

MONDAY

August 31, 2026

ScottsMiracle-Gro Field • Columbus, Ohio

1:00–4:00 PM

Vendor & Exhibitor Move-In

ScottsMiracle-Gro Field

5:00–7:00 PM

Welcome Reception

Overlook at Astor Park
Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and an informal welcome to the 2026 Convention.

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TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 1

8:00–9:00 AM

Registration

Huntington Club, ScottsMiracle-Gro Field

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DBall Communications

8:00–9:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

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Vantage Point Solutions

8:00–8:30 AM

OTA Board Meeting

Suite Level, Huntington Club

TUESDAY MORNING

September 1, 2026

Morning Program

9:00–9:20 AM	The Next Chapter Executive Director Remarks, History of Telecom Presentation & Association Unveiling Trint Hatt • Executive Director, OTA	Unveiling sponsored by AT&T
9:20–9:50 AM	Federal Telecom Update Paul Raak • Vice President & Senior Counselor, Government Affairs, USTelecom Dave Lewis • President, AT&T Heartland States	
9:50–10:20 AM	Precision Agriculture Scott Shearer • Professor and Chair, Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering, The Ohio State University	
10:20–10:30 AM	Coffee Break	Coffee Break sponsored by ORBA Networking sponsored by Altec
10:30–11:00 AM	Update on BEAD Program and Broadband in Ohio Peter Voderberg • Chief, BroadbandOhio	
11:00–11:30 AM	HB 227 / Ohio 811 Update Jason Broyles • Public Awareness/Services Supervisor	

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

September 1, 2026

Lunch, Networking & Afternoon Program

11:30 AM–1:30 PM **Lunch & Vendor Time**

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1:30–2:00 PM **AI is the “X” Factor in Telecom for Tier 2/3 Carriers**
Gordy Caverly • Senior Vice President, Palmetto Engineering

2:00–2:30 PM **Broadband Industry CEO Update**
John Reardon • CEO, Schurz Communications
Preston Myer • NKTelco

2:30–3:00 PM **Bridging the Impossible Mile with Free Space Optical Communication Technology**

Emily Fehrman Cory • CEO & Co-Founder, Dayton Photonics

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