



**November 4-6, 2026 | Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Elevating Innovation from the Ground Up**

## ***Wednesday, November 4th***

- 8:00am - 4:30pm Onsite Check-in at Salt Lake City Marriott Center**
- 10:00am - 11:00am Pre-Conference Session**  
**“Lead Without Speaking – The Importance of Nonverbal Communication”**  
Erick Rheam
- 11:30am - 12:30pm New Member/First Time Attendee Luncheon**
- 1:00pm - 1:15pm Conference Welcome**  
Karla Organist, NREDA President  
Kris Williams, 2026 NREDA Annual Conference Chair
- 1:15pm - 2:15pm “Rise Above Chaos and Discover Significance”**  
Erick Rheam
- 2:15pm - 3:15pm 30-Day AI Challenge Panel**  
Josh Seidemann
- 3:15pm - 3:30pm Networking Break**
- 3:30pm - 4:30pm “Entrepreneurship through Millennials”**  
Diane Hartz Warsoff
- 4:30pm - 4:45pm Closing Remarks**
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm President’s Reception**

## ***Thursday, November 5th***

**8:00am – 5:00pm Onsite Check-in at Salt Lake City Marriott Center**

**8:00am – 9:00am NREDA Breakfast & Awards Ceremony**

**9:00am – 9:15am Networking Break**

**9:15am – 10:15am Breakout Sessions**

- **Session 1: “NIMBYism”**

Lindsay Diehl

- **Session 2: “Understanding the New Legislation on Opportunity Zones and New Market Tax Credits”**

Thane Hutcheson

Michael O’Mara

- **Session 3: Rural Housing Panel: “Programs, Funding Sources, New Development, and Revitalization”**

Lisa Hurley

Heather Presley-Cowen

*Moderated by Karla Organist*

**10:15am – 10:30am Networking Break**

**10:30am – 11:30am Breakout Sessions Repeat**

**11:30am – 12:30pm NREDA Lunch & Learn**

Ryan Mack, Visit Salt Lake

**12:30pm – 12:45pm Networking Break**

**12:45pm – 1:45pm “Elevating the Pipeline: Developing the Community Leaders of Tomorrow, Today”**

Tamien Dysart

**1:45pm – 2:00pm Networking Break**

**2:00pm – 5:00pm Mobile Classrooms**

- Double Decker Bus Tour of Salt Lake City
- Gateway Mall Tour
- Temple Square and Family Search Library Tour

**5:00pm – 6:30pm Networking Reception**

## ***Friday, November 6th***

**8:00am - 10:00am Onsite Check-in at Salt Lake City Marriott Center**

**8:30am - 9:30am NREDA Annual Business Meeting Breakfast**

**9:30am - 9:45am Networking Break**

**9:45am - 10:45am Site Selector Panel**

Lindsay Diehl

Alex Patrick

Chris Wimsatt

**10:45am - 11:45am Closing Keynote**

Charlie Smith

**11:45am - 12:00pm Conference Closing Remarks**

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## **2027 NREDA ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**PITTSBURGH, PA**

**NOV. 3<sup>RD</sup> - 5<sup>TH</sup>**

