



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 “Millennials and Entrepreneurship through Acquisition (ETA)”**
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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