



GIGS AND GRANTS 2025 CAROLINALINK

**NORTH CAROLINA BROADBAND & TECHNOLOGY
CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITOR SHOWCASE**

JUNE 25 - 27, 2025

THE GRANDOVER RESORT AND SPA, GREENSBORO, NC

**PRESENTED BY CAROLINALINK, THE NORTH CAROLINA BROADBAND
COOPERATIVE COALITION**



North Carolina Broadband & Technology Conference and Exhibitor Show

“Gigs and Grants 2025”

June 25-27, 2025

Grandover Resort and Spa

1000 Club Rd., Greensboro, NC 27407

www.grandover.com

1-336-294-1800

TELCO REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Telco Registration is Free! Please register online at www.carolinalink.org
- Make your hotel reservations directly with the Grandover Resort and Spa
Group rate: \$239.00 through May 26, 2025.

Please call 1-800-472-4824 and let the reservation agent know to make a reservation in the NC Broadband room block in order to receive the rate and be added to block.

EXHIBITOR AND VENDOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Please fill out the Registration, Golf and Sponsorships Forms with payment online at www.carolinalink.org.
 - **The deadline is May 26, 2025.**
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CONTACT INFORMATION

- If you have any questions about the event, please contact:
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Thank You to the Tradeshow Planning Committee

FOCUS Broadband - Tim Smith, Brandon Wilkins
Randolph Communications - Daniel Nicodemus, Jeff Rice
Skyline - Brian Tester, Robbie Farmer
Star Communications - Joseph Andrews
Surry Communications - Andy Hull, Scott Mosley
Zirrus - Patrick Gray
RiverStreet Networks - Heather Berrier



AGENDA:

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Exhibitor Set UP

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner Reception in Exhibitor Showcase
Grandville Ballroom

Thursday, June 26, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Breakfast Buffet in Exhibitor Showcase

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Session
Whitehall Room

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Welcome to NC Technology Conference
and Exhibitor Show

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Federal Broadband Perspectives – Universal Service Risks
- *Jill Canfield, NTCA*

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Grants, Changes and Hurricanes: What's Next for NC
Broadband?
- *Angie Bailey, NC Broadband Office*
- *George Collier, NC Broadband Office*

10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Refreshment Break in Exhibitor Showcase
Grandville Ballroom

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

General Session
Whitehall Room

What Role Can Providers Play in Emergency Preparedness
and Management?

- *William C. Ray, NCEM Director and
Deputy Homeland Security Advisor*

1:00 p.m.

Golf Tournament
Grandover Golf Course

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

BBQ Celebration for All Attendees
Grandville Lawn

Friday, June 27, 2025

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast Buffet in Exhibitor Showcase <i>Grandville Ballroom</i>
8:15 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.	General Session <i>Whitehall Room</i>
8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Challenges and Changes for Underground Damage - <i>Louis Panzer, NC 811</i>
9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	OTDR Monitoring Your Network
9:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Refreshment Break in Exhibitor Showcase / Checkout
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Railroad Crossing: Impact on Broadband Availability - <i>David Thomas, Eagle1 Resources</i>
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Marketing in the New Broadband World: The Competitor's View - <i>Jody Heustess, FOCUS Broadband</i> - <i>Andrew Heltsley, Zirrus</i> - <i>Donna Bullard, Star Communications</i>
12:45 p.m.	Wrap Up and door prizes

