



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (as of 08.06.2025)

Sunday October 5, 2025	
11:45a Ocean Course Hokuala 12:30p	WTA Fall Golf Tournament Check In WTA Fall Golf Tournament Shotgun Start <i>Golf Ball Sponsor by Baker Tilly (formerly Moss Adams); Prizes Sponsor Hylan West; and Lunch Sponsor Aldrich Advisors</i>
4:00p – 7:00p Kaua'i Court	Table-Top Exhibits Set-Up
7:00p – 9:00p Kaua'i Court	WTA Registration
8:00p – 9:00p Kaua'i Court	Mahalo & Mai Tais: Welcome Reception is exclusively for Full and Social registered attendees only. Unregistered guests will not be permitted to attend. If you wish to bring a guest, you can purchase a Social Registration during check-in. <i>Sponsored by MP Nex-Level; NECA; Nex-Tech; NRTC; NISC; Olsen Thielen CPA's & Advisors; and TCA, Inc.</i>
Monday October 6, 2025	
6:30a – 2:00p Kaua'i Court	WTA Registration Table-Top Exhibits Breaks WTA Foundation Raffle tickets are available for purchase at WTA's Registration Desk through Wednesday morning. There are several great items up for grabs and on display at the registration desk. 100% of the proceeds benefit WTA's scholarship program. Winners will be drawn during the Closing Session on Wednesday morning. You do not need to be present to win. All raffle items have been generously donated by <i>WTA Members</i> .
7:30a – 3:00p Kaua'i Ballroom	DAY 1: GENERAL SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Jack Keen (WMT), WTA Board Member, Emeritus • Ho'okipa: A Traditional Hawaiian Welcome – <i>Sponsored by CoBank</i> • Welcome – Pat McElroy (Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company), WTA President • Hawaii -- Becoming the First Fully Fiber-Enabled State, Jason Thune, <i>Hawaiian Telcom</i>, will provide an in-depth look at Hawaii's groundbreaking achievement as it becomes the first state in the nation to be fully fiber-enabled. He will share the journey behind this major infrastructure milestone, highlighting the strategic investments, partnerships, and innovations that made it possible. Learn how this statewide fiber deployment is transforming connectivity across urban and rural communities alike, and what it means for the future of broadband access, economic development, and digital equity in the Aloha State.

<p>9:15a – 9:45a Kaua'i Court</p> <p>9:45a – 10:15a 10:15a – 11:30a</p>	<p>Table-Top Exhibits and Morning Coffee Break Sponsored by Chickasaw Telephone Company</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTA Annual Meeting of the Membership – President Pat McElroy Driving Value-Based Offerings – Cory Polman of Calix will moderate panel a panel, featuring Carla Shearer, SC Telcom; Paul Quick, Smithville Communications; Jason Willie, Range; and Marcus Bott, Rally Networks. They will discuss how value-based offerings like bundled business services, outdoor WIFI and community WIFI can enhance average revenue per user (ARPU), improve customer retention, and increase overall satisfaction. In competitive markets, these offerings can also differentiate a provider's brand and highlight the unique value delivered to subscribers.
<p>11:30a – 1:00p Puna Ballroom</p> <p>1:00p – 2:15p</p> <p>2:15p – 3:00p</p>	<p>General Session I Awards Luncheon Sponsored by Calix This luncheon is a private luncheon for Full Registrations Only!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WTA's Public Policy Committee Update – Evelyn Jerden (co-chair), LICT, Mark Gailey, (co-chair), Totah Communications and WTA staff will update attendees about public policies at the federal level and discuss what WTA is doing to shape those policies to ensure its members are able to continue bringing modern communications technologies and services to their communities. The Bundle Battle – Jeff Johnston, CoBank The convergence of mobile and broadband services is accelerating, with consumers increasingly drawn to bundled offerings that combine home internet with mobile plans. In response, major broadband providers are entering the MVNO market to protect their high-margin broadband revenues. As this trend gains momentum, the key question becomes: Should rural broadband operators explore similar strategies to stay competitive and enhance customer value?
3:00p	Day 1 General Sessions Adjourn
3:00p – 5:00p Puna Ballroom	WTA Board of Directors Reorganizational Meeting
5:30p – 9:30p Lu'au Gardens	Join us for an Island Sunset Party - Sponsored by NOKIA Ticket and name badges are REQUIRED for entry (included with Full and Social Registrations and provided in your registration packet). Individual tickets will not be available for purchase at the door. If you wish to bring a guest stop by the Registration Desk on Monday morning.

Tuesday October 7, 2025	
6:30a – 2:00p Kaua'i Court	WTA Registration Table-Top Exhibits Breaks (Closed During Lunch)
7:30 am – 3:00 pm Kaua'i Ballroom	DAY 2: GENERAL SESSIONS
7:30a – 8:15a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tax/Broadband Grants and the OBBB Ryan Johnson and Josh Bailey, Aldrich Advisors Clearing the Way: Avoiding Permitting Problems in Broadband Builds Permitting delays can derail even the best broadband buildout plans. Derek Larson, Woden will delve into how early-stage planning, smart scope definition, and proactive coordination with jurisdictions can help you sidestep common permitting pitfalls-and keep your project on time and on budget.
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<p>9:00a – 9:30a</p> <p>9:30a – 10:00a Kaua'i Court</p> <p>10:00a – 10:45a</p> <p>10:45a – 11:30a</p> <p>11:30a – 1:00p</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passing of the Gavel/2025-2027 WTA Leadership Announced/Incoming President's Address <p>Table-Top Exhibits and Morning Coffee Break Sponsored by <i>IDI Billing Solutions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital Due Diligence...Your Role in Modern Cybersecurity Cybersecurity is no longer just about firewalls—it's about making smart, everyday choices. In this session, WTA CyberTech Committee Co-Chair Allan Reiter (NexTech) and committee member Christian Hansen (BakerTilly) will break down Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVEs) and why they matter. Learn practical strategies like using Two-Factor Authentication (2FA), spotting phishing emails, and securing your office and email with up-to-date tools. Today's threats are advanced—your defenses should be too. • Staff Engagement: A Case Study from Vantage Point With different skills, roles, and expectations, how do we help everyone feel part of the team? That's the challenge (and opportunity) facing Jacki Miskimins, who leads staff engagement and recognition efforts at Vantage Point. In this look behind-the-scenes, she'll share what she's learned - including her favorite annual event, the magic formula for ordering pizza, and the one thing she'll never do again. <p>Adjourn for Lunch</p>
<p>11:30a – 12:45 pm Kaua'i Ballroom</p>	<p>WTA Public Policy Committee Luncheon Meeting Sponsored by <i>Monte R. Lee & Company</i> - This meeting is open to WTA broadband and committee members only.</p>
<p>1:00p – 3:00p Kaua'i Ballroom</p> <p>1:00p – 2:00p</p> <p>2:00p – 3:00p</p>	<p>DAY 2: GENERAL SESSIONS CONTINUE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapting to Recent Policy Changes The industry has some clarity on changes from the administration that will impact operations going forward. Chad Duval and Camille Christiansen, Baker Tilly, will lead a discussion around the latest changes and strategies your company should consider adopting to successfully navigate these changes. • CEO Insights: One Mission-Connecting Rural America Moderators Chick Kennedy, NRTC and Robin Anderson, Nokia will lead a dynamic conversation with industry-leading CEOs as they discuss the real-world opportunities and challenges of expanding broadband across rural America. This session will explore how executive leadership is shaping the future of connectivity—through innovation, strategic investments, policy engagement, and strong partnerships. Gain firsthand insight into what it takes to stay mission-focused in a rapidly evolving landscape, and how these leaders are driving meaningful impact in the communities they serve.
<p>3:00p</p>	<p>Day 2 General Session Adjourns</p>
<p>4:00p – 5:30p Ka Mala Kalapaki Garden</p>	<p>Island Breeze Reception Sponsored by <i>JSI</i></p>

Wednesday October 8, 2025	
<p>7:00a – 10:30a Kaua'i Court</p>	<p>WTA Registration Table-Top Exhibits Breaks</p>
<p>7:30a – 12:00p Kaua'i Ballroom</p>	<p>DAY 3: GENERAL SESSIONS</p>

7:30a – 8:15a 8:15a – 9:00a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>AI and the Networks, Fayyaz Patwa, Nokia</i> • <i>SHAKEN Call Authentication for non-IP networks</i> Following the direction of the FCC, WTA has participated in an industry led effort to define SHAKEN Call Authentication for non-IP networks. The FCC has proposed rules that will mandate that all carriers ensure that SHAKEN PASSporTs are transmitted from call source to call destination to enable secure call authentication of all calls in the US telephone network. <i>Jim Dalton, TransNexus</i>, will provide an overview the non-IP call authentication standards and suggest ways that WTA members can use the new FCC rules to negotiate for better IP interconnection terms as an option to replace existing TDM interconnects.
9:00a – 9:45a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>IPv6 and the Future of Network Growth: What Telecom Leaders Need to Know</i> Jeremy Larson, ReadITech Engineering will break down why transitioning to IPv6 is critical for modern networks. Using simple analogies and real-world examples, this session highlights how IPv6 supports scalability, security, and competitiveness. Learn about the risks of delaying adoption, explore a strategic roadmap for implementation, and leave with a clear call to action to assess your organization's IPv6 readiness.
<p>9:45a – 10:15a Kaua'i Court</p>	<p>Morning Break and Table-Top Exhibits Sponsored by Bronze Sponsor <i>CostQuest</i></p>
10:15a – 11:00a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Managing Transition – Retirement and Succession for Key Personnel</i> As more Americans are starting to retire, <i>Mike Teeples and Brad Adams, TCA</i>, will focus their presentation on making sure key employees are prepared for a healthy retirement timeline and how companies can realize a smooth transition as carriers replace functions instead of individuals."
11:00a – 11:45a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Power Up Your Support with AI Without Losing the Human Touch</i> In a competitive broadband market, delivering a strong customer experience through technical support is more important than ever. <i>Rich King, NRTC Managed Services</i>, will explore how broadband providers can apply AI and automation to strengthen technician training, better understand subscriber needs, identify support trends early, and use data-driven insights to improve service quality. Attendees will walk away with practical strategies for using tools and platforms to enhance support operations without losing the human connection that builds trust and loyalty.
11:45a – 12:00p	<p>Closing/WTa Foundation Raffle Winners Announced – Adjourn WTA Fall Educational Forum Make plans today and join us in 2026!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTa 2026 Spring Educational Forum – April 12-15, 2026 – New Orleans, LA • WTa 2026 Fall Educational Forum – October 4-7, 2026 – Sonoma, CA