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DMDC 2025

June 3 – 5, 2026

Updated May 29, 2026

**Itinerary is subject to change*

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

6:30 a.m. (CST) Check-In Begins at Des Moines International Airport
Validated parking vouchers for Red and Gray lots.
Breakfast and Coffee at Gate compliments of the Des Moines International Airport.

7:30 a.m. (CST) Begin Boarding

8 a.m. (CST) Flight Departs from Des Moines International Airport
Flight Number: AAY4751 (Allegiant Airlines)

11:10 a.m. (EST) Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport
Charter buses to Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel

Luggage Holding – Bags will be unloaded by hotel bell staff and stored at the Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel until attendees check in and retrieve them after 4 p.m.

12:30 – 2 p.m. DMDC 2026 Welcome Luncheon
Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel Ballroom (lower level)
Remarks from Tiffany Tauscheck President & CEO, Greater Des Moines Partnership and Chris Costa, 2026 Board Chair of the Greater Des Moines Partnership
Sponsor remarks by Prairie Meadows, The Weitz Company and Nyemaster Goode P.C.

Featuring Keynote Remarks from Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R – WV)



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2 – 2:15 p.m.

Break

Snacks provided

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Regional Transportation Policy Update Panel

Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel Ballroom (lower level)

Moderator:

- *Dylan Mullenix, Executive Director, Des Moines Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)*

Panelists:

- *Brittney Kohler, Legislative Director of Transportation and Infrastructure, National League of Cities*
- *Ben Gilsdorf, Associate Legislative Director for Transportation, National Association of Counties*
- *Katie Economou, Legislative Director, Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations*

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Explore D.C./Networking/Optional Hill Time

Networking Social at Hilton Capitol Hill Bar (upstairs)

4 – 5 p.m.

Room Key Pick Up

Partnership Information Table (lower level)

5 – 7 p.m.

Iowa Congressional Reception

Hall of States – The Rooftop

444 North Capitol St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001

*Dinner and transportation on your own.

*Reception open to non-participants.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

8 – 9:30 a.m.

Iowa Congressional Delegation Breakfast

Kennedy Caucus Room, Russell Senate Office Building

Moderated by David Stark, 2026 Government Policy Council Chair

Sponsor remarks by Delta Dental of Iowa and Principal Financial Group

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Senator Chuck Grassley (confirmed)
Senator Joni Ernst (confirmed)
Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks, IA-1 (confirmed)
Representative Ashley Hinson, IA-2 (confirmed)
Representative Zach Nunn, IA-3 (confirmed)
Representative Randy Feenstra, IA-4 (confirmed)

**Approximately
10 a.m.**

Group Photo on U.S. Capitol Steps

(Immediately following breakfast)

*Attendees are encouraged to walk as a group to the photo location after breakfast to ensure they are at the correct photo location.

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Policy Workshops

AI Regional Readiness and Economic Growth

Joe Parilla, Director of Applied Research, Brookings Metro
Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel Hermitage Room (lower level)

Workforce Readiness and Skills Training

Jeffrey Connor-Naylor, Director of Business Leaders United for Workforce Partnerships,
National Skills Coalition
Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel Executive Room (lower level)

10:45 – 11:30 a.m

Explore D.C./Networking/Self Scheduled Congressional Meetings

Noon – 2 p.m.

One Region Luncheon

Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel Ballroom (lower level)

*Remarks from Tiffany Tauscheck President & CEO, Greater Des Moines Partnership
and Jeremiah Terhark, 2026 Affiliate Presidents' Council Chair
Sponsor remarks by Grinnell College*

*Featuring Remarks from Neil Bradley, Executive Vice President, Chief Policy Officer, and
Head of Strategic Advocacy, U.S. Chamber of Commerce*

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2 – 4:30 p.m.

Optional Side Trips – Meet in Hotel Lobby

Holocaust Museum
Library of Congress
National Gallery of Art
National Museum of African American History & Culture
Scooter Tour with David Stark (begins at 3 p.m.)
Union Market District
U.S. Capitol

2:30 – 3:15 p.m.

Congressional Staff Briefing: Greater Des Moines Partnership Featured Priorities

Judiciary Hearing Room (room 226), Senate Dirksen Office Building

4:30 – 6 p.m.

Optional Networking/Social Time

Hosted by Adam Kaduce and John Irving
Tiki TNT and Potomac Distilling Company

6 – 8 p.m.

One Partnership Celebration

The Wharf Dockmaster Building
101 District Square SW, Washington, DC 20024
*The trolleys will pick attendees up at the Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel

8 – 9:30 p.m.

Nighttime Monument Trolley Tour

*The trolley will take attendees back to the Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel following the tour.

9:30 p.m.

Optional: Late Night Snack (Pizza)

Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel Lobby

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FRIDAY, JUNE 5

8 – 11 a.m.

Room Check-Out

Bring luggage to Partnership Information Table (lower level)

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Congressional Staff Discussions

Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel (lower level)

Agriculture/Trade (Springwood I)

Education/Workforce (Springwood II and III)

Healthcare (Ashlawn)

Transportation/Infrastructure (Sagamore Hill)

9:30 – 11 a.m.

Congressional Staff Brunch

Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel Ballroom (lower level)

Sponsored by the Iowa Pork Producers Association

Featuring a Keynote Q&A with Jennifer Scholtes, Budget and Appropriations Brief Editor, POLITICO



Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Load Buses at Hilton Capitol Hill Hotel and depart for Washington Dulles International Airport

3:30 p.m. (EST)

Flight Departure for Des Moines International Airport from Washington Dulles International Airport

Flight Number: AAY4752 (Allegiant Airlines)

5 p.m. (CST)

Arrive at Des Moines International Airport

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