

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2025 EAST COAST CONNECTION • APRIL 29 - MAY 1

APRIL 29	TUESDAY • MEMBERS ONLY DAY		
	8:30AM – 5:30PM	CONFERENCE BADGE CHECK-IN	WEST LOBBY
	9:00AM – 10:00AM	MENTORSHIP 2025-2026 ORIENTATION (INVITE ONLY)	JR. BALLROOM
	10:15AM – 10:45AM	PITCH COMPETITION REHEARSAL (INVITE ONLY)	JR. BALLROOM
	11:00AM – 1:00PM	SPIRAL SESSION	JR. BALLROOM
	12:00PM – 4:00PM	COFFEE LOUNGE OPEN (SPONSORS ONLY)	LINCOLN/COLUMBIA
	1:00PM – 3:00PM	INFORMAL MEETUP – 1ST TIME ATTENDEES	HOTEL RESTAURANT
	1:30PM – 2:30PM	ELEVATE! PROGRAM (INVITE ONLY)	JR. BALLROOM
	3:30PM – 5:00PM	MENTORSHIP PITCH COMPETITION	JR. BALLROOM
	5:30PM – 7:00PM	MEMBERS ONLY WELCOME RECEPTION (Cash Bar and Appetizers)	OUTDOOR PATIO

APRIL 30	WEDNESDAY • CONFERENCE DAY 1		
	8:00AM – 4:30PM	CONFERENCE BADGE CHECK-IN	WEST LOBBY
	8:00AM – 5:00PM	COFFEE LOUNGE OPEN (SPONSORS ONLY)	LINCOLN/COLUMBIA
	8:00AM – 9:00AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & NETWORKING	BALLROOM FOYER
	9:00AM – 9:15AM	WELCOME & LEADERSHIP REMARKS	GRAND BALLROOM
	9:15AM – 10:00AM	THE EVOLVING LANDSCAPE OF DEI	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:00AM – 10:30AM	SUCCESS STORIES	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:30AM – 10:45AM	MENTORSHIP PITCH COMPETITION (Winners Announced)	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:45AM – 11:00AM	BREAK	
	11:00AM – 11:20AM	PROGRAM UPDATES	GRAND BALLROOM
	11:20AM – 12:30PM	KEYNOTE SPEAKER	GRAND BALLROOM
	12:30PM – 1:30PM	BUFFET LUNCH	GRAND BALLROOM
	1:30PM – 1:45PM	BREAK	
	1:45PM – 2:45PM	BREAKOUT 1: Strengthening Value, Excellence & Competitive Edge in The Global Supply Chain	JR. BALLROOM
	2:45PM – 3:00PM	BREAK	
	3:00PM – 4:00PM	BREAKOUT 2: Future-Proofing Supplier Inclusion: Strategy, Compliance & Business Impact	JR. BALLROOM
	4:00PM – 6:00PM	NETWORKING BREAK	
	6:00PM – 9:00PM	EVENING DINNER RECEPTION	GRAND BALLROOM

MAY 1	THURSDAY • CONFERENCE DAY 2		
	8:00AM – 9:30AM	CONFERENCE BADGE CHECK-IN	WEST LOBBY
	8:15AM – 9:00AM	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST & NETWORKING	BALLROOM FOYER
	8:30AM – 12:00PM	COFFEE LOUNGE OPEN (SPONSORS ONLY)	LINCOLN/COLUMBIA
	9:00AM – 9:10AM	DAY 2 KICK OFF	GRAND BALLROOM
	9:10AM – 10:00AM	EIGHT THAT INNOVATE	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:00AM – 10:15AM	DA4S BOD PRESIDENT REMARKS	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:15AM – 10:30AM	EIGHT THAT INNOVATE – WINNERS ANNOUNCED	GRAND BALLROOM
	10:30AM – 10:45AM	BREAK	
	10:45AM – 12:15PM	ROUNDTABLE CONNECTIONS	GRAND & JR. BALLROOMS
	12:15PM	END PROGRAM	

*Subject to change