

Powering Progress: Turning Energy into Action
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Sunday, August 2	
8 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Committee Meetings</p> <p>Metrics Committee Chair: Tammy Moore, Southern Nuclear</p> <p>Awards Committee Chair: Maryanne Stasko, Duke Energy</p> <p>Communications Committee Chair: Amanda Bachmann, Argonne National Laboratory</p> <p>Professional Development Committee Chair: Nicole Hughes, Thomas Thor</p>
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	<p>U.S. WIN Leadership Team Meeting Steering Committee Members Committee Chairs Region Leads</p>
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<p>U.S. WIN Leading Group Lunch</p>
12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	<p>U.S. WIN Leading Group Meeting</p>
1:30 – 3:30 p.m.	<p>Committee Meetings</p> <p>Region I Coordinator: Micki Blitz, UNNPP</p> <p>Region II Coordinator: Eve Phillips, GE Vernova Hitachi Nuclear Energy</p> <p>Region III: Coordinator: Aisha Overstreet and Adelin Van Nimwegan, Constellation Energy</p> <p>Region IV Coordinator: Tamara May, Entergy</p> <p>GROW Committee Meeting</p>

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Steering Committee Meeting Closed Session
2 – 6 p.m.	Registration
4 – 5 p.m.	Student and Mentor Orientation
5 – 6:30 p.m.	Welcome Reception (Note: GROW has designated areas for their reception) EAC & Executive Networking Session – Invitation ONLY

Monday, August 3

6:15 a.m.	<p>Fitness Run (Space Needle Run – 2.4 miles) Location: Meet Hyatt Regency Lobby Leader: Kaitlin Carter, Organizational Effectiveness Supervisor, Energy Northwest</p>
6:30 – 7:00 a.m.	<p>Fitness Walk (Denny Park – 1 miles) Location: Meet Hyatt Regency Lobby Leader: Nicolle Larson, Nuclear Projects Project Manager Nancy Micheles, Organizational Effectiveness Specialist, Energy Northwest</p> <p>Barre (Mat based) Location: Columbia Pre-function, Hyatt Regency Leader: Amanda Bailes, Project Lead, Energy Northwest</p>
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<p>Registration</p>
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	<p>Continental Breakfast</p>
7:30 – 8:15 a.m.	<p>Community Conversations (pre-registration required, space limited) Grab breakfast and join us for our program on Community Conversations. This program is designed to create inclusive spaces for conversation among U.S. WIN members. Come and share experiences, create community, and learn from one another. This program is designed under U.S. WIN’s strategic plan objective 2: <i>To foster a culture of inclusion and belonging that retains a diverse workforce in the nuclear sector.</i></p> <p><u>Pre-registration is required.</u> Please do not register for this event until you are registered for the national conference. You can find the RSVP link below or visit the U.S. website news and events page, space is limited. RSVP Here</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The Invisible Load:</i> Balancing work, caregiving and everything in between <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our lives are full of so much more than just a job – family, friends, hobbies, homes...how do we balance it all? 2. <i>The Lessons that Shape Us:</i> Sharing Mistakes, setbacks and what they taught us <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share and learn how those tough moments can shape you and help you grow 3. <i>The Middle Years:</i> Career Plateaus, Pressure, and Reinvention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your best practices when you feel stuck? 4. <i>Workforce Development:</i> How to engage and to activate your U.S. WIN chapter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Come chat and learn how you can influence workforce growth! 5. <i>Learning from One Another – Women in Trades</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect with others in the trades, share your experiences and lean in to your community
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	<p>U.S. Women in Nuclear Welcome and Keynote</p>

	<p>U.S. Chair Welcome <i>Rebecca Salvadore, Chair, U.S. WIN, Director, Global Operational Services, Constellation</i></p> <p>Host Keynote: <i>Bob Schuetz, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Northwest</i></p>
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Opening Plenary</p> <p>Scaling the Future: The Strategic Partnership Behind the Cascade Advanced Energy Facility As the clean energy transition accelerates, the Cascade Advanced Energy Facility stands as a premier global case study for high-impact, multi-sector collaboration. This executive-level panel features the leadership driving the first commercial deployment of X-energy’s Xe-100 small modular reactors (SMRs) in the Pacific Northwest.</p> <p>The discussion will address the strategic decision-making, risk mitigation, and innovative financing required to bring a 960 MW nuclear project to fruition. Senior leaders from Energy Northwest, X-energy, Amazon, and the Cascade Nuclear Partners joint venture (led by Kiewit) will pull back the curtain on how they aligned utility reliability, technology scalability, and corporate sustainability to redefine the modern energy grid.</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Kaitlin Rekola, Assistant General Counsel, Nuclear Energy Institute</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Ellen C. Ginsberg, Senior Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Nuclear Energy Institute</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>Bob Schuetz, Chief Nuclear Officer, Energy Northwest</i> <i>Brandon Oyer, Head of Energy and Water for the Americas, AWS</i></p>
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
	<p>Culture <i>Energy with Intention: Reciprocity, Sovereignty, and the Seven Generation Vision</i> This session explores how Indigenous values can shape a more just and sustainable energy future. Centered on the principles of reciprocity, Tribal sovereignty, and Seven Generation thinking, the discussion highlights the intentional role that nuclear energy can play in supporting resilient communities while honoring cultural stewardship of the land. Participants will gain insight into how equitable partnerships between Tribal Nations and</p>

energy stakeholders can foster economic empowerment, environmental responsibility, and long-term community well-being. Through dialogue and shared experiences, the session emphasizes the importance of respecting Indigenous leadership and knowledge systems in advancing clean energy solutions that benefit both present and future generations.

Facilitator:

Eris Speights, Westinghouse

Moderator:

Jessika Hernandez, Native Nuclear

Speakers:

forthcoming

Professional Development – Personal Subtrack

Turning Strengths into Superpowers

Your strengths give you your cutting edge. They're the difference between good and great. They're obvious enough to set you apart, yet versatile enough for you to shape and develop them into your secret advantage. They never stop growing and adding value to your life. How you use your strengths will vary based on your role, routine, experiences, and so much more. This interactive workshop will help you:

- Design your day around your strengths
- Put yourself where your strengths are valued
- Brand yourself with your strengths

Facilitator:

Price Collins, Duke Energy

Speakers:

Lauren Anderson, Safety Professional, EnergySolutions

Denise Ingoe, Senior Manager Reactor Safety and Reliability, BWRX-300 Design Engineering, GE Vernova Hitachi Nuclear Energy

Katie McReynolds, Director of Business Development, EnergySolutions

Melissa Milstrey, Senior Engineer, MPR Associates

Technical Track

U.S. Generation: The Past, Current and Future

Nuclear energy has long served as a cornerstone of reliable, carbon-free electricity. Historically, it provided stable baseload power supporting grid resilience. In the present, it continues to play a critical role in ensuring clean, dependable energy while integrating with modern grid demands and supporting national decarbonization efforts. Looking forward, nuclear energy is poised to expand through innovation, including advanced reactors, restarts, uprates, and new partnerships between utilities, technology companies, and

	<p>developers. This future emphasizes greater grid stability, stronger energy security, and the ability to complement intermittent renewables—positioning nuclear power as an essential contributor to a resilient, low-carbon energy system.</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>forthcoming</i></p> <p>Moderator/Speaker: <i>Benjamin Holtzman, Director, New Nuclear, Nuclear Energy Institute</i></p>
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	<p>U.S. WIN GROW Mentoring Program Speed Mentoring Event (pre-registration, space is limited)</p> <p>This fast-paced, high-energy networking event is open to all conference attendees, including those not currently enrolled in the mentorship program. It’s a unique opportunity to connect one-on-one with mentors and mentees from all levels of the nuclear industry.</p> <p>Come prepared with questions and topics you’d like to discuss. You’ll rotate through brief conversations, gaining diverse insights and perspectives as you engage with multiple participants throughout the session.</p> <p><u>Pre-registration is required.</u> Please do not register for this event until you are registered for the national conference. You can find the RSVP link below or visit the U.S. website news and events page, space is limited. U.S. WIN Grow Mentoring Program Speed Mentoring Registration.</p>
11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Lunch
12:45 – 1:30 p.m.	2026 U.S. Women in Nuclear Awards Presentation
1:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Networking Break
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Breakout Sessions
	<p>Culture</p> <p>Human Resilience Science: Surviving or Thriving</p> <p>In high-stakes environments, stress may be unavoidable, but burnout is not. This session explores the science of human resilience and the difference between surviving and thriving under pressure. Drawing on neuroscience, sleep science, and performance psychology, it examines how chronic stress, poor recovery, and cognitive overload affect focus, decision-making, safety, and leadership. Participants will leave with practical, evidence-based strategies to regulate stress, improve recovery, and sustain performance without adding more to their workload.</p>

Facilitators:

Kim Taylor, Project Support Specialist, MPR Associates, Inc.
Sabeen Pandhiani Senior Nuclear Work Management Specialist., McGuire Nuclear Station, Duke Energy

Moderator:

Kim Taylor, Project Support Specialist, MPR Associates, Inc.

Speakers:

Sabeen Pandhiani, Senior Nuclear Work Management Specialist, McGuire Nuclear Station, Duke Energy
Dr. Rachel Rosenfeld, Senior Counsel, Norton, Rose, Fulbright Law Firm
Jessica Lee, Senior Manager of Business Development & Services, Centrus Energy Corp.

Professional Development – Leadership Subtrack

Leading Through Change: Growth, Restructuring, and Uncertainty

The nuclear industry is entering a period of significant growth, consolidation, partnerships, and major project development. Across the sector, organizations are expanding, restructuring, integrating teams, and launching complex new programs. In this environment, leadership is no longer just about technical expertise or operational execution — it is about leading people through uncertainty, change, and growth.

Facilitator:

Ruth Steel, Arculen and *Serena Jagtiani-Krause*, Team Altus

Moderator:

Ruth Steele, Arculen and *Serena Jagtiani-Krause*, Team Altus

Speakers:

Suzanne Myers, Director of Marketing and Communication, Allied Power
Allison Rowett, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Energy Solutions
G. Scott Hill, TA-E7 Defense
Carrie Fosaaen, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Services, NuScale

Professional Development – Personal Subtrack

Own Your Story: Career Storytelling for Impact and Confidence

You have the experience — but can you tell your story in a way that truly reflects your value? For many mid-career professionals, that question carries more weight than it might appear. Years of experience can build genuine confidence, but they can also bring doubt - about where you fit, whether your contributions are visible, and how to keep growing in ways that feel authentic to who you are. You are not alone in that tension.

This session explores career storytelling as a critical skill for navigating that tension with clarity and confidence. Speakers will share how to translate your experiences - successes, setbacks, and transitions - into a compelling narrative that resonates in interviews, performance reviews, and promotion discussions. More importantly, you will learn how to recognize those experiences, including the hard ones, as essential parts of a story worth telling.

Attendees will leave with practical techniques to articulate their impact, strengthen self-awareness, and take ownership of how their career story is told -not just for the next opportunity, but for the long journey still ahead.

Facilitator:

Amanda Spalding, Westinghouse

Moderator:

Ginnette Harvey, Arculen

Speakers:

Amy Hazelhoff, Senior Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Energy Solutions

Mark Werner, Vice President, Natrium Plant Delivery, TerraPower

Katie Henckel, Business Development, Bechtel

Nicole Hughes, Senior Director North America, Thomas Thor

Technical Track

Artificial Intelligence Tools for Nuclear Professionals Workshop

AI is rapidly becoming an essential capability in nuclear operations. This session highlights practical, proven AI tools—such as nuclear industry specific large language models and industry-developed virtual assistants—that improve accuracy, streamline workflows, and enhance decision-making for nuclear professionals. Participants will gain a quick, actionable view of how AI is strengthening safety, efficiency, and performance across the nuclear enterprise.

(see also Tuesday's professional development session on AI adoption and leadership strategies to empower your teams)

Facilitator:

Victoria Hedrick, Energy Northwest

Moderator: *forthcoming*

Speakers:

Sheri Owen, Senior Staff Application Security Architect, Westinghouse

Sarah Lemonick, Product Manager, Atomic Canyon

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.	Networking Break
3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	<p>Closing Plenary The Workforce Moonshot: Building 100,000 Nuclear Professionals The next wave of nuclear deployment will require tens of thousands of skilled professionals – from operators and engineers to construction craft and cybersecurity experts. The challenge is not only attracting talent, but training, licensing, and retaining it at an unprecedented scale. This executive conversation explores what it will truly take to build the workforce capable of powering the next generation of nuclear progress. This session will discuss the opportunities and challenges of scaling craft labor, operators, engineers and leaders needed to support energy industry expansion</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Rebecca Salvadore</i>, Chair, U.S. WIN, Director, Global Operational Services, Constellation</p> <p>Moderator: Sara Vander Zanden, Director of Workforce Development, CEWD</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Michelle Scott</i>, U.S. DOE Deputy Assistant Secretary for Strategic Cross Cuts <i>Trevor Falk</i>, Special Assistant to the President, NABTU <i>Other speakers forthcoming</i></p>
6:45 – 10:30 p.m.	<p>Special Event Offsite As if! Totally Rocking This 90s Vibe.</p>

Tuesday, August 4

6:15 a.m.	<p>Fitness Run (Seattle Big Wheel – 2 miles) Leader: Kaitlin Carter, Organizational Effectiveness Supervisor, Energy Northwest Location: Meet Hyatt Regency Lobby</p>
6:30 – 7:00 a.m.	<p>Fitness Walk (Pikes Market – 1.4 miles) Leader: Michelle Curtis, Training Support supervisor Energy Northwest Jessica Hansen, Nuclear Development Project Manager, Energy Northwest Location: Meet Hyatt Regency Lobby</p> <p>Yoga Leader: Kaitlin Carter, Organizational Effectiveness Supervisor, Energy Northwest Location: Columbia Prefunction Hyatt Regency</p>
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<p>Registration</p>
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	<p>Continental Breakfast</p>
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	<p>U.S. Women in Nuclear Welcome and Award Presentation <i>Tova Anderson, Vice Chair, U.S. Women in Nuclear, Account Executive, Westinghouse</i></p>
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	<p>Opening Plenary</p> <p>Nuclear Leadership in Action: Accelerating Progress and Innovation: It's an exciting time in nuclear energy, driven by soaring demand from AI, data centers, and other large customers; strong federal and state support; and growing community acceptance. This opening plenary brings together industry leaders to discuss this period of rapid growth, innovation, and transformation—and how they're powering progress in operational excellence and modernization, new deployment, workforce development, and regulatory reform.</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Tova Anderson, Westinghouse, Vice Chair of U.S. WIN</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>Sarah DiTommaso, Vice President of Commercial Offer Strategy and Development, Westinghouse</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>Bob Coffey, Executive Vice President & Chief Nuclear Officer, NextEra Energy Corp</i> <i>Ken Peters, Executive Vice President and Chief Nuclear Officer, Vistra Corp.</i> <i>Nicole Flippin, Senior Vice President, Nuclear Operation, Duke Energy</i> <i>Matt Herr, Senior Vice President, Fleet Services, Constellation</i></p>

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Networking Break
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions
	<p>Culture</p> <p>Bridging Confidence Gaps and Cultural Divides: Transforming Pay Discussions Pay and career advancement discussions are frequently anxiety-inducing. This session aims to transform these conversations into opportunities for fostering meaningful connections with management and taking control of your career trajectory. This interactive session will encompass reflections on salary negotiation, career progression, and actionable tools for moving forward. This session will provide participants with the insights and tools needed to navigate pay conversations effectively and contribute to a more transparent and supportive workplace culture.</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>Zoe McAdams</i>, PLMP Program, GE Vernova</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Kaitlin Giles</i>, Inclusion Consultant, Southern Company</p> <p>Speakers: <i>Cheryl A. Gayheart</i>, Vice President of Regulatory Affairs, Southern Nuclear <i>Vanessa Viviano</i>, Manager of Strategic Partnerships, Bechtel <i>Mila Brassart</i>, Senior HR Partner, GE Vernova</p> <p>Professional Development – Leadership Subtrack</p> <p>Between Strategy and Reality: Empowering Nuclear’s Middle Managers Middle managers are the connective tissue of nuclear organizations — closest to the workforce, the work, and the culture — yet frequently the furthest from the decisions that shape all three. Budget authority, strategic input, and organizational agency too often stop at the layers above them, leaving a critical leadership tier expected to execute vision they had no hand in building. This isn't just a professional frustration. INPO has identified mid-level management development as an industry-wide gap, and the consequences show up in retention, culture, and operational continuity.</p> <p>This session holds both realities at once. For the leaders in the room navigating that gap right now, we'll explore practical approaches to building influence, credibility, and agency within existing structures — how to lead effectively when the authority doesn't fully match the accountability. And for those ready to advocate for something better, we'll tackle what meaningful change actually looks like: what organizations owe their middle managers, how to make the case upward, and what the industry's best performers are doing differently. If you're a middle manager who has ever felt the weight</p>

of holding an organization together without the tools to shape it — this session was built for you.

Facilitators:

Rucha Kale, Enercon and April Artzer, Energy Northwest

Moderator: *Rucha Kale, Vistra Corp. and April Artzer, Energy Northwest*

Speakers:

Maggie Nordall, Director, Westinghouse

Lindsay Vance, Individual Contributor, Energy Northwest

Tallman Whitley, Management Coach, Continuous Management Institute

Lisa Brattin, EVP Corporate Strategy, INPO

Professional Development – Personal Subtrack

Designing Self-Made Success

Nuclear has a well-worn career blueprint — and plenty of reasons to color outside the lines. This session is for women who are still in the process of building, whether that means figuring out what comes next, navigating a pivot, or simply refusing to let someone else's definition of success become the default. Through candid stories from industry professionals who have taken traditional and unconventional paths alike, participants will explore what intentional career design actually looks like in practice — the decisions made, the ones avoided, and the pivots that changed everything. Walk away with a sharper sense of your own design principles and the confidence to build a career that is distinctly yours.

Facilitators:

Sonata Valaitis, Oklo

Amanda Bode, NuScale

Moderator:

Christine Sharp, Leadership Development Instructor, Constellation

Speakers:

Susan Baughn, Employee Concerns Manager, NuScale

Kristina Weyer, Plant Thermal-Hydraulics Analysis Team Lead, Oklo

Victoria Graham, Testing Senior Manager, TerraPower

Technical Track

Powering Exploration: Nuclear and Space

Nuclear power is rapidly reshaping the future of space exploration. With advancements in nuclear thermal propulsion and compact fission power systems, space missions can

	<p>travel farther, operate longer, and support more ambitious scientific and commercial objectives. This session provides a concise overview of emerging nuclear-enabled technologies, current industry–government collaborations, and how nuclear energy is becoming a foundational capability for deep-space travel, lunar and Martian operations, and next-generation mission design.</p> <p>Facilitator: <i>forthcoming</i></p> <p>Moderator: <i>forthcoming</i></p> <p>Speakers: <i>forthcoming</i></p>
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<p>11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Networking Luncheon</p>
<p>12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch Community Conversations (pre-registration required, space limited)</p> <p>Join us for lunch for our Community Conversation program. This program is designed to create inclusive spaces for conversation among U.S. WIN members. Come and share experiences, create community, and learn from one another. This program is designed under U.S. WIN’s strategic plan objective 2: <i>To foster a culture of inclusion and belonging that retains a diverse workforce in the nuclear sector”.</i></p> <p><u>Pre-registration is required.</u> Please do not register for this event until you are registered for the national conference.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The Invisible Load:</i> Balancing work, caregiving and everything in between <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our lives are full of so much more than just a job – family, friends, hobbies, homes...how do we balance it all?

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12:45 – 1:15 p.m.

Networking Break

1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

Breakout Sessions

Culture

Measuring Culture: Beyond Engagement Surveys

Organizational culture is often described as “how work really gets done,” yet it is one of the most difficult elements of an organization to measure and sustain. This interactive and hands-on session explores the key components of culture beyond traditional engagement surveys, examining how values, behaviors, systems, and leadership practices come together to shape employee experience and organizational outcomes. Participants will gain insight into practical methods for assessing culture through both qualitative and quantitative measures, including behaviors, decision-making norms, accountability structures, and lived employee experiences. The session will highlight the critical role leaders and employees play in closing gaps between stated values and everyday actions, with a focus on intentional inclusion, psychological safety, and trust. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of how to move from “measuring sentiment” to “measuring impact,” as well as actionable strategies for aligning company values with behaviors and results in a way that supports high performance, safety, and belonging—especially in technically complex, mission-driven environments like nuclear energy.

Speakers/Facilitators:

Alicia Jenkins, Plant Manager, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, TVA

Katie Henckel, Business Development – Nuclear Power, Bechtel Power Corporation

Professional Development – Leadership Subtrack

Leading People Through the AI Shift: Empathy, Trust, and the Human Side of Adoption

AI is arriving in nuclear workplaces whether organizations are ready or not — and the leaders who get it right won't be the ones who understood the technology first. They'll be

the ones who understood their people. Fear of displacement, skepticism about reliability, and uncertainty about what AI means for roles, relationships, and professional identity are real and legitimate responses that leaders need to be equipped to navigate. This session focuses squarely on the human dynamics of AI adoption — how to communicate about it before you have all the answers, how to build team confidence without dismissing valid concerns, and how to create the conditions where people engage with new tools rather than resist or circumvent them. Drawing on real use cases from across the industry, participants will examine what effective AI leadership has looked like in practice, where well-intentioned rollouts have gone sideways, and what empathetic, people-first adoption actually requires from the leaders driving it.

Facilitators:

Anne Harvey, Constellation
Shaina Mason, PG&E

Moderator:

Anne Harvey, Constellation

Speakers:

Maureen Zawalick, Senior Vice President and Chief Risk Officer, PG&E
Amanda Engel, Senior Manager, Exelon
Lana Eilertson, Work Week Manager, TVA

Technical Track

Closing the Fuel Cycle: Reprocessing and Recycling

Used fuel recycling and reprocessing support the sustainability, safety, and long-term resilience of nuclear energy by recovering valuable materials and reducing waste volume and radiotoxicity. The session highlights both current and emerging technologies that enable these benefits while supporting advanced reactor fuel cycles. It also examines policy trends, funding opportunities, technical challenges, and supply-chain considerations shaping the future of recycling.

Facilitator:

Tamara May, Project Manager, Entergy

Moderator:

forthcoming

Speaker:

Christina Leggett, Oklo

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Networking Break

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Plenary

Powering Progress: From Vision to Action

The future won't be built by those who wait—it will be built by those who act. As we close the 2026 U.S. WIN Conference, join an extraordinary group of women leaders for an inspiring and interactive experience designed to transform ideas into momentum and momentum into impact. Together, we'll celebrate the energy generated throughout the conference, challenge ourselves to think bigger, lead bolder, and commit to meaningful action that advances our careers, our communities, and the future of nuclear energy. Leave inspired, connected, and ready to turn vision into action.

Facilitator/Moderator:

Alicia Jenkins, Plant Manager, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant, TVA

Speakers:

forthcoming

Closing Keynote

Dawn Sileo, Chief Nuclear Officer, Energy Northwest

Welcome to Baltimore 2027

Mark Newcomer, Senior Vice President, Fleet Growth Constellation

Wednesday, August 5

<p>7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Tour 1: Wild Horse Tour The Wild Horse Wind & Solar Facility has been producing clean renewable energy since 2006. Set high on a ridge in eastern Kittitas County, the 148 wind turbines and 2,723 solar panels make up one of the first wind and solar hybrid facilities in the U.S., powering over 60,000 homes in Washington.</p> <p>Located at the heart of the facility, the Renewable Energy Center provides visitors with an up-close look at the facility’s 148 wind turbines, as well as 360-degree views of Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, Mount Hood, and the Columbia River Basin. During your visit, you can explore the visitor center exhibits to learn more about renewable technology and the area's unique natural history. The guided half mile walking tour includes stops at the solar array, a wind turbine blade, generator, and gearbox, and goes inside the base of a wind turbine! (The wind turbine tour involves walking in variable conditions on gravel trails, including a steeper grade down to the turbine, and entering the tower of an operational turbine.)</p> <p>Space Limited: 138 Security: Liability Form Required; will be completed on bus ride Required attire: Closed toe shoes required; suggested lightweight clothes (layers) and long pants. A hard hat and safety glasses will be provided for wind turbine tour. Misc: Please bring a water bottle, sunscreen and dress for the wind and hot desert sun.</p> <p>Tour 2: Helion Facility Tour (sold out) A behind-the-scenes tour of Helion Energy showcases their Polaris prototype, a 60-foot, 7th-generation pulsed fusion machine aimed at producing commercial electricity</p> <p>Tour 3: Amazon (Robotics Facility)(sold out)</p>
<p>8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Professional Development Workshop:</p> <p>Powering Progress with Your Unique Strengths Do you ever feel stuck... uninspired... or quietly burned out—even while doing meaningful work? You’re not alone. And you don’t have to stay there. Imagine stepping into your work feeling energized, clear, and aligned with what you do best—where your strengths help you feel more engaged, effective, and fulfilled each day.</p> <p>What You’ll Experience & Walk Away With You’ll learn how to bring your strengths to life through simple, powerful habits—and leave with a clear, personalized plan to put them into action right away:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Your Customized Strengths Profile ✓ Insight into Your Energy Drivers & Drainers ✓ Your Energy-to-Action Roadmap

	<p>✓ A Weekly Rhythm for Sustainable Momentum ✓ Ongoing Support Through the Talent Alchemy App</p> <p>Why This Matters You matter. Your strengths matter. Your work matters. What would it feel like to show up energized, aligned, and creating meaningful impact every day?</p> <p>Speakers: Christine Minh-Minh Garner Talent Alchemy</p> <p>Facilitators: Nicole Hughes and Jessika Hernandez</p>
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<p><i>NEXT UP Workshop (Closed to NEXT UP Participants)</i></p> <p>NEXT•UP was imagined as an important extension of the successful U.S. WIN NEXT program, (Nuclear Executives of Tomorrow), which runs for a full year. Our NEXT•UP offering is a an inspired, accelerated, and immersive experience full of key elements that make the NEXT program so special. This program provides immersive learning in the areas of self-awareness, self-worth, and self-value that will help prepare cohort participants for their next career opportunity within the nuclear industry.</p>

*Agenda times and topics are subject to change