles where he has overseen safety operations on some of the region’s most significant infrastructure projects. His project portfolio includes the Poplar Street Bridge Collector, the Merchants Bridge Reconstruction, I-255 Reconstruction from Collinsville Road to IL-157. Zach has also played a key safety leadership role on the I-270 Chain of Rocks Bridge project, supporting the construction of the new structure and land-based demolition and sitework associated with the old bridge.

Panelist Bio- Jon Sander, Prairie State Generating Company: Jonathan Sander is the Sr. Vice President of Campus Operations for Prairie State. He joined the Prairie State team in 2014 as Sr. Electrical Engineer and has since worked his way up through multiple roles in the company, until he was promoted to his current position in 2024. In his role, Mr. Sander is responsible for the overall direction, management, and operations of the power plant and coal mine. Mr. Sander has 15 years of experience in the power generation industry.

Panelist Bio- Jason Kimball, Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery: Jason Kimball is the Director of Continuous Improvement at Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery. He has 25 years experience within Automotive and Refining Industries. Has worked in leadership in operations, engineering, maintenance and turnarounds. He has also been involved in the development of safety culture across companies, industries, and countries.

Panelist Bio-Randy Schwartzkopf, Afton Chemical: Randy has worked at Afton Chemical for 33 ½ years. He’s been on the SLT (safety liaison team) for the past 21 years. The hourly safety here at the plant the last 12 years. He’s an OSHA 10-30 hour instructor, a SGE (special government employee) through the OSHA VPPPA program. He’s been on the Region V VPPPA board for 7 years. Served as a mentor for companies trying to get into VPPPA program. Plus participated in initial certifications of companies getting into VPPPA. Along with several recertifications of companies.

Panel Discussion Description: A panel of industry experts from both general industry and construction will discuss current safety issues, technologies, and programs and policies faced in their respective industry.

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Bio-Dr. John Webb, OccMedMD: John Webb, MD, DC, MBA, MPH, is a nationally recognized occupational medicine physician and the founder of OccMedMD in St. Louis. With more 25 years of experience in workplace injury management, regulatory compliance, and employee health solutions, Dr. Webb brings a unique blend of clinical expertise, business acumen, and preventive-care vision. Dr. Webb holds dual professional doctorates (MD and DC) and advanced graduate training including an MBA in Healthcare Administration and an MPH in Epidemiology—capped by further postgraduate study in biotechnology at Harvard University.

Occupational Medicine Presentation Description: Employers often treat occupational medicine as a reactive service—a clinic referral after the injury. But what if the right occupational medicine partner could help prevent incidents, keep workers safely engaged, and reduce both lost-time and regulatory exposure? Dr. John Webb will present a case-for a paradigm shift: from return-to-work to remain-at-work. Attendees will learn how to:

- Partner early for hazard or injury reviews
- Utilize same-day telehealth injury evaluations aligned with operational needs
- Document causation and medical necessity to protect the employer and employee
- Communication with providers regarding temporary alternative work employees can be included in their job descriptions, allowing them to continue working at “full duty” in accordance with OSHA’s guidelines and avoid unnecessary recordable incidents.

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Bio-Harry “Hap” Hileman, Illinois Department of Labor: Harry "Hap" Hileman has been the Illinois Department of Labor’s On-Site Marketing/Outreach Coordinator since August 2020. Hap started with IDOL in 2018 as an IL OSHA Safety Inspector. Before IDOL, Hap Hileman was a Safety Specialist with the IL Army National Guard and a private industrial tank manufacturer. Hap has served in the U.S. military since 1994, holding diverse duty assignments from a Navy Seabee to the United States Transportation Command. He received his master’s degree from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He volunteered as a youth wrestling coach for the past 10 years and lives and works in Springfield, IL.

“What to Expect During an OSHA Inspection” Session Description: Discover the process of and OSHA inspection without experiencing the pain, and what resources are available to help employers address potential violations and create a safer workplace.

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Bio-Bo Solari, The Shur Group: Bowmen Solari is from Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. Bo graduated from University of Iowa with a bachelor’s degree of Liberal Arts . He spent 9-years in the military service in the Iowa Air National Guard and has traveled all over the world in that capacity. Bo worked in customer service and as a sales rep before joining Shur-Sales in 2017 and is now part of The Shur Group that covers Eastern Missouri and Southern Illinois. Taking care of customers is Bo’s passion and number one priority.

Fall Protection Presentation Description: The presentation will cover OSHA and ANSI standards, ABCDs of fall protection, how to inspect don and doff a harness, physical impact of a fall, calculating clearance distance, and horizontal lifelines.

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Bio-Brandon Anderson, AGC Missouri: Brandon Anderson, Vice President of Safety at AGC of Missouri; has 27 years of experience in the construction industry; holding various positions from leadership to senior safety and senior employee development specialist roles. Mr. Anderson is not only a lifelong construction professional but also an advocate for total worker wellbeing; with a strategic focus on Mental Health, Suicide and Substance Misuse; his efforts have received national and international recognition/awards.

“The Power of Gratitude and Building Hope Through Action” Presentation Description: Year after year the construction industry has suffered from a silent killer. In 2018 AGC of America, powered by a couple of chapters and industry partners, headed the call to raise awareness. Now at a place with the industry realizing that we have a problem; the question is, “now what do we do?” We will walk attendees through a captivating presentation of; “The Power of Gratitude & Building HOPE Through Action”. Attendees will embark on a journey breaking down the current state of the industry, the why, discussing the stigma surrounding Mental Health, Suicide Prevention and Substance Misuse. Throughout the underlying focus will become clear that we all are capable of the transformative potential of “Building HOPE Through ACTION”. This audience engaging discussion emphasizes the significance of compassion, support and the daily opportunities presented to you; as you embark on your own journey to Build ACTION.

Upon completion: Participants will be have a better understanding of what is plaguing the industry:

- What are the contributing circumstances and/or root causes
- Potential upstream intervention
- Signs someone may be experiencing a struggle up to crisis
- How to engage that individual
- How to become more knowledgeable of available resources
- Proven best practices that can be implemented immediately

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Bio-Alan Bond, Panduit: Alan Bond is a Sr. Global Product Manager for the Panduit product line – Prevention through Design (PtD). Panduit’s PtD products deliver safer solutions for control and power distribution applications specific to the hazards found in the electrical workplace. In this role, Alan manages PtD product lifecycles, marketing strategies, aligns cross functional activities and condenses customer requirements into actionable products.

NFPA 70E-Establishing Electrically Safe Working Conditions Session Description: When servicing electrical equipment, workers must comply with regulations that require voltage verification testing to validate the absence of voltage. In this session, leading industry experts from Panduit will disseminate the key features and benefits of manual and automatic testing methods which satisfies NFPA 70E Article 120 requirements.

Bio- Chris Shay, Teksolv: Chris has 10 years of experience with Teksolv as the Rescue Operations Manager, starting at the Delaware office before relocating to Illinois four years ago to oversee Midwest operations. Prior to this role, he worked in Fire/EMS in Harford County, MD, accumulating a total of 22 years of experience in Fire, Rescue, and EMS.

Confined Space Rescue Presentation Description: This presentation will cover injury and death statistics as well as meter selection, proper training, and rescue planning.

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Bio-Chris Dornfeld, One10: Chris Dornfeld is an executive leader and entrepreneur whose career has centered on helping organizations unlock safer, more engaged, and higher-performing workplaces. As President and Co-founder of Whistle Rewards (now part of One10 Marketing), Chris helped construction and manufacturing companies design smarter incentive and recognition programs that strengthened safety culture, increased reporting, and improved workforce retention. Drawing on more than two decades of experience leading digital transformation and organizational change, he brings a rare blend of behavioral science, technology strategy, and practical execution.

“ The Science of Safer Jobsites: How to Design Incentives that Drive Real Change” Presentation

Description: What’s the secret to getting crews to report near-misses, wear PPE without reminders, or embrace new safety protocols? It’s not just policy - it’s behavior. And behavior is shaped by what gets noticed and reinforced. In this engaging session, Chris Dornfeld, EVP Product Strategy at One10 and Co-Founder of Whistle Rewards, shares the science behind building a jobsite safety culture that actually sticks. You’ll learn how incentives and recognition can reduce resistance, improve compliance, and even strengthen retention. Through real-world examples, neuroscience insights, and field-tested best practices, Chris shows how smart, well-timed rewards can drive the behaviors that matter most. Whether you’re leading safety for a national contractor or managing a crew of ten, you’ll walk away with practical tools to improve safety outcomes and build a more motivated, loyal workforce.

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Bio- Kurt Harris, United Rentals: Kurt is currently a Territory Manager and Competent Person for Excavation Safety and Confined Space Entry trainer for United Rental Trench Safety St. Louis covering central and southern Illinois. His 12 years of experience in trench safety has allowed him to obtain the working knowledge of confined space entry and excavation safety practices.

Trench Safety Presentation Description: The presentation will be an excavation competent person overview highlighting points from the standard as well as the duties of the competent person, soils, and tabulated data.

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Bio-Juan Pava, Illinois Department of Transportation: Juan serves as the State Highway Safety Programs Unit Chief overseeing the work zone safety, railroad highway crossing safety, and vulnerable road user safety engineering programs in Illinois. He has served the Illinois Department of Transportation for over 16 years with experience in areas of research, research implementation, product evaluation, safety evaluation and analyses, policy development and implementation, legislative review, and providing guidance and support to internal and external stakeholders statewide.

Work Zone Safety Presentation Description: The presentation will provide an overview of work zone crashes facts, and present multiple ongoing programs and initiatives to address risks throughout enforcement, education, and engineering. We hope to provide enough information to encourage some dialogue on how we can team up on addressing safety shortcomings of work zones together.

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Bio-Marianne Drainer, Narcan Training Presenter: Obtained a graduate degree in Public Administration at U of I; undergrad degree in Human Services at SIUE. Been employed at Chestnut for 9 years as a Community Health Specialist. Before that, I had my own mortgage loan brokerage. And, before that, several years working with juveniles in different capacities.

Narcan Training Session Description: NARCAN® is a life-saving drug used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. It is safe for anyone, at any age. It works by removing opioid molecules from receptor sites which allows an unconscious person to resume breathing. It is non-addicting and has no allergic reactions. The Illinois Good Samaritan Law protects non-medically-trained individuals administering it from legal liability. We offer training to anyone who wants to learn how, when and why to administer NARCAN®.