

COLD WEATHER READINESS SUMMIT

Fargo, ND | Feb 3, 2026



ABOUT THE SUMMIT

The Aurora Cold Weather Readiness Summit is a three-day event dedicated to advancing science, strategy, and survival in extreme cold environments. Hosted by Elinor Coatings, the summit brings together leaders from government, academia, and industry to explore cutting-edge research, third-party testing, and real-world solutions for cold-weather operations. Through collaboration, innovation, and knowledge exchange, the summit celebrates the resilience and ingenuity required to thrive in the harshest conditions.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Holly Anderson &
Dr. Dante Battocchi
CEO & CTO, *Elinor Coatings*



Dr. Raghu Srinivasan
Director, *University of Alaska Environmental Degradation Lab*



Dr. Chad Ulven
NDSU Mechanical Engineering, c2renew



Dr. Michelle Pierre
Aurora Director, Elinor Coatings



Dr. Eliza Montgomery
Corrosion and M&P Consultant



Bill Daggett
Delta Advisory Group

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AGENDA

February 3rd, 2026 | Riverhaven Event Center | Moorhead, MN

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Coffee & Light Breakfast Registration
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Welcome & Introduction to Aurora
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	The Urgency for Military Ready Material Development
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Tech Talk 1: Cold and Icing
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Live Demo: Cold Humans
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Hot Beverage Break
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Tech Talk 2: Concealment and Camouflage
3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Tech Talk 3: Corrosion Management
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Wrap Up
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Social Hour
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Dinner Reception

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10:00 AM	Aurora Board Meeting (<i>by invite only</i>)
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9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Grand Farm Tour with GFMEDC
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Elinor Coatings Open House
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM	DOE Boost Workshop

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ATTENDEES

Name	Company	Title
Raghu Srinivasan	University of Alaska	Director, Environmental Degradation Lab
Chad Ulven	NDSU, Great Plains I-Corps Hub, c2renew	Professor, Director, CTO
Eliza Montgomery	Self-Employed	Corrosion and M&P Consultant
Rob Jensen	DEVCOM ARL	Team Lead
Stephen Berkebile	DEVCOM ARL	Research Physicist
Bill Daggett	Delta Advisory Group	Co-founder & Managing Director
Terri Lewis	Delta Advisory Group	Office Manager
Eric Theisen	EERC	Principal Engineer
Brian Kalk	EERC	Chief Research Officer
Charles Gorecki	EERC	Chief Executive Officer
Ryan Aasheim	GFMEDC	Chief Business Development Officer
Joey Ness	GFMEDC	Vice President of BusDEV
Andrew Hanson	Goldmark	Commercial Agent
Shane Ost	Cornerstone Bank	Business Banker
Nicholas Crockett	CAPGOV Solutions	President
Jim Hambrick	Cornerstone Bank	Business Development Officer
Scott Schofield	Northrup Gumman	Deputy Site Lead
Jason Hicks	Northrup Gumman	Systems Engineering Manager & Tech Scout
Jeff Barta	UND Center for Innovation	SBIR Specialist
Dean Webster	NDSU	Professor
Kristian Mickey	QStation	Government Affairs Assistant
Mitch Johnson	Adjutant General	ND National Guard
Matt Sather	Botlink, Packet Digital	General Manager
Toni Balzano	Q Station	Vice President of Strategy and Communications
John Repp	Director/Senior Consultant	Elzly Technology Corporation
Lisa Borgen	City Council Member	City of Moorhead
Mike Wimmer	Director of Strategic Growth	PEMDAS Technologies and Innovations

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Stay Ahead of the Cold

Save the date for the 2027 Aurora Cold Weather Readiness Summit, where industry leaders, experts, and innovators come together to tackle the challenges of extreme weather. Network with professionals, hear from top speakers, and get the latest updates on the Aurora Center for Extreme Weather Materials. Look out for further details.

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coming next how you
can be involved.**

