

2025 ODOT Surveyors Conference Agenda

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

8:00 – 8:10am	Welcome and Introduction <i>Michael Nichols, PLS, State Surveyor & Engineering Automation Manager, ODOT</i>
8:10 – 8:40	Updates on SPCS2022 and the ORGN <i>Randy Oberg, PLS, Lead Geodetic Surveyor, ODOT</i> <i>Kevin LaVerdure, PLS, Lead Operations Surveyor, ODOT</i>
8:40 – 9:10	OSBEELS Updates <i>Jenn Gilbert and Ashlee Graybeal, OSBEELS</i>
9:10 – 9:55	Kellogg Creek <i>John Karl, PLS, Senior Surveyor, ODOT Region 1</i>
9:55 – 10:10	Break
10:10 – 11:10	PLSS 101: BLM <i>Robert Femling, PLS, Chief Cadastral Surveyor of Oregon, BLM</i>
11:10 – 12:00pm	Walking in the footsteps <i>Rob Churchill, PLS, Senior Surveyor, ODOT Region 4</i> <i>Ralph Morgan, PLS, Lead Right of Way Engineering Surveyor, ODOT</i>
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45	RW Appraisal Process, ADA QC <i>Julie Deglow, Chief Appraiser, ODOT Right of Way</i>
1:45 – 2:30	Building a Geodetic Network in the South Pacific <i>Rex Flake, Engineering Geologist, Central Washington University</i>
2:30 – 3:15	Some Cool Things (How to find where you are) <i>Chris Glantz, PLS, Mobile Scanning Practice Leader, David Evans & Associates</i>
3:15 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 4:00	Safety: ODOT Homeless Encampment Management Program <i>Jeff Arms, Urban Camp Coordinator, ODOT Region 1</i>
4:00 – 4:30	UAS Program Update <i>Chris Harris, PE, UAS Program Coordinator, ODOT</i>
4:30 – 5:00pm	NGS Advisor Update <i>Christine Gallagher, NGS</i>

8:00 – 8:05am	Welcome to Day 2 <i>Michael Nichols, PLS, State Surveyor & Engineering Automation Manager, ODOT</i>
8:05 – 8:35	Pendleton Underground Scan for ADA Project <i>Jonathan Rawlings, PLS, Remote Sensing Project Surveyor, ODOT</i> <i>Matthew Larraneta, LSI, Survey Operations Survey Analyst, ODOT</i>
8:35 – 9:35	Relinquishments <i>Ralph Morgan, PLS, Lead Right of Way Engineering Surveyor, ODOT</i>
9:35 – 9:50	Break
9:50 – 10:50	Hurricane Recovery Efforts within the NCDOT Location & Surveys Unit <i>Mark Ward, PLS, Assistant Location & Surveys Engineer, NCDOT Eastern Region</i> <i>Brian Barwatt, PLS, Assistant Location & Surveys Engineer, NCDOT Western Region</i> <i>Josh Gillett, PLS, Locating Engineer, NCDOT Division 14</i>
10:50 – 11:35	Partnership with NGS, NOAA, & CORS: Why and How to Densify Oregon <i>John Galetzka, Chief of NGS CORS Branch</i>
11:35 – 12:05pm	Digital Project Delivery for State DOTs <i>Casey Varnum, PLS, Project Surveyor, ODOT ETA</i>
12:05 – 1:05	Lunch
1:05 – 1:50	Chase the Title <i>Logan Miles, PLS, Survey Manager, ODOT Region 3</i>
1:50 – 2:35	Independence Highway - Territorial Saga <i>Reed Beauduy, PLS, Project Surveyor, ODOT Region 2</i>
2:35 – 3:20	Break (Skills Contest)
3:20 – 4:30	The PLSS Datum <i>Jason Foose, PLS, Clatsop County</i>
4:30 – 5:00pm	Questions (You Asked for It) / Skills Contest Results