Wednesday, April 24, 2019
8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  Registration, Exhibition Check-in, and Booth Setup
Exhibitors will have extra time to set up their booths to accommodate those who would like to attend the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum tour. All booths must be set up by 1:15 p.m. for the exhibit hall opening.

8:00 a.m.
Board bus for Granite Falls Airport and museum tour
9:00–11:00 a.m.
Tour of Fagen Fighters WWII Museum
Come experience the museum’s pristine collection of fully operational, active aircraft and vehicles from World War II. You won’t forget this look into the lives and legacy of “The Greatest Generation.” Conference keynote speaker Harrison Smith will accompany the tour group.

Noon–1:15 p.m.
Welcome and opening luncheon with Harrison Smith
Hear the inspiring story of how Minnesota Vikings safety Harrison Smith met his fear of flying head-on by becoming a licensed pilot.

1:15–1:45 p.m.
Exhibit hall opening kick-off
Enjoy networking and learn about innovative services and products.

1:45–2:45 p.m.
FAA Update
Hear the latest information regarding safety, funding, and initiatives at the FAA.

2:45–3:00 p.m.
Networking with colleagues and exhibitors

3:00–4:00 p.m.
MnDOT Update
Join us in this session with MnDOT’s Office of Aeronautics leaders discussing current funding and policy topics.

4:00–4:30 p.m.
Willmar Airport Story
It was President Roosevelt’s New Deal that first brought an airport to Kandiyohi County in 1934. More than 80 years later, Willmar Municipal Airport: John J. Rice Field serves a busy industrial park and dozens of area companies. Come hear about the many services and features of this thriving Minnesota airport.

4:30–7:30 p.m.
Social mixer with colleagues and exhibitors
Enjoy hearty food, drink, and networking with exhibitors and colleagues in the exhibit hall.

Thursday, April 25, 2019
7:30–9:30 a.m.
Breakfast and exhibit hall open
Exhibits will be open throughout the day to allow more time to visit vendors and network.

11:15–11:45 a.m.
Networking with colleagues and exhibitors

1:15–1:45 p.m.
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1:45–2:45 p.m.
MnDOT Airport Programs
The presenters will provide an in-depth look at MnDOT’s airport programs, including elements such as airport safety, design, and environmental considerations.

2:45–3:00 p.m.
MnDOT Airport Capital Improvement Program
MnDOT will discuss its Capital Improvement Program, including projects and improvements that are currently underway at various airports in Minnesota.

3:00–3:30 p.m.
MnDOT’s airport licensing and certification process will be explained, as well as the role that MnDOT plays in ensuring that airports meet regulatory requirements.

3:30–4:00 p.m.
MnDOT’s airport operations department will provide an overview of the services they offer to airports, including airport design and planning, airfield management, and airport safety.

4:00–4:30 p.m.
MnDOT’s airport funding department will discuss the processes involved in securing funding for airport projects, including grants and loans.

4:30–5:00 p.m.
MnDOT’s airport environmental department will provide an overview of the environmental regulations that airports must follow.

5:00–6:00 p.m.
MnDOT’s airport inspector’s office will discuss the role that inspectors play in ensuring that airports meet regulatory requirements.

6:00–8:00 p.m.
MnDOT’s airport legal department will discuss the legal issues that airports face, including liability and contracts.

8:00–9:00 p.m.
Open social hour

9:00–10:00 p.m.
MnDOT’s airport personnel will discuss the importance of aviation safety and the steps that are taken to ensure it.

10:00–11:30 p.m.
Final networking session

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
9:00–10:00 a.m.
Tour of Fagen Fighters WWII Museum
Join your colleagues at the Fagen Fighter Museum on the morning of April 24. At noon, he’ll help kick off the conference as the keynote speaker at the opening luncheon.

Get a rare look at the lives and legacy of “the Greatest Generation.”

Join your colleagues at the Fagen Fighters WWII Museum, home to a pristine collection of fully operational, active aircraft and vehicles from World War II. Located at the Granite Falls airport, the museum also features fine art, bronze sculptures, interactive multimedia displays, and an ever-growing library. The museum is a living memorial to one of the most critical times in our nation’s history and a tribute to the men and women of “the Greatest Generation.”