



STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS TO SAFELY
DELIVER QUALITY PROJECTS —
ON SCHEDULE, WITHIN BUDGET

2026 Industry Day Agenda

2000 Fort Point Road
Galveston, TX 77550

AGENDA*

Friday, February 27, 2026

- 8:00 – 8:30 am Registration Opens
- 8:30 – 9:00 am *Coffee and Networking*
- 9:00 – 9:10 am “Introduction/Welcome and Opening Remarks” – **COL David Dake** District Commander, and **Byron Williams**, Deputy District Engineer for Programs and Project Management Division
- 9:10 – 9:30 am “How to do Business with Galveston District,” – **Wayne Hiatt**, Chief, Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP)
- 9:30 – 10:15 am “How to Pursue Work with the USACE Galveston District” – **Dennis McIntosh**, – University of Houston APEX Accelerator, Sr. Advisor
- 10:15 – 10:30 am Break and Networking**
- 10:30 – 12:00 pm “Small Business Administration (SBA) SBA Programs and Services, Mentor-Protégé, and Joint Ventures – **Ida Benson and Jesus Gomez**, SBA Business Opportunity Specialists, “Legislative Updates” **Nijua Heard**, SBA Procurement Center Representative (PCR)
- 12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch Break and Networking**
- 1:30 – 2:30 pm “Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC) and FAR Overhaul” – **Erica Taylor**, Southwestern Division Senior Procurement Analyst
- 2:30 – 2:45 pm Break and Networking**
- 2:45 – 4:00 pm “Project Briefs, FY26 Contracting Opportunities”
-FY26 Programs Overview, **Bernice Taylor**, Programs Branch Chief
-Project Manager’s Project Briefs:
Carlos Tate – Sabine Neches Waterway
Elizabeth McCarty – Houston Ship Channel
-Operations Overview, **Belynda Kinman**, Acting Operations Division Chief
-Mega Project’s Program, **Erin Williams**, Programs Manager
- 4:00 pm “Closing Comments/Adjourn” **Wayne Hiatt**, Chief, OSBP

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