



## The Gathering 2025 Agenda

**(AGENDA IS TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

### Monday, August 25, 2025

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| 12:00 PM - 04:00 PM | Vendor Show Registration/Receive Badges<br>Vendor Set-Up in Ballrooms 1-3  |
| 05:00 PM - 07:00 PM | Leadership Native Oklahoma Graduation<br>- Main Ballroom   |
| 07:00 PM - 10:00 PM | Vendor Networking Reception - Main Ballroom<br>LNO Graduates and Alumni Invitation<br>Networking Reception Sponsor - Bitdefender<br>DJ Burke & Light Hors d'Oeuvres, Cash Bar<br>Entertainments Sponsors: PDS Gaming and Direct 2 Completion |

### Tuesday, August 26, 2025

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| 07:30 AM - 08:30 AM | Event Registration/Receive Badges                |
| 07:30 AM - 08:30 AM | Networking Continental Breakfast - Main Ballroom |

- 08:30 AM - 09:30 AM      General Session - Main Ballroom  
 Master of Ceremonies - Hoyit Bacon  
 Blessing of The Gathering - Rev. Eddie Lindsey  
 Grand Entry - Mvskoke Women Honor Guard  
 National Anthem - Pearl Thomas  
 Flute Playing - Nelson Harjo  
 Welcome - AICCO State President William Lowe, MBA
- 09:30 AM - 05:00 PM      Art Market (All Day)
- 09:30 AM - 10:20 AM      The Gathering Keynote General Session Panel - Main Ballroom  
**“Tribal Leadership Navigating Community Leadership”**  
 Principal Chief David Hill, Muscogee Nation  
 Joe Deere, Tribal Councilor, District 13, Cherokee Nation  
 Principal Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear, Osage Nation  
 Mayor Monroe Nichols, City of Tulsa
- 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM      Breakout Session 1 - Main Ballroom  
**“Cultural Tourism in Oklahoma” Panel**  
 Rylan Logan, Director of Marketing and Tourism, Muscogee Nation  
 Travis Owens, Vice President of Cultural Tourism, Cherokee Nation  
 Businesses  
 Jonathan Huskey, Senior Director of Communications, Tulsa  
 Regional Chamber  
 Moderator: William Lowe, MBA, AICCO State President
- 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM      Breakout Session 1 – Meeting Room 1  
**“Sovereignty Trends in Indian Country -  
 Food, Water & Energy” Presentation**  
 Chairwoman Kimberly Jenkins, Kaw Nation  
 Kendra Bennett, National Account Mgr., Kaw Power & Safety  
 Emily Walker, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Techsico
- 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM      Breakout Session 1- Meeting Room 2  
**“Banking in Indian Country - Native CDFIs” Panel**  
 Susannah Plumb Scott, Chairman and CEO, Local Bank  
 Stacy Beach, Senior VP, Tribal Banking, Sovereign Bank  
 Bo Jett, Senior VP, Commercial Lending, IBC Bank  
 Eastman Switch, Vice Chairman, All Nations Bank  
 Moderator: Debbie Lindsey, Sovereign Bank

- 11:20 AM - 12:00 PM Breakout Session 2 - Main Ballroom  
**“Oklahoma Manufacturing Alliance and Foreign Trade Zones” Presentation**  
 Dr. James Collard, Iron Horse Industrial, Citizen Potawatomi
- 11:20 AM - 12:00 PM Breakout Session 2 - Meeting Room 1  
**“Entrepreneurism - SBA, 8(a) and Federal Contracting” Panel**  
 Judy Regan, COO, Eastern Shawnee Businesses  
 Cindy Carter, Economic Development Specialist, SBA  
 Crystal Reid, Small Business Professional, AFSC/SB, Tinker Airforce Base  
 Moderator: Hoyit Bacon, The PATH LLC
- 11:20 AM - 12:00 PM Breakout Session 2 - Meeting Room 2  
**“Indian Country Project Management” Presentation**  
 W.C. Gernandt III, President, Direct 2 Completion  
 Steven Hollabaugh, CEO/President, Native Strategies  
 Shannon Barczak, Principal Owner/Manager, DIAK Architects  
 Kayla Palmer, President/Manager/Co-Founder, Palmer Construction
- 12:15 PM - 01:00 PM Lunch Presentation - Main Ballroom  
**“Infrastructure for the Future: Grant-Funded Solutions for Tribal Nations”**  
 Amber Adams, Grants & Funding Program Manager, WSB  
 Charles Sims, Senior Project Manager, WSB  
 Allison Whitsitt, Director of Emergency Management, WSB
- 01:00 PM - 01:10 PM Vendor Show Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting - Hall
- 01:15 PM - 05:00 PM Vendor Show and Art Market, Vendor Raffles
- 06:30 PM - 08:00 PM Awards Show and Dinner - Main Ballroom  
 Dinner Sponsor - Enbridge  
 Chapter Awards – Member of the Year  
 Small and Large Business of the Year  
 President’s Legacy of Servant Leadership Award
- 08:00 PM - 10:00 PM Presidential Reception and Mixer - Main Ballroom  
 Entertainment, Cash Bar

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

- 08:00 AM - 0:900 AM Attendee Appreciation Breakfast - Ballroom
- 08:00 AM - 10:00 AM Event Registration/Receive Badges
- 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vendor Show and Art Market
- 09:00 AM - 09:45 AM General Session 2 - Main Ballroom  
**“Tribal Sovereignty” Panel**  
Lt Gov. Herschel Gorham, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
Tasha R. Mousseau, Vice President, Wichita Affiliated Tribes  
Skylar Wallace, Board Member, Eastern Shawnee Companies  
Moderator: Lacey Horn, Native Advisory, LLC
- 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM General Session 2 - Main Ballroom  
**“From Idea to Identity: Branding and Marketing Your Business” Presentation**  
Gerald Buckley, CEO, GB Digital, LLC  
Bryan Harris, Sales Manager, Paradigm Shift  
Brittany Harlow, Operations Manager, VNN Media Services
- 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM General Session 2 - Main Ballroom  
**B2B Match Making**  
Led by Sandra Medrano
- 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Raffle Giveaway  
Closing Remarks