



Agenda

August 12, 2025 • 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Registration

1:00 – 1:25 p.m. Expo Kickoff: Speaker Series

Wendy Wintersteen

President, Iowa State University

Congressman Randy Feenstra

Iowa's 4th Congressional District

Senator Joni Ernst

Chair, U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship

1:25 – 2:05 p.m. A Conversation on Made in America Manufacturing

Hon. Kelly Loeffler

Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration

Hon. Lee Zeldin

Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Lisa Shimkat

Associate Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration, Field Operations

Senator Joni Ernst

2:05 – 2:15 p.m. Insights from the International Trade Administration: America First Exports and Investments

Bradley McKinney

Deputy Assistant Secretary, U.S. Commercial Service,
Department of Commerce

2:15 – 2:45 p.m. Upgrading the Arsenal: Building a 21st Century Defense Ecosystem

Shyam Sankar

Chief Technology Officer, Palantir Technologies

Andrew Van Fleet

Managing Partner, Visual Logic

Senator Joni Ernst

2:45 – 4:30 p.m. Networking Opportunity with Exhibitors

Connect with federal agencies, state resource partners,
and private industry.

3:15 – 3:45 p.m. Meet the Directors: Research & Development Funding for America's Innovators

3:50 – 4:20 p.m. Meet the Directors: Federal Small Business Programs