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Resort Map



- FAIRMONT GOLD**
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- B BUILDING**
2082-2118 | 2082-2118
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- D BUILDING**
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- E BUILDING**
3038-3060 | 4038-4060
- F BUILDING**
1014-1037 | 2006-2037
3001-3037 | 4001-4021
- G BUILDING**
1201-1220 | 2201-2220
3201-3220
- SUNSET BEACH**
1401-1435 | 2401-2435
3401-3435
- PRIVADO VILLAS**
★ Welcome Center
I II
5100-5109 | 5200-5209
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5332, 34, 36, 38, 40
- MEETING ROOMS**
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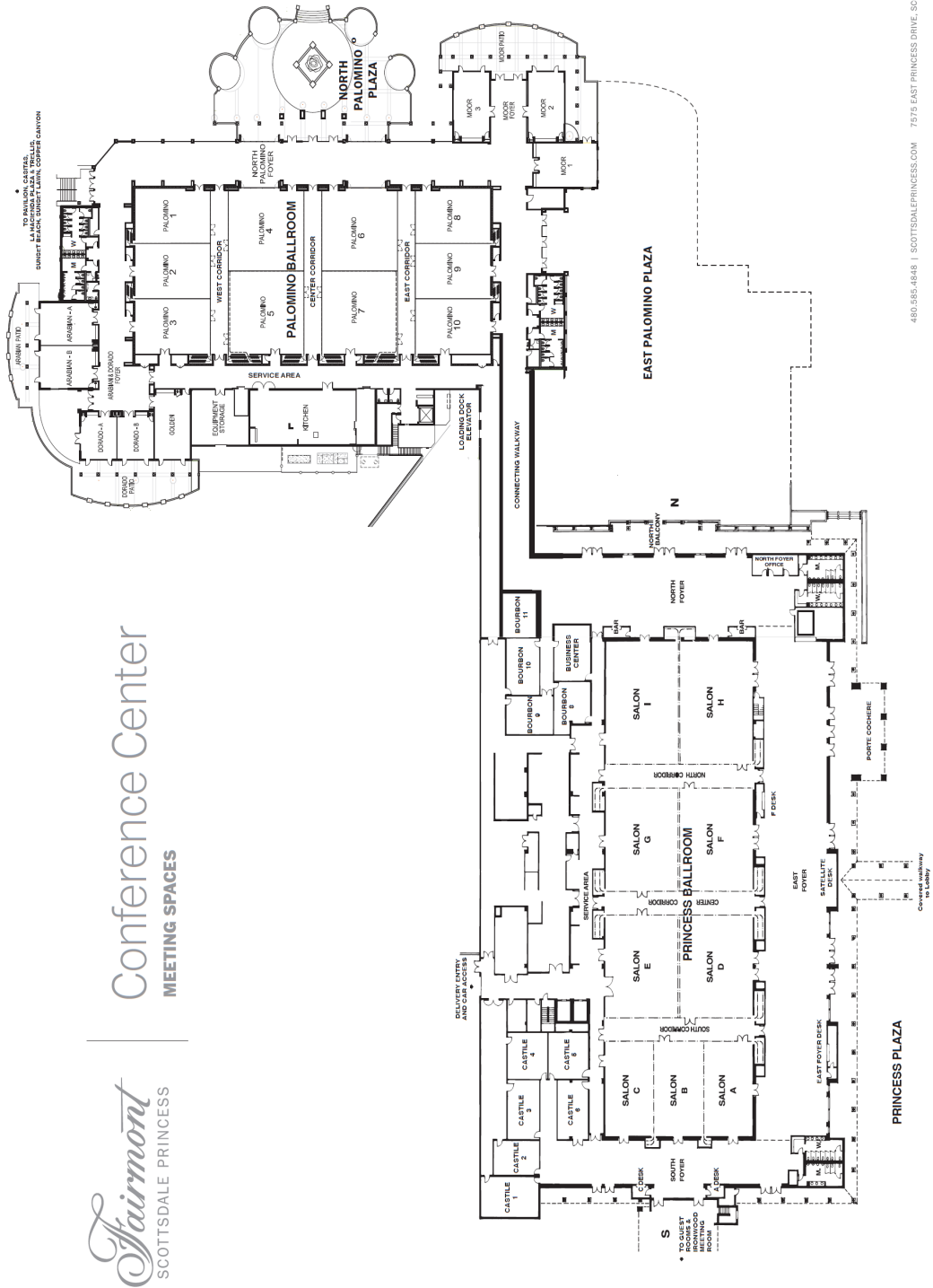
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View the Resort's Current Events & Offerings

SCAN THIS CODE

- KEY LOCATIONS**
- ★ 1 Lobby
 - 2 Bourbon Steak
 - 3 Bell Desk
 - 4 Concierge/Golf Concierge
 - 5 Car Rental
 - 6 Ironwood Circle
 - 7 Fragrance Garden
 - 8 Fairmont Fitness Center*
 - 9 FedEx Business Center
- RESTAURANTS & LOUNGES**
- 10 Bourbon Steak by Michael Mina
 - 11 The Plaza Bar
 - 12 La Hacienda by Richard Sandoval
 - 13 The Social at Princess Pool
 - 14 Sunset Beach Pool Bar
 - 15 Ironwood American Kitchen*
 - 16 Toro Latin Restaurant & Rum Bar at TPC (Complimentary shuttle at front drive)
- POOLS**
- 17 Sonoran Splash Pool & Waterslides
 - 18 Sonoran Landing Pool & Bar (18 & older)
 - 19 Princess Pool & Jacuzzi
 - 20 Privado Villas Pool & Jacuzzi
 - 21 Sunset Beach Pool & Splash Pad
 - 22 Well & Being Spa | Sisley-Paris Spa
- RECREATION & RETAIL**
- 23 Provisions Coffee Shop & Retail Market
 - 24 Anna J Women's Boutique
 - 25 Maverick Menswear
 - 26 Trailblazers Recreation Center*
 - 27 Sport Court & Playground
 - 28 Well & Being Spa | Sisley-Paris Spa
 - 29 Well & Being Salon
- MEETING SPACES**
- 30 Fairmont Gold Meeting Room
 - 31 Princess Plaza
 - 32 Princess Falls
 - 33 Princess Pool Upper East Deck
 - 34 Princess Pool Upper West Deck
 - 35 Princess Overlook
 - 36 Princess Ballroom & Conference Center
 - 37 Palomino Ballroom & Conference Center
- MEETING SPACES**
- 38 North Palomino Plaza
 - 39 East Palomino Plaza
 - 40 Ironwood Meeting Room*
 - 41 Canyon Lawn
 - 42 Hacienda Plaza & Trellis
 - 43 Sunset Lawn
 - 44 Pavilion (Seasonal)
 - 45 Copper Canyon Western Town

Conference Center Map



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Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Time	Event	Location
8:00am – 4:00pm	Exhibitor Move-In	Princess Ballroom
8:00am – 7:30pm	Registration	East Foyer Desk outside Princess Ballroom
4:30pm – 7:30pm	<p>NRC-REMSA Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall</p> <p>Sponsored by: <i>Danella</i> <i>Holland</i> <i>Loram</i> <i>Ragnar Benson</i></p>	Princess Ballroom

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Hours:
Wednesday, Jan. 3:
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Thursday, Jan. 4:
8:45am – 10:15am;
12:15pm – 1:45pm

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Thursday, January 4, 2024

Time	Event	Location
6:30am – 7:30pm	Registration	East Foyer Desk outside Princess Ballroom
7:00am – 7:10am	Conference Welcome General Session Refreshments Sponsored by: <i>HDR</i> <i>Olsson</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
7:10am – 7:35am	Union Pacific’s 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers Russell Rohlfs, VP of Engineering Sponsored by: <i>Hamilton Construction Co.</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
7:35am – 8:00am	Watco’s 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers Tom Holmes, Vice President – Purchasing & Materials and Paul Leonards, Vice President of Project Management Sponsored by: <i>A&K Railroad Materials</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
8:00am – 8:20am	NRC Safety Awards Presented by Michael McGonagle VP of Government Affairs and Operations, NRC <i>See page 23 for more details</i> Sponsored by: <i>Commercial Insurance Associates (CIA)</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
8:20am – 8:45am	Norfolk Southern’s 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers Ed Boyle, VP of Engineering Sponsored by: <i>R.J. Corman</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
8:45am – 10:15am	NRC-REMSA Breakfast in Exhibit Hall Sponsored by: <i>Track Tech</i>	Princess Ballroom
10:15am – 10:40am	FRA Part 243 Training Rule Updates Cory Johnson, Specialist, Railroad Safety Partnerships, FRA	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7

Thursday, January 4, 2024 (cont.)

Time	Event	Location
10:40am – 11:05am	<p align="center">Chicago Metra’s 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers Janice R. Thomas, Deputy Executive Director, External Affairs</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by: <i>Delta Railroad Construction</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
11:05am – 12:05pm	<p align="center">NRC Keynote Session</p> <p align="center">Fireside Chat featuring: Norfolk Southern Chief Strategy Officer Michael McClellan</p> <p align="center">Moderated By: NRC Chairman Steve Bolte, Vice President Business Development North America, Danella & NRC Vice Chairman Joseph Daloisio, Track Division Manager, Railroad Construction Company, Inc.</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by: <i>EVRAZ</i> <i>RailPros</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
12:15pm – 1:45pm	<p align="center">NRC-REMSA Lunch in Exhibit Hall</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by: <i>Nordco, a Wabtec Company</i></p>	Princess Ballroom
2:00pm – 2:30pm	<p align="center">NRC Safety Award Winners Convene for Photo Op and Plaque Presentation</p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
5:00pm – 7:00pm	<p align="center">NRC-REMSA Reception in Exhibit Hall</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by: <i>RailWorks</i> <i>Harsco</i></p>	Princess Ballroom

Thursday, January 4, 2024 (cont.)

Breakout Sessions

Time	Event	Location
2:00pm – 4:00pm	<p>FRA Update: Deep Dive into Periodic Oversight as required by § 243.205. The discussion will focus around a railroad contractor’s duty to perform periodic oversight and the related Job Aid FRA published earlier this year. The session will also cover training and qualification records (§ 243.203) requirements.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presenters: Rob Castiglione, Staff Director, Railroad Safety Partnerships, FRA; Cory Johnson, Specialist, Railroad Safety Partnerships, FRA; and Lance Hawks, Specialist, Railroad Safety Partnerships, FRA;</p>	Palomino 8 & 9
2:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Pre- registration required</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">G&W/Contractor “Speed Networking”</p> <p>Sign-up for a dedicated, 10-minute time slot to meet and network with G&W's engineering team. This event is first-come, first-served. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Participants: Bill Grove, Director – Engineering, Genesee & Wyoming; Mark Koenig, Manager – Engineering Services, Genesee & Wyoming; and Kristine Storm, VP of Purchasing, Genesee & Wyoming</p>	<i>Location provided via email to registered attendees of this event</i>
2:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Pre- registration required</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Norfolk Southern/Contractor “Speed Networking”</p> <p>Sign-up for a dedicated, 10-minute time slot to meet and network with NS engineering team. This event is first-come, first-served. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Participants: Corey Bauer, Group Manager Purchasing, Norfolk Southern; and Corey Plunkett, Director Of Purchasing, Norfolk Southern</p>	<i>Location provided via email to registered attendees of this event</i>
2:00pm – 5:00pm <i>Pre- registration required</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Union Pacific/Contractor “Speed Networking”</p> <p>Sign-up for a dedicated, 10-minute time slot to meet and network with UP's engineering team. This event is first-come, first-served. Space is limited and pre-registration is required.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Participants: Kaylee Erlbacher, Strategic Sourcing Category Manager, UP; TJ Spire-Sweet, Director Track Construction, UP; and John Jerome, General Director Track Programs and Construction, UP</p>	<i>Location provided via email to registered attendees of this event</i>

Thursday, January 4, 2024 (cont.)

Breakout Sessions

Time	Event	Location
2:00pm – 3:00pm	<p style="text-align: center;">League of Railway Women (LRW) Presents Railroad Workforce Challenges: Perspectives from Operations and How Woman- Focused ERGs Can Help</p> <p>This panel discussion will set the stage by examining railroad workforce trends and challenges and hear perspectives from women in railroad operations. The panel will conclude with how women-focused ERGs and recruiters can help companies address workforce challenges.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Michele Malski, Founder, SPRING Panelists: Miranda Cross, NA Rail Leader, Power Systems Business, Cummins; Vanessa Knapton, SVP, Sales & Marketing, Field Services, Cathcart Rail; and La Shelle Pearson, Business Development Manager, South, CN</p>	Palomino 2 & 3
3:15pm – 4:15pm	<p style="text-align: center;">League of Railway Women (LRW) Presents Partnering for Sustainability: We All Have a Role to Play</p> <p>This panel discussion will examine how organizations large and small have leveraged partnerships to begin or grow their sustainability efforts. The panel will provide examples for organizations looking to better understand what role they play in advancing the rail industry’s drive towards a more sustainable future.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderator: Tiffany Wenrich, Director of Marketing, Holland Panelists: Curtis Sloan, VP, Policy & Sustainability, Watco; Kristin Ward, Customer Service Manager NARSTCO; Trish Haver, Chief Commercial Officer, North Carolina Railroad (NCRR); and Lisa Tuningley, President, T-Rail Products, Inc.</p>	Palomino 2 & 3

Friday, January 5, 2024

Time	Event	Location
7:00am – 12:00pm	Registration	East Foyer Desk outside Princess Ballroom
7:30am – 12:00pm	Exhibitor Tear-Down	Princess Ballroom
7:00am	Continental Breakfast in General Session Sponsored by: <i>Geismar</i>	Palomino Ballroom Foyer
7:00am – 7:10am	AREMA Update AREMA President Raymond G. Verrelle, Jr., PE, Amtrak	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
7:10am – 7:35am	BNSF's 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers Craig Rasmussen, AVP Engineering Services & Structures Sponsored by: <i>Vossloh</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
7:35am – 8:00am	Federal Railroad Administration Update Jennifer Mitchell, Deputy Administrator FRA	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
8:00am – 8:50am	Rail Sustainability Panel Moderated by: Brett Urquhart, President, Martinus North America <u>Panelists:</u> Francois Belanger, Senior Director Sustainability, CN; Laura McNichol, SVP, Chief Sustainability Officer, Watco; Andrea Oswald, General Director – Strategic Sourcing Supply Chain, UP; Joshua Raglin, Chief Sustainability Officer, NS; and David Smat, General Director - Environmental Operations, Engineering, Permitting, and Sustainability, BNSF Sponsored by: <i>Hamilton Construction Co.</i> <i>Ragnar Benson</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
8:50am - 9:15am	G&W's 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers Kristine Storm, Vice President, Procurement Sponsored by: <i>Benesch</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7

Friday, January 5, 2024 (cont.)

Time	Event	Location
9:15am - 10:05am	<p style="text-align: center;">Railroad Signals & Communication Panel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moderated by: Carl Walker, VP of Engineering, CSX</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Panelists:</u> Jerad Fritz, AVP Signals, BNSF Railway; Jay McAndrew, General Director Signal, UP; Tom Hilliard, Chief S&C, CN; and Steven Vant, Chief Engineer – S&C, Conrail</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored by: <i>RSSI</i> <i>NAMRC</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
10:05am – 10:30am	<p style="text-align: center;">Canadian National’s 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Brent Laing, VP Engineering</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored by: <i>AECOM</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
10:30 am –10:55am	<p style="text-align: center;">CPKC’s 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Matt Foot, Chief Engineer Planning & Production</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored by: <i>Timiny Rail Maintenance</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7

Friday, January 5, 2024 (cont.)

Time	Event	Location
<p>12:00pm Shotgun start</p> <p><i>Pre-registration required</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NRC Golf Tournament</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Tournament format is a four-person scramble. Golf registration fee includes carts, green fees, lunch and drinks, access to driving range and putting greens.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Golf Beverage Stations Sponsored by: <i>Herzog</i> <i>Progress Rail</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Golf Lunch Sponsored by: <i>J-Track</i> <i>PCM RAILONE AG</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tournament Golf Balls Sponsored by: <i>STX Railroad Construction</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hole-In-One Sponsored by: <i>Stella-Jones</i></p>	<p>TPC Stadium Course</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and</p> <p>TPC Champions Course</p> <p><i>Bus pick-up at conference drive outside the Princess Ballroom starting at 10:45am</i></p>
<p>1:00pm</p> <p><i>Pre-registration required</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Trap Shooting Event</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NRC's 2024 Trap Shooting Event will be held at the world-renowned Ben Avery Shooting Facility and run from 1pm to 3pm. The Trap Shooting Event registration fee includes roundtrip bus transportation, water/snacks prior to departure, firearm rentals, ammo, safety protection (glasses, earplugs, and a licensed professional at each stand), and bottled water onsite. This event is open to all experience levels and will be a fun experience for all those who do not want to golf!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored by: <i>Progressive Railroading Magazine</i></p>	<p>Ben Avery Shooting Facility</p> <p><i>Bus pick-up at conference drive outside the Princess Ballroom at 12:15pm</i></p>

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Time	Event	Location
7:00am – 1:00pm	Registration	East Foyer Desk outside Princess Ballroom
7:00am	Continental Breakfast in General Session Sponsored by: <i>Plasser American</i>	Palomino Ballroom Foyer
7:30am - 7:55am	CSX's 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers Ed Sparks, Chief Engineer - Bridges, Design & Construction Sponsored by: <i>TranSystems</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
7:55am – 8:20am	OmniTRAX's 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers Zac Vallos, VP Engineering Sponsored by: <i>Salcef Railroad Services</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
8:20am – 8:45am	Patriot Rail's 2024 Capital Program and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers Tim Rich, Regional VP of Engineering – West Region Sponsored by <i>Danella</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
8:45am – 9:25am	Railroad Government Affairs Panel: Transportation Legislation and Policy Priorities in the 118th Congress and Beyond Moderated by: Matt Ginsberg, President, TGA Association Management Solutions (NRC's lobbying firm) <u>Panelists:</u> Melissa Connolly, Assistant Vice President, Government Affairs, Association of American Railroads; Drew Feeley, Staff Director, House T&I Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials; Arielle Giordano, Managing Director US Gov't Affairs, Canadian Pacific Railway; Dabney Hegg, Majority Clerk, Senate Appropriations Transportation-HUD Subcommittee; Laura McNichol, SVP, Chief Sustainability Officer, Watco; Sponsored by: <i>TGA AMS, LLC</i>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7

Saturday, January 6, 2024 (cont.)

Time	Event	Location
9:25am – 10:05am	<p align="center">NRC Special Awards Presentation and LRW's Woman of the Year Award Presentation <i>See pages 24-26 for more details</i></p> <p align="center">Sponsored by: <i>Kraemer NA</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
10:05am – 10:15am	<p align="center">Preview of NRC Safety Video: Video #30 "Bridging the Generation Gap in the Rail Workforce"</p> <p align="center">Presented by: NRC Safety Committee Chair Erika Brunhke, Chief Sales & Growth Officer, RailPros</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by: <i>Commercial Insurance Associates (CIA)</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
10:15am – 10:40am	<p align="center">Role of Equity Companies in the Rail Contracting Market</p> <p align="center">Tony Hatch, Senior Transportation Analyst, ABH Consulting</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by: <i>RELAM</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
10:40am – 11:20am	<p align="center">*NEW* Industrial Development Panel</p> <p align="center">Moderated by: Alanna Strohecker, Senior Vice President - Global Market Sector Leader, Goods Movement, AECOM</p> <p align="center"><u>Panelists:</u> Bart Chevreux, Director of Engineering, Vulcan Materials; Shelly Zemeckis, Regional Manager Economic and Industrial Development, Union Pacific; Ean Johnson, Vice President, Economic Development, OmniTRAX; and Daniel Stout, VP, STX Railroad Construction</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by: <i>American Railway Development Association (ARDA)</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7
11:20am – 11:45am	<p align="center">MxV Rail's Future State and Opportunities for Contractors and Suppliers</p> <p align="center">Kari Gonzales, President & CEO, MxV Rail</p> <p align="center">Sponsored by: <i>Michael Baker International</i></p>	Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7

Saturday, January 6, 2024 (cont.)

Time	Event	Location
11:45am - 12:00pm	<p>Concluding comments from Outgoing NRC Chairman Steve Bolte and Incoming NRC Chairman Joe Daloisio</p>	<p>Palomino Ballroom 4 - 7</p>
5:00pm – 7:00pm	<p>Finale Reception Enjoy an evening of BBQ, drinks, cigars, and networking at the Fairmont Princess’ western town with a special appearance by a beer donkey.</p> <p>Reception Sponsored by: <i>SEMA Construction</i> <i>Track Tech</i></p> <p>Prickly Pear Margarita Bar Sponsored by <i>Railroad Construction Company</i></p> <p>Cigar Rolling Station Sponsored by <i>Omaha Track</i></p>	<p>Copper Canyon</p>
7:00pm – 10:00pm	<p>L.B. Foster Football Party Grab a drink and some tailgate fare while watching a great lineup of football games as we wrap-up the NRC Conference!</p> <p>Sponsored by <i>L.B. Foster</i></p>	<p>Plaza Bar Indoor Lounge</p>

NRC Scholarship Program

The NRC awards scholarships each year to provide higher-education tuition assistance for children or grandchildren of employees of NRC member companies.

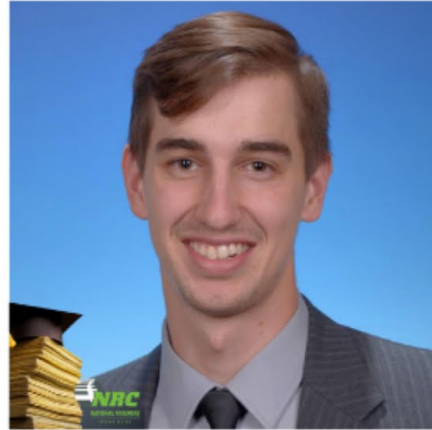
Congratulations to the NRC 2023 Scholarship Award Winners!

Jared Kish

First-Place Winner: \$12,000

Pennsylvania State University – Altoona
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“Improvement is key to staying ahead of the curve, and I believe railroad safety and thus public image, can be improved through existing expansion, adaptation, and new growth.”



Margaret Konczak

Second-Place Winner: \$6,000

St. Ambrose University
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“Sharing data across the industry and working with suppliers to analyze this data to identify temperature thresholds and proactively inspect bearings before failure will help reduce these failures and improve public safety.”

Zoe Robinson

Third-Place Winner: \$3,000

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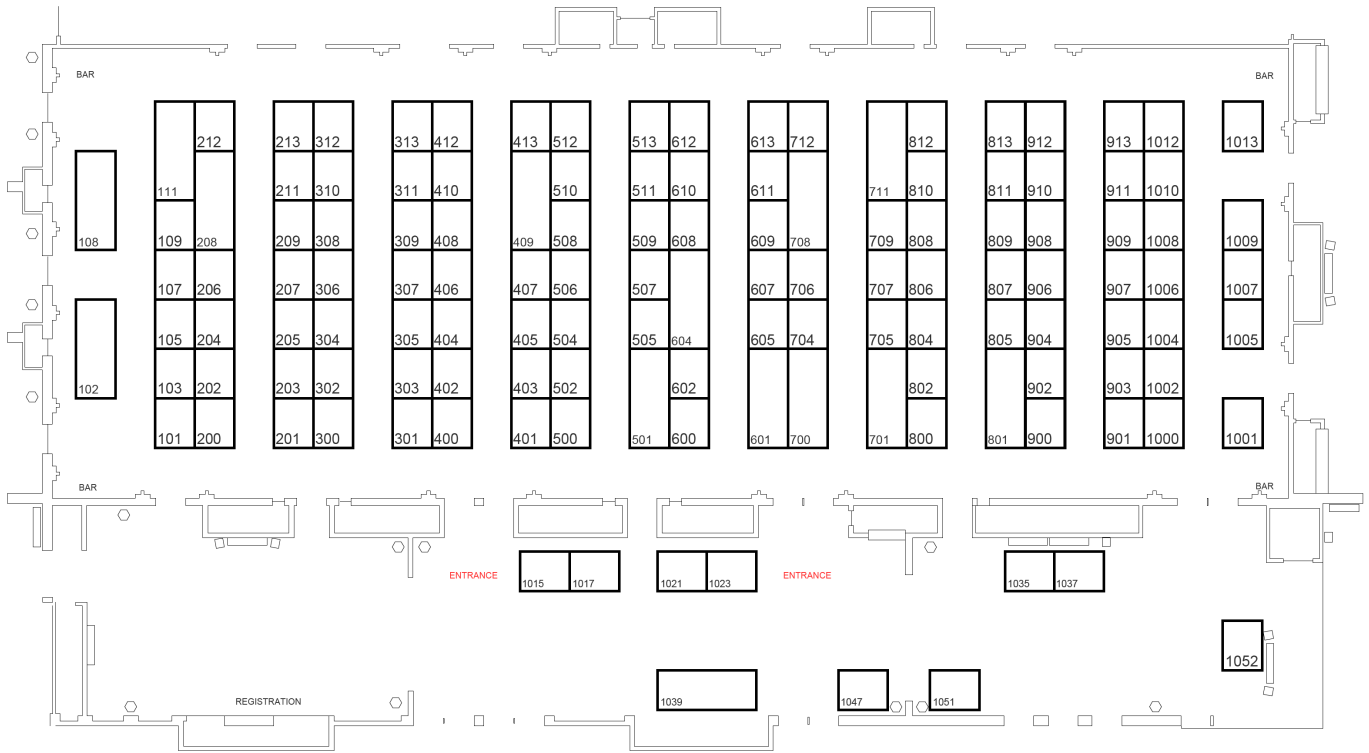
Exhibit Hall Map

Exhibit Hall Hours:

Wednesday, Jan 3, 2024: 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Thursday, Jan 4, 2024: 8:45 am - 10:15 am, 12:15 pm - 1:45 pm; 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Princess Ballroom Fairmont Princess Scottsdale



Exhibitor List

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Company Name	Booth	Company Name	Booth
A&K Railroad Materials, Inc.	604	Gallagher Asphalt	1052
Advanced Rail Systems LLC	900	GEOfabrics	305
Aksela Foundation	205	Geoforce	1035
American Concrete Products	709	Geopier, A Division of CMC	213
American Track	111	GeoStabilization International	906
Ames Construction	500	Gradall Industries, Inc.	513
AREMA	306	Gregori Construction Inc.	610
ASLRRA	909	Gryb Internationnal	202
Aspen Equipment Company	707	Harsco Rail	504
Asplundh Tree Expert LLC Railroad Division	1023	Herc Rentals Inc.	310
Assignar	508	Hiab USA, Inc	304
Atlantic Track & Turnout Co.	211	HiRAIL Corporation	212
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NRC 2023 Safety Awards

The NRC Safety Awards recognize NRC contractor members with exemplary workplace safety programs. Underwritten by Commercial Insurance Associates, the awards honor contractor members’ commitment to safety and acknowledge their achievement based on six criteria:

- Workers’ Compensation Experience Rating
- OSHA work-related injuries and illnesses
- OSHA statistics violations
- Roadway Worker Protection training
- Safety program elements
- Company vehicle accident score

We commend each of these companies for their extensive efforts to promote and improve safety in the rail contracting industry and for subjecting their full safety program to an exhaustive outside review. They represent the best of the railroad construction and maintenance industry.

A special thanks to Jordan Goff and Kevin Pomeroy of Commercial Insurance Associates for volunteering their time and expertise to coordinate the evaluation of the applicants.

Platinum Winners Score of 100/100	Gold Winners Score of 80 – 99/100	Silver Winners Score of 70 – 79/100
360 Railroad Services LLC Ames Construction Balfour Beatty Infrastructure Capital Railroad Contracting Holland LP L.K. Comstock National Transit Modern Railway Systems Queen City Railroad Construction RailWorks Signals & Communications RailWorks Track Services RailWorks Track Systems RailWorks Maintenance of Way US Trackworks LLC	American Track Civil Works Contracting LLC Coleman Industrial Construction Frontier Railroad Services LLC. Kraemer North America LLC Loram Maintenance of Way Loram Technologies Musselman and Hall Contractors LLC Nordco LLC PCL Civil Constructors , Inc. R.J. Corman Railroad Services RailWorks/L.K. Comstock-NY Transit SEMA Construction Skanska USA Civil West Stacy Witbeck Trans-Global Solutions, Inc.	G.W. Peoples Contracting Harsco Rail Herzog Contracting Corp. Herzog Railroad Services, inc. Herzog Services, Inc. Herzog Technologies JJD Electric LLC Martinus Bottom Line, LLC. PNR RailWorks Ragnar Benson Construction Railroad Construction Co. of So. Jersey, Inc. Railroad Constructors, Inc.
Bronze Winners Score of 60 – 69/100		
American Rail Marketing Curran Contracting Company	Delta Railroad Construction, Inc. Hafco Services	K.W. Reese, Inc. Railroad Construction Co. Inc.

Congratulations to the 2023 Safety Award Winners!

NRC 2023 Special Awards

Every year the NRC honors the most outstanding people and projects in the rail construction and maintenance industry with the following annual awards:

Rail Construction Projects of the Year - The Large Project category (projects with budgets over \$100 million) and the Small Project category (projects with budgets of \$100 million or less) honor innovation, expertise, and quality project management applied toward a rail construction project. Any type of rail construction project is eligible for the awards, including freight, rail, industrial, track, rail transit, commuter rail, intercity passenger rail, rail on port facilities, and rail on military facilities.

Field Employee of the Year – This award honors the rail contracting employee demonstrating the most dedication and excellence in the field.

Innovation in Technology – Offered for the second time this year, the Innovation in Technology award honors innovation and unique technologies, or technological services, created or implemented by an NRC member company.

The NRC also honors individual contributors to the NRC and the rail construction and maintenance industry with the following award:

Hall of Fame – While we do not have any inductees this year, this award recognizes current or former employees or owners of an NRC member company.

These awards honor the industry’s best and brightest, while also highlighting NRC member companies’ commitment to hiring hardworking and dedicated people contributing to the most innovative and efficient railroad projects in the country.

NRC 2023 Large Project of the Year Award Winner: Sandpoint Junction Connector Project

Ames Construction has won the NRC’s 2023 Large Project of the Year award (greater than \$10 million) for its work on the Sandpoint Junction Connector project. Ames successfully addressed significant access and environmental challenges to complete the complex, three-year project in Sandpoint, Idaho, 14 months ahead of the owner’s schedule.

The Sandpoint Junction Connector Project added a second rail bridge over Lake Pend Oreille adjacent to the existing rail bridge, as well as new bridges over Sand Creek and Bridge Street. These infrastructure improvements have enhanced freight movement in the region by enabling trains to run in both directions across the bridges and reducing congestion and environmental impact in Sandpoint.

BNSF Site Project Manager Ryan Kopera describes Ames as a “dedicated contractor partner” that helped “make the project a success through on-time performance, effective cost control, and communications when changes occurred.”

Ames drew upon its innovative construction practices and relevant project experience, including knowledge of environmental impacts and work in marine conditions, to produce benefits for the owner,

its employees, and jobsite partners. Key factors contributing to the project's success include using barges to build the bridge across Lake Pend Oreille rather than the permitted temporary bridge, planning to identify innovative ways to execute the work and lower costs, and engineering-out hazards to create a safe and positive work environment.

Read more about Ames' work on the Sandpoint Junction Connector Project on the NRC website.

NRC 2023 Small Project of the Year Award Winner:

MxV Rail's Facility for Accelerated Service Testing (FAST) Loop Project

R.J. Corman Railroad Services has won the NRC's 2023 Small Project of the Year Award (less than \$10 million) for its work to construct a new test loop at MxV Rail's Facility for Accelerated Service Testing (FAST) in Pueblo, Colorado. The project team overcame weather challenges and an aggressive construction schedule to successfully complete the unique, five-month project on budget and with zero recordable safety incidents.

The buildout was highly intricate and required great attention to detail and communication with various parties and stakeholders. Unlike typical standard track construction, this buildout required R.J. Corman to install several different products and materials throughout the construction of the three-mile section of track comprising more than 20 experiments and additional proprietary tests.

"R.J. Corman's dedication to the buildout was demonstrated on multiple occasions when they committed multiple crews to support 7 day-a-week construction during the entire length of the project," said Scott Cummings, assistant vice president of Research & Innovation at with MxV Rail. "R.J. Corman's ingenuity and commitment to make the FAST buildout success helped meet the aggressive construction schedule and complex track build. Overall, the R.J. Corman team exceeded our expectations by safely completing the project. While schedule delays occurred due to challenges related to weather, R.J. Corman looked at opportunities to optimize the schedule and was able to keep the build within budget."

Refer to the NRC website for more about R.J. Corman's work on MxV Rail's Facility for Accelerated Service Testing (FAST) Loop Project.

NRC 2023 Field Employee of the Year Award Winner:

Tom Hunter, Chief Signal Engineer, Modern Railway Systems

Modern Railway Systems Chief Signal Engineer Tom Hunter has won the NRC's 2023 Field Employee of the Year Award.

In his nomination letter, Modern Railway Systems' Vice President Shon Tulik highlighted Tom's attributes as an exceptional field employee. "His career, spanning over 40 years, reflects the qualities and values that this award seeks to honor: unwavering commitment to quality, a steadfast dedication to safety, exceptional customer service, and community engagement that leaves a lasting legacy."

Tom is widely regarded for his commitment to excellence and is often cited as someone who raises the character and performance of everyone he encounters. "Tom's dedication to bettering and mentoring those around him enriches not only our industry but also the communities where we operate. He is a genuine railroader who shares his knowledge and experience, leaving a lasting impact on all fortunate enough to work alongside him," said Tulik.

Known as a true craftsman, Tom has a well-established reputation for setting the gold standard for safety in the industry and inspiring others to deliver work of the highest quality. “He consistently goes above and beyond to ensure our clients' satisfaction. Tom's innovative thinking and dedication to delivering reliable results have earned him the respect and admiration of both our clients and colleagues,” added Tulik.

NRC 2023 Innovation in Technology Award Winners:

First Place: FTS Tools

Second Place: Industry-Railway Suppliers

FTS Tools LLC and Industry-Railway Suppliers, Inc. have won first and second-place awards respectively for the NRC's 2023 Innovation in Technology Award.

The NRC introduced the Innovation in Technology Award in 2022 to honor innovation and unique technologies, or technological services, created or implemented by an NRC member company.

FTS Tools, the first-place winner, developed a lightweight, portable, sensor-based device called Laser-Focused that measures rail deflections under full dynamic load. Easily integrated into any operation, this device magnetizes to the web of the rail and, as a train passes, records lateral (pushing), vertical (pumping), superelevation, rail temperature, and more, under full dynamic load in a specific location of track. As the train passes, data can be viewed on a smart phone in real-time. Once the train passes, the device can generate a report detailing any variations and automatically send it to the track inspector.

FTS developed the technology with extensive input and testing by inspectors from every Class I railroad and most transit agencies. This collaboration was a vital step in enabling FTS Tools to develop a device that is easy to use, adopt and impactful for track inspectors.

Industry-Railway Suppliers, the second-place winner, introduced the new CD400SP-IQ, a self-propelled intelligent clip piler manufactured by Pandrol. Using a wireless, Bluetooth remote control, the machine operator controls all functions of the tie clipping process without touching the machine – speed, clipping and de-clipping, clipping type, and engine on/off – which enhances safety and productivity. The machine also features an 'IQ' system that collects and stores machine data that is accessible remotely.

Refer to the NRC website for more about these Innovation in Technology award winners.



GRASSROOTS EVENTS PROGRAM

Grassroots events help you tell your story and build a relationship with your elected officials. Because it's more effective to show-and-tell rather than simply tell, our staff organizes grassroots events for our member companies with Members of Congress, elected officials and industry stakeholders.

This program was established to encourage visits by key decision makers to NRC and REMSA member facilities and construction project sites.



Benefits:

- Gives Members of Congress firsthand knowledge of the rail industry, and demonstrates how rail contractors and suppliers are positively impacting the industry and economy
- Positive publicity for the member company, a good working relationship with the company's Representative or Senator
- Strong contact for NRC & REMSA to utilize when advocating for issues on behalf of our industry on Capitol Hill



These grassroots visits are coordinated and executed by NRC and REMSA staff with little work required by the host member company.

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